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**"Let Your Light
Shine"**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 22: 1st March 2019

Well done to all our children for such a positive start to this new half term. We have been really impressed with their positive approach to their work and the many examples of care and kindness that have been evident throughout this week. We have all enjoyed the rather warm and sunny start to this new half term and hope we have seen the last of the wintry weather now spring is well and truly here!

Half Term Challenges

Well done to all our children who took part in our various half term challenges. These included:

- Jake M (5KH) did some extreme reading on the rooftop at "The Word" in South Shields, looking down over the River Tyne. The book was "Famous Women in History"
- Georgia U (4JHW) enjoyed indulging in some extreme reading at Seven Stories.
- Emilia B (Explorers) enjoyed healthy walks in Plessey Woods and along Seaton Sluice beach and ended her week by reading 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' with the author at Seven Stories.
- Alex I (5KH), Will I (1EH) and Scarlett W (1EH) explored Cragside House, including a 3 mile walk, on a beautiful spring day.
- As part of our healthy and reading challenges, Isla J (3RC), Kayleigh C (3RC), Thomas J (6CB) and Leland C (6ER) took a long walk around Kielder forest in search of the Gruffalo and enjoyed a picnic and extreme reading in the rain!

World Book Day- a message from Mrs Bilton and Mrs Pemberton

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For World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, we are asking you to provide your child with a palm- sized pebble/ stone, which is smooth and big enough to add an illustration from their favourite book to. Please send these into school no later than Wednesday 6th March. Please see some examples in the picture next to this message:

We will then send your child's stone home during the Easter holiday and ask you to distribute your rocks in the local area. These could be deposited at your local beach, woodland or park or even further if you wish! The intention is that people will take photos of their findings and tweet us @CragsidePrimary with the #readingrockscragsideprimary So, lets keeeep reading and share our love of books!



World Book Day on Thursday also gives us a chance to celebrate our favourite book characters by dressing up. Please don't feel you have to buy a special costume, it would be wonderful if you were able to spend some time looking through books at home with your child and find a character you love that would be easy to copy. A plain t-shirt, a simple cloak or a football strip can quickly become a character from a book! Your child will also receive a £1 book token which they will be able to exchange for a World Book Day book or put towards a more expensive book. Thanks you so much for all of your support with this exciting day. Keeeeep reading!

School Admissions

Today (1st March) is the day that school admissions to Secondary school are announced. All families who applied before the deadline of 31st October 2018 should have received information from Northumberland or North Tyneside Councils about Year 7 places for September 2019. If you have not received any information, please contact the admissions team in either Northumberland or North Tyneside Council or see one of the Year 6 teachers in school.



Parents who have applied for a Reception place for 2019 will find out about places later this term in April. This week we welcomed three more new children into our school. If you know families who are moving into the area and are looking at places in a primary school, please would you ask them to contact us so we can show them around our school.

Holiday Reading Challenge-A Message from Mrs Bilton

I am absolutely delighted that so many children completed our Holiday Reading Bingo Challenge. It's so wonderful to see all of the different kinds of reading our children have enjoyed over the holidays. Well done to everyone!



The winners of the Waterstones book tokens are- Reception James C, Year 1 Freya T, Year 2 Mason T, Year 3 Beatriz M, Year 4 David N, Year 5 Jake M and Year 6 Jazmine F.

We also have the following winners for High Flying Reading Balloons- Year 1 Oliver P and Charlie P, Year 2 Joshua L and Ruby M, Year 3 Hannah W and Jack B, Year 4 Sofia R and Sophie L, Year 5 Jack J and Alfie T and Year 6 Ellie F and Livia W.

Thank you so much for your support with all of the reading activities we encourage your child to take part in. Keeeeeep reading!

Community News-2nd Cramlington Scout Group

The 2nd Cramlington Scout Group is holding a coffee morning between 10am - 12pm on Saturday March 2nd at Scout HQ, Ann Welfare. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the range of stalls, cake sales and even their breakfast sandwiches!



2nd Cramlington Scout Group
Scouts Coffee Morning 

Saturday 2nd March 2019 10:00 - 12:00
2nd Cramlington HQ, Ann Welfare, Cramlington



Breakfast sandwiches and breakfast items are back by popular demand!! (bacon, sausage and other brunch items)



The usual range of cakes and other sweet treats will be available along with tea, coffee and juice.

Stalls with beauty gift baskets, jewellery and beauty products (all ideal Mothers Day gifts!)



Raffle, Tombola and other competitions.



All Family, Friends, neighbours and colleagues will be warmly welcome.

Plant Sales

Funds raised will contribute towards activities at Scout summer camp, Auchenillyn



Recycling-A Message from Miss Rennison

Thank you so much for all your help with collecting used batteries for The Big Battery Hunt. We are still continuing to collect batteries so please continue to send in as many as you can. Alongside this, we have started to collect and recycle old crisp packets with Terracycle. We are collecting the **foil lined packets only** as part of this scheme. In addition, Terracycle also take old pens that no longer work and we are able to drop them off to be recycled. Finally, we are also collecting plastic bottle tops which can be posted to LUSH who will recycle them into a wide range of things from wall cladding, furniture, bee hives or even play equipment. If you have any old pens, bottle tops or empty foil lined crisp packets please send them in to Miss Rennison.

Year 1 and Year 2 Family Worship

Many thanks to our Year 1 children who really did 'shine brightly' during their Family Worship on Thursday. They wowed us with their knowledge of transport throughout the ages as well as lots of information about looking after the planet and all the continents of the world. We loved their Mexican sombrero hats which they had all made and the Mexican hat dance. Well done to all of Year 1 for really filling our hall with joy. Thank you very much to all the families who were able to join with us. We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 families on Thursday 14th March 2019 for our Year 2 Family Worship which starts at 9am.



Online Safety-A Message from Mrs Parker

You may have heard through numerous sources, from coverage that is happening on the news and on social media, about momo which is another online challenge that is causing concern and which is causing some children distress and upset due to the upsetting visuals and inappropriate content. Please find attached to the newsletter an information leaflet which has been published for parents by the National Online Safety Organisation.



Parking

Thank you very much for your help in avoiding parking on Westloch Road, including the area near the garages which are close to the school. Northumberland Council officers patrol these areas on many days during the parking restriction times. Thank you, as well, for avoiding parking on Gainsborough Place which also has parking restrictions. It was lovely to see our new scooter shelter full this week with lots of children scooting and cycling to school.

Fairtrade Fortnight

We have been looking at Fairtrade this week and thinking about how choosing Fairtrade products can help farmers and producers in other countries. I wonder how many Fairtrade products our children can find in our local shops?



A Message from the Reception Team



It has been such a busy week this week in Reception. We have listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and completed lots of writing including a WOW write (a piece of writing to be proud of!). In Numeracy the children have been learning about position and positional language... they have loved dancing to the cha, cha slide to learn about different directions and positions!

In PE, position and direction has continued with lots of work on travelling and balancing on different equipment. A big well done to all the Reception children who have been reading so busily at home. Lots of book marks, books and high flying reading awards have been given out this week. A big well done too, to all the fantastic readers in the Discoverers and Explorers who read lots and completed their holiday Bingo board challenges- fantastic to see so many different texts being tackled. Well done and keep this up!

Please remember that Reception doors open at 8.40am. If you are late in the mornings and the door to Reception is closed, please can you please take your child to school via the main school office to ensure they are marked in correctly on the register. Thank you for all your hard work Reception children and all your support Reception parents. We are so proud of all the children's progress.

A Message from the Key Stage 1 Team

First of all the Year 1 team would like to say a huge 'well done' to all of our children after our fabulous Family Worship yesterday morning. Amazing confidence when saying their lines and beautiful singing - you should all be very proud of yourselves! In English this week we read the story The Snail and The Whale by Julia Donaldson which the children loved. We described the setting and thought about a conversation that the snail and the whale might have together at different points in the story. In Maths we have continued our work on place value, identifying how many tens and ones make up a number. We have also been using the greater than and less than signs to compare both numbers, and number sentences. We started our new Science topic by drawing around our bodies and adding labels to the parts we already knew, then adding more labels for the parts we learned in our first lesson. We loved painting our watercolour hot air balloons and making our bright sombreros - what a creative week!



What a great first week back! Year 2 have been practising exclamations this week among other writing skills in our English lessons. We have been watching a video called Zahra which ties in with our Africa topic. Zahra is a young girl who works tirelessly to help an old dying tree to grow again. The children used this stimulus to write expanded noun phrases, use possessive apostrophes and create exciting exclamations. In Maths this week the children have begun to work with fractions of shapes and numbers. The children have have been so impressive with how quickly they were able to grasp the concept of fractions of shapes and we moved swiftly onto finding fractions of numbers. In topic we have begun to look at Africa and we may have some exciting things to share in our family collective worship on Thursday 14th March.

A Message from the Year 3 and 4 Team

This week, Year 3 have been planning our entries for the BBC 500 word story challenge. Thank you to everyone who has discussed this at home, the children are very excited! In mathematics we have been covering statistics including pictograms and bar charts. We made a pictogram with our favourite ice cream! Year 3 have also been researching rainforests in Ghana, Guatemala and Honduras. We have been researching interesting facts using iPads and fact files to create our own poster about a rainforest! In art, we have been learning about an artist that creates her work from insects to encourage people to be interested in insects and care for insects habitats.



This week, Year 4 have been having lots of fun with our new power of reading novels, making anchovy, banana and custard sandwiches inspired by our story. The class have been making predictions about the new text (The Spiderwick Chronicles) and improving our dictionary skills, using them to look up the new vocabulary from the book. In maths lessons we have been learning how to count in fractions. We then built on this to learn how to add and subtract them. The children have also been typing up their BBC 500 word challenge stories. Thank you for listening to these and any help you may have given to them over the holidays. They have been very excited about entering this competition. With spring surprising us early this week, we all went outside to draw nature coming back to life. The children have also been looking at artifacts from the Jewish faith and comparing it with Christianity.

A Message from the Year 5 and 6 Team



Well done Year 5 and 6 for making such a hard-working start to our new half term. This week, we have begun to think about Fairtrade and the importance of buying fairtrade products. We've also been thinking about how we can spread kindness and compassion to everyone around us.

In Year 6 English, we have continued our novel studies and produced some very thoughtful, perceptive work from our reading. We have also revised synonyms and antonyms and the use of the apostrophe to pluralise words ending in 's'. In maths, we have continued to learn about percentages and begun to think about algebra. We have also undertaken lots of revision work in preparation for some practice SATs tests we are completing. In science, we have begun to think about Evolution and Inheritance, we've looked at the key vocabulary and created useful glossaries. We've also started to look more closely at fossils.

In maths, Year 5 have been truly outstanding mathematicians. This week has provided many problems around adding and subtracting mixed numbers. The children have used their confidence in converting to improper fractions and finding a common denominator to be so successful! The mathematical language that has been used whilst the children have reasoned has been excellent, as well as the diagrams, drawings and 'proof' that has been used alongside these. In Topic, we have been sad to finish our 'Marvellous Maps' geography unit. This week, in our final lesson, we have produced some exciting work which has demonstrated how well we can interpret maps; we studied Cramlington using grid references and used the eight compass points to describe the position of a number of towns in the North East.

Weekend Challenge

This week is Fairtrade Fortnight. Next Tuesday (5th March) is Shrove Tuesday and Wednesday 6th March marks the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Our challenges this weekend are:

- Create some biscuits, muffins or cakes using as many Fairtrade ingredients as possible.
- With the help of any adult, make some pancakes. Use some fruit to make a smiling face on one of the pancakes.
- Think about something special that you can do for the 40 days of Lent.
- Today (1st March) is St David's Day-the patron Saint of Wales. Can you make a snack which is inspired by Wales...maybe some Welsh cakes?
- Thursday is World Book Day-enjoy a walk on the beach and pick some pebbles to decorate for World Book Day.

Well done to all our children for such a good start to this new half term. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we see some of the bright sunshine that we enjoyed at the start of the week.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

Cragside Church of England Primary School: Spring Term (Two) 2019 Calendar for Families

| Date | Information |
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| Monday 4 th March | 5RD Swimming starts each Monday |
| Wednesday 6 th March | Ash Wednesday-Start of Lent |
| Thursday 7th March | World Book Day-come to school dressed as a character from a book. Please try to bring a pebble into school that can be decorated. |
| Monday 11 th March | Cragside STEM Activity week (STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) STEM activities and workshops throughout the week |
| Thursday 14 th March | Year 2 Family worship 9am-all Y2 families welcome |
| Friday 15th March | Red Nose Day-non uniform day for Comic Relief |
| Monday 1 st April | Easter egg competition starts (Reception-Year 6) |
| Tuesday 2nd April | Easter services at St Nicholas' church 9.30am-Reception/KS1; 11.00am-Year3/4; 1.30pm-Year 5/6 |
| Thursday 4 th April | Easter egg competition-judging and eggs returned home |
| Friday 5th April | 3.10pm Break up for Easter Holiday |
| Friday 19 th April | Good Friday |
| Sunday 21 st April | Easter Day |
| Monday 22 nd April | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Tuesday 23rd April | Children return to school-Start of Summer Term 2019 |

(A full list of dates can be found in the Google calendar section of the school website)