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**School Motto:**  
**“Let Your Light  
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 10: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Weekend Challenges

Thank you for all the weekend challenge pictures that have been sent in this week. These included:

- Xavier C (Year 1) took part in the Cramlington Remembrance service as a beaver
- Elliot B (Year 2) took part in the Remembrance Day service with his beaver group.
- Melody Y (Year 1) made a poppy to bring to school on Remembrance Day
- Ellis C (Year 2) made some poppies at home with her dad
- Lexie S (Year 2) attended the Remembrance Sunday service at Cramlington with her rainbow Unit.
- Emilia B (Year 1) attended Cramlington's Remembrance service and took part in the parade with her rainbows unit.
- Sophie L (Year 5) attended the Cenotaph and Church service with her cub's group on Sunday
- Jake M (6ER) made some shortbread poppies for Remembrance Sunday

Well done to all our children who took part in Remembrance services and silences on Sunday.

### Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



Many thanks for all your support with Children in Need today the children looked fantastic. We all enjoyed doing our workouts and meeting Pudsey. Thank you to some of the families and children who made some Pudsey cakes and biscuits at home and brought

them in and for all the support of Children in Need Day.

### Author Visit for Year 4 Children

Year 4 discovered many secrets of a magical world full of wizards, witches and gateways with our superb author visit. Sibeal Pounder was inspirational and made the workshop interactive. We even got some tips into creative writing and started to write a sequel. Her new book 'Beyond Platform 13' is certainly an adventure!



### Peace Pole

We have joined an international project to promote peace. We have taken delivery of a pole which we are going to paint and then write some peace messages on. This will add to the thousands of similar peace poles which are in schools and public places throughout the world, uniting countries and communities in promoting peace towards one another.

## Friendship Week - A Message from Mrs Urwin

This week we have enjoyed celebrating good and caring relationships during our PSHE lessons. The children have explored the values of respect, kindness and love and have suggested small changes they can make in maintaining and building upon our loving and caring environment, both in school and online. Here is a snapshot of the wonderful activities which have taken place this week which have highlighted the powerful message that 'Change Starts with Us'.

In Maths the children analysed different daily scenarios, including online, using a cut out figure of a child. They moved the figure along a number line to represent how that child would feel on a scale of 1 to 100, giving their reasons. The children then created their own number lines showing what actions they could do to support others in school to get to the highest number and have an amazing day, every day. This activity really helped them to understand the importance of compassion for others, as well as self-compassion.

On Tuesday we held Odd Socks Day. This was a fun opportunity to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality, celebrating what makes us all unique! I wonder if you can recognise any of the odd socks in this picture?



In Geography the children watched a powerful and inspirational video which tells the story of Afroz Shah, a man with a mission to clean up his favourite childhood beach in Mumbai, which was covered in thousands of tonnes of plastic. The children discussed the kind of person Afroz Shah is, how he inspired people to make a change and about what we can do to make positive changes to our environment.

In Art the children designed their own 'Change Starts with Us' posters. They thought about eye catching colours which would make people want to be part of the campaign.

In Year 1 the children created their own 'Thank you' cards to deliver to their friends and in Music they have been learning the Bruno Mars song, You Can Count on Me. We thank Mr Savage for playing the banjo for the children to sing along to. Reception children were inspired by the story Lubna and Pebble and enjoyed crafting their own pebble friends and then made friendship bracelets. They have also been busy expanding their Friendship Tree in class. Flowers have been added to the tree to show acts of kindness carried out by our kind and thoughtful Reception children. This tree will continue to grow over the year.



Amongst all of this amazing friendship work we have also created a new display in school titled Be the 'i' in Kind. This display will develop over the year showing images of kind and caring acts which we can all celebrate.

## Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all the families who helped with the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal. Thank you to those children who have made shoe boxes at home and to those who brought items into school for some of the class shoe boxes that were made. We heard today from the organiser that they will now be coming into school on Monday to collect the shoe boxes rather than today when they had originally planned to collect. This means there is still time over this weekend if anyone wants to bring one in on Monday morning. Information can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>



## Dance-A Message from Miss Westgarth

A big thank you to all the Year four, five and six dancers who volunteered their lunch times to learn a dance set with Rachel from Dance City in preparation for the Christmas Arts Concert on Tuesday the 10th of December at 5pm. If you are aware that your child won't be able to perform at the concert, please let your child know so they aren't involved in the preparations. Thank you.



## This week's Acts of Kindness - A Message from Mrs Urwin

- Finn (Year 3) was kind to Eve after their run, when he handed her his jumper to wear as she was cold.
- Oliver (Year 3) bought his sister a "well done" present for participating in her dance show at the weekend. He wrote her a kind note congratulating her on her performance. It was all his own idea.
- Janoma (Year 5) tidied her wardrobe out and kindly gave her old clothes to her younger cousin.
- Emilia (Year 1) spent her Saturday morning choosing gifts and packing a shoebox to send to a little girl as part of the Shoebox Appeal.
- James and Elliot (Year 3) proudly took part in the Remembrance Service last Sunday with their Cubs and Beavers groups.
- Oliver (Year 3) made banana bread with chocolate chips in as part of his homework. He kindly shared it with his friends in class on Monday.
- Melody (Year 1) kindly put together some gifts for the Shoebox Appeal and made an amazing six boxes.
- Kaelum (Year 4) was part of the 'Armed Forces Bikers' group on Remembrance Sunday and was the youngest member to represent our North Watch. He did his family proud by singing hymns and also respectfully read out prayers. Kaelum's family and friends were representing their own family member, a great great uncle 'Arthur Hutt' who was awarded the Victoria Cross.



## Reception News



It has been a very busy week in Reception. The children have used Friendship week as part of their Literacy work and listened to the story of 'Lubna and Pebble', making pebble friends and using paper dolls to identify the properties of a good friend. In Numeracy the children have been listening to the story of 'Hooray for Fish' to practise their counting and number formation. Alex J-G and Jacob S have loved their focus week, thinking about their families, super heroes, pizza making and learning about sharks.

Reception children have started preparing for their Christmas Nativity this week which they will perform on Friday the 6th and Monday the 9th of December at 9.15am. For information- all of Reception's nativity costumes are provided by school and nothing is needed to be purchased, unless it is a small request nearer the time such as a pair of white/black tights etc. We will let you know once we have finalised this.

Congratulations to both Reception classes who both celebrated their SUPER CLASSES with a hot chocolate and a biscuit. Well done Reception for a busy week. We're proud of you all!

## Year 4 –Global Neighbours



Year 4 have had a special visitor from Rwanda who came and shared another culture with us. Inspired by our last class novel- Christophe's Story. Mr Alain is taking our stationery donations and letters Year 4 have written to a rural, poor school in Rwanda. As our global neighbours grow, we are reminded how nice it is to be grateful and keep in touch!

## Year 1 Family Worship

It was lovely to see so many families at our Year 1 Family Worship on Thursday. The children really did well singing and reading in front of so many children and families. Year 1 took us on a trip through all four seasons and what makes them so special. We loved the children's season crowns which they wore with signs of autumn, winter spring and summer on them. I'm still singing the brilliant frog song that they sang so well!

## Armistice Day

Well done to all our children for the incredibly respectful manner in which they all observed the Armistice Day silence at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November. We gathered together as a school and thought about why we wear poppies and the sacrifice that many made in World War 1 and in all warfare. We fell silent with the rest of the country. I was so proud of all the children for the great respect that they showed.



## Weekend Challenge

This week we have celebrated maths week and also friendship week. Our weekend challenges are connected to these areas.

- Make some biscuits or small cakes decorated with numbers and mathematical symbols.
- Create a friendship bracelet for someone.
- Decorate a pebble with a design or word linked to friendship which we can add to our collection in the main entrance area. Words such as love, care and kindness on a brightly decorated stone would really help to add some wonderful colour to our ever growing collection of painted stones and pebbles.

Thank you for all your support this week. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher

## December Calendar Dates

Below is a list of some of the key dates during December. We will send out further details about parties and costumes soon.

Date	Information
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Carol Singing at Proctor & Gamble.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Music, Dance and Drama Evening-5.00pm. Performers welcome from 4.45pm. Please can all children attend wearing full school uniform. If your child is dancing please additionally provide a PE kit, or your child can arrive in kit if not singing, playing an instrument etc.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party (pm)- further details to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper/top day (voluntary donation to Save the Children Christmas appeal and Cramlington Hope Centre)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Nursery Christmas crafts
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Service followed by Christmas crafts 'stay and play' for parents and grandparents. The Christmas Service is in our school hall and starts at 9.15am. Our stay and play session will finish by 10.30am at the latest.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas party (pm)-further details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am- Y1 and Y2 11.00am-Year 3 and 4 1.30pm-Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (pm) further details to follow
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (pm) further details to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holiday-normal end of day timings
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Training Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Start of Spring Term 2020