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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the Bank Holiday Weekend Challenge emails that were sent into school. These included:

- Elliot Smith (1SG) sent in pictures of him keeping fit and active as he learned a new sport. Elliot sailed a dingy for the first time at Kielder reservoir.
- Isabelle Hudson (1LU) sent in pictures of a really healthy weekend which included fun at the beach using rope tension to pass the ball, digging holes at the beach and running up the huge sand dunes!

It has been lovely to hear stories from the children about all the healthy activities they have taken part in during the sunshine!

Sumdog Maths Competition-A Message from Mrs Cant

All the children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been entered into a maths contest on Sumdog. It starts today (Friday) at 8am, and finishes at 8pm on 17th May. Sumdog can be accessed at www.sumdog.com. During the contest children simply play Sumdog's mathematics games. As they do so, they'll answer questions that contribute to their score. There are a maximum of 1000 questions for each pupil - so accuracy is more important than effort! We look forward to celebrating our Sumdog success next week! All log in details are in children's planners. Please would you contact your child's teacher if there is any problem with the login or you have any queries about the competition.



Gregg's Children's Cancer Run-Sunday 20th May 2018

A reminder that this is the last week to apply for an entry to the Children's Cancer Run which takes place on Sunday 20th May at Gosforth Park Racecourse. The T-shirts have arrived in school now for those who have ordered them and can be collected from the school office. Our start time is **10.30am** so it would be helpful if families meet together under our school banner at **10.15am**. We have been allocated **Car Park B**. If you haven't yet entered and would like to do so, entries can be done through the Cancer Run team at <http://www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2018/>. The three distances are: 1 mile, 3 miles and 5 miles.



Calendar

We are currently finalising some of the dates for the end of term and will attach the calendar to next week's newsletter. Apologies that this has taken a little longer than hoped!

Attendance

Well done to all our classes for such high attendance scores last week. Our highest attending classes were: Early Years-Miss Westgarth's Class-Reception Discoverers with 99%
KS1- Mrs Archer's Class (2EA) with 98%
KS2-Mrs Cowie's Class (5HC) with an amazing 100%



Shining Stars

Well done to all our children who have worked so hard and been shining examples in the care and kindness that they have shown to others. Please see the names of the children below who have received a Certificate of Achievement today for being such shining stars:

Reception Discoverers: Stevie-Leigh for always being a shining example and working so hard. Really proud of you Stevie-Leigh!

Reception Discoverers: Molly Reay for working hard with sentences and finger spaces. Great work Molly. Keep this up!

Reception Explorers: Harry Green for super letter formation and sentence writing. We are so proud of you – well done!

Reception Explorers: Dylan Roberts for being a shining example and a helpful friend to all in our class – thank you!

Year 1SG: Charlotte Sutton for trying so hard to make her story in Wow writing perfect!

Year 1SG: Ethan Rowell for trying so hard to be a kind and caring friend!

Year 1LU: Jack Hart for always giving 100%effort when learning his spellings.

Year 1LU: Holly Wilson for always being helpful to her friends and teachers.

Year 2JP: Jordana Marchbanks for behaving in a really mature way and asking for help when she needed it.

Year 2JP: Jacob Dickinson for fabulous topic work all about the Amazon.

Year 2EA: Bret Turnbull for determination and perseverance and doing brilliantly in Times Table Rock Stars.

Year 2EA: Bailey Turner for fantastic reading this week, especially his comprehension skills.

Year 3RC: Millie Turner for great work on doubling and halving in maths.

Year 3RC: Ryan Johnson for always being friendly, polite, kind and caring.

Year 3AD: Ashton Burnett for being a kind and caring member of 3AD.

Year 3AD: Lyra Purdie for working incredibly hard on her doubling in maths.

Year 4ER: Oliver Armstrong for showing real talent during our cake decorating.

Year 4ER: Alfie Catling for being a really kind and considerate member of the class.

Year 4JHW: Daniel Hogg for fantastic work with his decimal numbers this week.

Year 4JHW: Jayden Whitfield-Storey for always being thoughtful and kind.

Year 5JB: Paige Johnson for a magnificent fact file on Machu Picchu

Year 5JB: Mark Davison for excellent work in Forest School with Miss Westgarth.

Year 5HC: Leon Maddison for always being a good friend and helping others.

Year 5HC: Tyler Raeburn for working independently in maths to draw and reflect shapes.

Year 6CB: Sophie Hart for giving her very best to all we do.

Year 6CB: Rio Robinson for being a shining example in our lessons and playtimes.

Year 6RD: Katie White for her hard work and determination during maths lessons this week.

Year 6RD: Alisha Munroe for always giving her best and setting a perfect example to others.



SUPERCLASS

Well done to our classes who have achieved SUPERCLASS this week. They include:

- Reception Explorers have been working so hard this term and have voted to enjoy ice lollies and some extra play outside.
- 3AD have SUPERCLASS for lots of hard work including achieving very high spelling scores as a whole class. We celebrated it by riding our bikes and scooters in the yard.
- 4ER have thoroughly enjoyed our SUPERCLASS treat this week. We spent the afternoon with Mrs Catling from Catling Bakery Ltd decorating our own cupcakes to take home. Mrs Catling put a lot of effort into teaching us how to make minibests from icing as we followed our Science theme of characteristics of animals. Our cupcakes are amazing and we definitely have some amazing talent for cake decorating. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Catling for giving up her time to come in and teach us something we will definitely remember for a very long time.

Future Dates-Celebration Services

Please would it be possible to check that you have the end of term celebration services in your diaries. These are special services which we hold in school at the end of the school year to celebrate the achievements of each of our wonderful children and present certificates. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend these special events. The dates are:

Year 1 –Wednesday 11th July at 9am

Year 2-Thursday 12th July at 9am

Year 3-Friday 13th July at 9am

Reception-Friday 13th July at 1.30pm (followed by Reception Garden Party)

Year 4-Tuesday 17th July at 9am

Year 5-Wednesday 18th July at 9am

Year 6-Friday 20th July at 9am-Leavers' Service



Reception News



Well done Reception. This week they have loved reading 'The Three Little Pigs' to inspire writing and completing tally charts and data collection in Numeracy. Both classes have also been busy thinking about the Christian faith and comparing it to Jewish and Islamic faiths. We have been looking for Religious symbols, thinking about places of worship and different beliefs. Both classes have loved visiting the forest to do leaf prints with clay and hunting for numbers. Well done Reception. Keep working hard on your reading and writing of sentences Reception. Remember homework is issued on a Thursday to be returned by the Tuesday. Thank you for all your support. We are really proud of all the children and their hard work this week.

Next Friday, alongside celebrating Christian Aid week by wearing something red, Reception are going to be thinking about the Royal Wedding and are going to have celebrations of their own to celebrate Meghan and Prince Harry's special day. Reception will have a little party! We would love if the children could come in wearing party clothes, incorporating a little bit of something red alongside the rest of the school for Christian Aid. Reception parents will receive text messages with all the information included very soon and we look forward to partying!

Key Stage 1 News



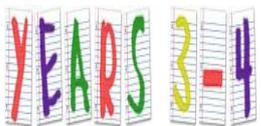
It might have been a shorter week with having the glorious bank holiday, but it has certainly been a busy and exciting one! We kick started the week by continuing our science work all about Springtime. We used the internet to find out how many hours of daylight we have in the month of May and compared this to the fewer hours of daylight which we experience in the winter months. We talked about how we dress according to the weather and temperature and observed how nature changes through the seasons. In

Geography we read the story Town Mouse and Country Mouse and then used a Venn Diagram to sort the physical features of the two contrasting localities. The children explored and used geographical vocabulary such as valley, lake, mountains, open space, fields, farms, busy, traffic, quiet, etc. In Maths we have been adding three small numbers within 10, looking for and using number facts for 10 and our knowledge of doubles to help us to calculate more efficiently. In English we have continued to read the story Man on the Moon. The children have created some fabulous descriptions of characters and settings using a range of adjectives and prepositional language.

It may have been a short week but my goodness it's been a busy one in Year 2! The children spent some time this week completing their SATs papers. We were so impressed by how well the children did and completely took it in their stride. They really are superstars. They will continue these next week. A big thank you to parents for all of your support at home and helping the children to prepare for these assessments.

Our afternoons have been spent getting creative! We have continued our work on the Amazon Rainforest and spent time sketching our favourite Rainforest wildlife. The children's observational skills were fantastic. We also continued to think about different habitats and started to consider how we are going to design our own mini beast hotel in the forest.

Lower Key Stage 2 News



This week Year 3 have started a new topic in English. We have been finding out about George Stephenson and the invention of the railway in Britain. The children worked in role as a range of people from the time and considered the pros and cons of the railway. In maths the children have been working on doubling and halving. They used a partitioning method to do this and then applied it in a range of problem solving contexts.

In Geography the children created a map of our school they then created a plan for a 3D map by walking round the school grounds and sketching interesting features they found.

During our Art lessons the children learned about Sonia Boyce. They looked at a range of her work and discussed it carefully. The children then thought about a memory which was important to them and created a memory post card. **The children received a letter on Wednesday about their trip to Alnwick Castle on Thursday 7th June.**

In Year 4 this week we have continued work on The Shang Dynasty in English and have been learning more about this ancient civilisations.

In our Maths lessons we have been thinking about multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and thinking about using column addition and subtraction in the context of problem solving.

We have thoroughly enjoyed an invertebrate hunt in school grounds using a classification key to help us identify the different creatures. We have been thinking about the complex habitats around us and how best to look after them to help the wildlife thrive.

Upper Key Stage 2 News

years 5 and 6

It's been a shorter week but the children in Year 5 and 6 have been as hard-working as ever. Year 6 have worked particularly hard, showing real resilience in readiness for next week's SATs. In maths lessons, we have revised aspects of maths including long multiplication, adding and subtracting decimal numbers, percentages and fractions. In English, we have been revising spelling, punctuation and grammar rules and strategies to prepare for the SPAG test; completed comprehension tasks each day to prepare for the reading test, and looked at past SATs papers. In PE lessons, we have been focusing on athletics and rounders, and in art we have been drawing and painting blossom trees and daffodils.

Next week, Year 6 will start their **SATs tests on Monday and finish them on Thursday**. To ensure that the children are in school on time and ready for their SATs, we will have a breakfast club on Monday to Thursday, **starting at 8:30**. During this time, children will each get toast, juice, fruit and some last minute SATs revision! We would encourage all children to take advantage of this opportunity and attend breakfast club.

The timetable for KS2 SATs is:

- Monday 14th May-English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling (morning)
- Tuesday 15th May-English Reading (morning)
- Wednesday 16th May-Mathematics-Arithmetic and Reasoning (Paper 1)
- Thursday 17th May-Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2)

Well done to all our Year 6 who have worked so hard. We are so proud of them.



Year 5 have spent this week learning about translating and reflecting shapes through coordinates. They have been reflecting some very challenging irregular polygons through the x axis both in the positive and negative quadrants. The children have also been keeping on top of their times tables with Rockstar Times Tables on the ipads. In English Year 5 have been studying a new non-fiction text 'Ultimate Explorers'. The children have been very excited by the range of places that the book explores and the famous explorers who have discovered and explored the regions. We have considered what would be exciting about exploring a range of places and terrains and what the potential dangers of each area would be and recorded our ideas on our working wall. 5JB spent their Thursday afternoon in the forest making popcorn and roasting marshmallows as well as looking for plants and wildlife at different stages of their life cycles for our science topic. 5HC will be going into the forest next week with Miss Westgarth to complete some forest school tasks!

Hello from the Gardening Club!



We have been getting green fingered over the last few weeks after school and during most lunchtimes (there has been a lot to do!). One of the projects we have on the horizon involves turning one of our internal courtyards into a calm and tranquil nature garden but we need something to put the plants in! We are planning on reusing old tyres, painting them up and creating a bright and unusual flower bed. If anyone has any **old tins of paint** they no longer want or any **old tyres** we would be very grateful. Have a wonderful weekend in this beautiful spring landscape.

St Nicholas 150 year Celebration Display

The whole school spent time this week creating a wonderful display to celebrate our values to mark the 150th anniversary of St Nicholas' Church, Cramlington. The children created art to show their value, found a biblical quote that teaches us about the value and sorted through photos of them showing the value in their everyday lives. Our values were Joy, Friendship, Care and Kindness, Aiming High, Trust, Endurance and Hope. We are delighted to be part of this celebration. St Nicholas' Church has their flower festival this week and also a special service on Sunday 20th May at 10am to celebrate their 150th anniversary.



Special Weeks- Summer 2018

During the summer term we are looking forward to holding a number of special learning weeks and days. These include:

- **Monday 18th June**-International week. Each class will be immersing themselves in the culture and life of one of the countries competing in the World Cup which starts on 14th June. We look forward to lots of creative and practical learning during this week.
- **Friday 29th June**-Spanish focus day. We are looking forward to learning all about food, life and culture in Spain
- **Monday 2nd July**-Sport and Health week. We are looking forward to a week of healthy eating and taking part in healthy activities. During this week we look forward to holding our sports days. Hopefully the weather will be very kind to us! We hope to have our sports days on Wednesday 4th July pm-Reception, Y1 and Y2; Friday 6th July Year 3/4 am and Year 5/6 pm.

Christian Aid Week- A Message from Mrs Pringle

Next week is Christian Aid week and as always, we would love to support this fantastic charity as we do so generously every year. Our worship pupil voice group are planning to speak to the whole school about Christian Aid on Thursday 17th May and, invite all the children to come in non-uniform and wear something red the next day.



The worship committee wanted this to be a lovely surprise to the children, however, we are conscious that parents are very busy and appreciate knowing in advance anything that is happening at school so we wanted to let you know that next Friday 18th May, children can come into school in non-uniform, wearing anything red! Red is the colour of the Christian Aid logo. Children are invited to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 or whatever you would like to contribute to support Christians Aid. We are very appreciative of your support and generosity. As the Royal wedding is happening next weekend, some of the children might like to add some blue and white to their red!

Which World Cup country is Mr Davison 'visiting' this week...?

Well done to all of the children who correctly identified that the World Cup country I visited last week was **Portugal**. The prize winners chosen out of the hat were **Bryn Reed (4JHW)** and **Darcy Melling (6RD)**.

To be in with a chance of winning this week, simply identify the country I 'visited' using these clues:

* The Amazon River flows through this country. Around 60% of the Amazon River is also located in this country.

* Although this country is in South America, the official language spoken is Portuguese.

* The national football team of this country have won the World Cup a record 5 times!

Enter by providing the country and name by email: admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk, contacting us on twitter [@cragsideprimary](https://twitter.com/cragsideprimary) or by using the old-fashioned answer on a piece of paper to 6RD. Good luck! Mr Davison



Weekend Challenge

This weekend our challenges are linked to Christian Aid week and the week leading up to the Royal wedding:

- Create a poster to advertise Christian Aid week
- Make some cupcakes or biscuits and hold your own coffee morning at home for Christian Aid
- Make some red and white bunting for your home or school to celebrate the Royal wedding.
- Make some cupcakes or biscuits with red, white and blue icing to celebrate the Royal wedding which takes place next weekend.
- Please also send in any picture of any healthy activities including any final training sessions for the Children's Cancer Run which takes place on Sunday 20th May.



I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

