



# Cragside Church of England Primary School

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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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## Weekend Challenge

Many thanks for all the pictures that were emailed to school linked to last weekend's 'smile' and kindness challenges. These included:

- As part of our autumn challenge, Ethan G (Year 3) wrote the words Shine Bright out of leaves, twigs and other autumn items found in the woods.
- Erin W (Year 4) and Isla Barber (Year 6) used lots of conkers that they had collected to make the word 'autumn'. Isla took a photo of this and sent it into school.
- As part of the ongoing healthy challenge, Charlie M (Year 3) took part in the Junior Stampede at Newcastle racecourse. He got very muddy but had a great time.
- As part of our autumn cooking challenge, Jake M (Year 5) made turnip soup which he fed to his little brother

## Community News

Dudley Fun Club has a 'learning through play' session for children between the ages of 3 and 6 on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 9.30am and 11.30am. The session costs £5.50 per child. To book visit [www.quadrantleisure.org.uk](http://www.quadrantleisure.org.uk) or email [info@quadrantleisure.org.uk](mailto:info@quadrantleisure.org.uk)

## Harvest Festivals

It was lovely to see so many families at our Harvest Festival services which took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Well done to our Reception children who sang so well in their first ever performance to our Reception families-we were really proud of all our youngest children.

Well done to all the children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who performed so well in their services at St Nicholas' Church. It was wonderful to see the church so full and to hear our children's beautiful voices enhanced by the acoustics in the church. Thank you very much to Jacqui Wyness for her warm welcome and setting up the church for all the services and to Rev Wullie and the St Nicholas congregation for allowing us to use the hall for these special services. Our next church services are on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 where we will celebrate Christmas.

## SUPERCLASS

A Message from Mrs Cowie- Congratulations to 4HC on achieving SUPERCLASS this week. They voted to have a popcorn and movie reward.

## St Nicholas' Church Memorial Service-A Message from St Nicholas' Church

There will be a Memorial Service at St Nicholas on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, for anyone who would like to remember loved ones who have died, whether recently or at some time in the past. It is usually a quiet and reflective service with appropriate readings and music.



## Open Evening-Cragside

Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening which take place next week. Our Open Evening starts at **6.00pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** with a short talk followed by the opportunity to look around school. No booking is required for this and children are welcome to attend with families.



Our Open Morning starts at **9.30am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk) or telephone 01670 714200. If this date is inconvenient we can arrange an alternative.

If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place at our school, please would you mention the Open Evening to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office. The Online Portal for admissions to **Reception for a September 2019** start will open from the 1 November 2018 until 15 January 2019. A reminder that the Online Portal for secondary school places closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. This is for families who have a child in Year 6. Admissions information can be found at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions> or <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>.

### Cramlington and Seaton Valley Year 5/6 Girls football.

Cragside Year 5/6 girls' football team took part in the annual School Games Football competition on Wednesday afternoon at Astley High School. We are delighted to say the girls managed to win the competition for the second year running and will now represent the area in the School Games finals in June.

The girls got off to a magnificent start winning their opening game against Hareside 3-0 with 2 Goals from Shona and one from Sadie before getting a 2-0 victory over Whytrigg who did not attend last minute. In their third game they dominated Northburn but were held to a 1-1 draw with another goal from Shona. They wrapped up their group games by beating Burnside 4-0 with another 3 goals from Shona and one from Hollie.

A calculation error on the part of the officials meant that the organisers thought Cragside had tied with Northburn on points and goal difference, so they organised a penalty shoot out to decide the winner. Cragside entered the shootout with bags of confidence. Millie, who was in goal, managed to save all the penalties she faced whilst Sadie scored the decider to send Cragside to the finals with a 1-0 win. Well done to all the girls who played fantastically all day and good luck in the finals. The team was: Millie, Grace, Livia, Molly, Ella, Isla, Sadie, Hollie and Shona.



### Cragside 0-3 Northburn-Match Report from Mr Beck

Cragside hosted Northburn on Thursday afternoon in the latest of our league fixtures. The game was much closer than the score line would suggest with Northburn's goalkeeper performing magnificently to keep his clean sheet. Cragside went 1-0 down late in the first half and were very close to levelling it up just before the break but were unfortunate to see a couple of great shots from James and Lewis saved.



In the second half, Cragside began to pile on the pressure in search of an equaliser but unfortunately went 2-0 down and whilst chasing the game were then caught again conceding a third goal. The boys kept going right to the final whistle forcing many saves with Jake also hitting the post in the process, but luck was not on our side and we were unable to hit the back of the net. The boys played very well and we look forward to two matches next week, hosting Richard Coates on Tuesday and travelling to Dr Tomlinson in Rothbury on Thursday.

### Attendance

Congratulations to our classes with the highest attendance last week. These were:

In Early Years- Reception Explorers and Discoverers both achieved the same attendance last week.

In Key Stage 1-2GH and 1EH (Miss Higgins and Miss Harris's classes) both with 96%

In Key Stage 2-5RD (Mr Davison's class) with a fabulous 99% (second week in a row!)



### Tom Percival Author visit for Year 1 and 2

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be joined by the award winning author Tom Percival. The children will be reading his most recent book 'Ruby's Worries' in class as they prepare for his visit. This is such an exciting visit which we are really privileged and delighted to be hosting. As Tom is such a popular author, teachers and children from Eastlea and Shanklea will be joining us for the visit. Earlier this week, you should have received a letter from Seven Stories about the book sale which will happen as part of the visit. Please could you return your form as quickly as possible so that I can order the right number of books for Tom to sign, with a personalised dedication, on the day of his visit. Many thanks for your support with this this exciting visit.



## Reception News

Lots of fun in Reception this week. We began with a very successful Harvest service with lots of super singing and a lovely story about the loaves and fishes from Mr Rusby. Well done to all our Reception children and thank you to all the friends and family who came.



Throughout the week we have enjoyed Finley C's and Brody A's 'Focus weeks' which have included reading the stories of 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' both by Julia Donaldson. We used the forest to make 'magic smelly medicines' and collect firewood to cook our marshmallows. The boys have also enjoyed making super hero capes and decorating pictures of their families. In Literacy we are remembering to 'Think it, say it, write it and read it' and listen for sounds in words. In Numeracy we have been counting using Numicon and sequencing numbers.

A big well done to all the children who have earned book marks and Mathematics certificates. Please keep up all your efforts at home. You are all doing so well and we are all really proud of you.

## Key Stage One News

We were so proud of Key Stage 1's Harvest Service on Tuesday! The children sang beautifully and behaved perfectly! In English this week we have been enjoying more poetry. We read The Mud Pie Makers Rhyme and made our own mud pies in the forest. We used brilliant describing words to write our own muddy poem! We also read On The Playground, thought about what we might hear and see, then used 2Simple on the computers to type a simple sentence and draw a picture to match our ideas. In Maths we have been doing lots of practise of counting on a numberline, as well as adding two small numbers. In Science we enjoyed an investigation using our senses and described what we could smell using words such as sweet, sour and bitter. Next week we are looking forward to creating our 3D nature maps in Geography! In PE we enjoyed a lovely, relaxing yoga session all about autumn. Miss Grice and Miss Harris were so impressed with the children's concentration and determination with the trickier poses! Please could homework project books be returned to school by Wednesday 24th October to allow us to mark any work and give out prizes!



Year 2 have worked very hard with their lessons this week. The children have been studying poetry and performing some different rhyming poems, looking for patterns in poems and discussing what they like and dislike about each poem. Their performances have been extremely impressive and they have spoken with confidence and clarity. In Maths, the children have been adding two 2-digit numbers with bridging 10s using mental strategies and physical resources. The children have been growing in confidence and made great progress through the week. We have also been learning about recycling and learning more about the Great Fire of London this week which has been really engaging for the children.

## News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in our Harvest Festival. The children all sang, performed and talked very well and we were very proud of their great behaviour. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend.

In Year 3 this week the children have been finishing our mystery story 'Storm' in English. The children used the text to carefully locate information and made inferences and deductions. In maths the children have continued to add and subtract using a range of mental and written methods. They have solved a range of problems and thought about spotting patterns in their work. The children enjoyed going into the forest on Wednesday to create their own paint and produced their own art using this.

In Year 4 the children have been practising for their Collective Worship which is on **Thursday 25th October at 9am**. They have been learning to sing a range of songs including 'The Adam's Family' and 'Like a Roman'. In English they have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita. The children did story mapping and worked in role to explore the text. The children have also enjoyed going into the forest where they collected a range of leaves and enjoyed reading their spooky stories to each other. We have also been getting creative and have made Roman shields and helmets.

## Year 4 Collective Worship

We would like to remind our Year 4 families that Year 4 Family Worship is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October starting at 9am in the main school hall. All mums, dad and grandparents are warmly invited to our service.

## Woodland Trust

Thank you for our speaker from the Woodland Trust who came into school on Wednesday to talk to our KS2 children. She was really impressed with the children's knowledge and good behaviour and the excellent woodland that we have in our school. Lots of classes have enjoyed being in the wood this week learning in the wood and learning about our natural world.



## News from Upper Key Stage 2

It has been another busy week for Year 5 and 6. We have spent time preparing for our Harvest Service as well as working hard in all of our lessons. Thank you so much again to everyone who attended our Service at St Nicholas, it was wonderful to share our singing, Bible readings and poetry with you.



In Year 5 English lessons, we have been enjoying the novel *Street Child*. This week we have written a character outline, a persuasive letter and a diary entry based on the story. In Maths, we have continued to interpret and draw different type of graphs and revised short multiplication. In Topic, we have been learning about why the Anglo Saxons became Christians and have enjoyed sharing the children's Anglo Saxon homework.

Year 6 have been reading *Operation Save Pompeii* in English lessons. This exciting non-fiction book has given the children lots of important information about what life was like in Pompeii before, during and after the catastrophic eruption which hit it in 79AD. We will continue to find out more and use the information to write a report and some descriptive writing next week. In maths, we have been using common factors and multiples and applying our knowledge to problem solving situations. We have also continued to complete daily Times Tables Rock Stars tasks. In science, we have continued to learn about living things and their habitats and drawn amazing cartoon characters using foreshortening in art. Well done Year 5 and 6!

### Remembrance Day

We have made a good start this week on some of the poppies for our poppy display as we look to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1 in November. I am really looking forward to seeing the finished display and have been thrilled with the individual poppies which the children have been working on this week which you might have seen on Twitter.



### Community School Clothing Scheme

I had the absolute pleasure of being invited to see the Community School Clothing Scheme which was set up by one of our parents, Freema Chambers. The scheme is now based on Cobalt Business Park and is making such a difference to the families who benefit from using it. Freema is really keen to try and add to the number of volunteers that she has at present. If you think you might be able to volunteer some time, please would you chat to her on the school yard or contact her via the Community School Clothing Scheme. They are also looking for any nearly new stair gates which are in high demand at the moment. A huge well done to Freema and her team who are doing such wonderful work for local families and really making such a difference!



### Half Term

A reminder that school closes for half term at the end of the day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October is a training day for our school and many of the other local schools. Autumn Term (2) starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 8.40am. All dates for Christmas performances are on our Google calendar. The final day of Autumn Term (2) is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December where we will break up at 3.10pm. School starts after the Christmas break on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



### Weekend House Point Challenge

Thank you for all the weekend challenge pictures that keep being sent into school. It is lovely to see all the creative activities that happen each weekend. This weekend's challenges are:

- Use branches and leaves to make a small shelter in a wood. Please send in any picture of making the shelter or sitting in the shelter.
- With a sunny weekend of weather forecast, please send in some pictures of any healthy outdoor activities such as a family bike ride or exciting family walks.
- Make some fruit or vegetable kebabs for the family to enjoy...maybe with a little chocolate dipping sauce for the fruit kebabs and some savoury dipping sauce for the vegetable kebabs! I really look forward to seeing some of the creative culinary skills!

Please send in photographs and information to our school admin email address: [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk) or to our Twitter page.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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