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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the photographs and information that have been sent in for our Christmas challenge. These included:

- Oliver Harrison (1SG) baked some Christmas cookies and a really yummy looking Nutella Christmas tree
- Max Wilson (Reception) and Elle Hodgson (Reception) send in a picture of them making some scrumptious Christmas cakes
- Alex Irving (4ER) helped her Dad make a beautiful wreath for the front door, using leaves & berries from the garden.
- Ashton Burnett (3AD) made some very festive mince pies which were delicious!

World War 1 History Project-A Message from Mr Beck

Yesterday Year 5 and 6 were delighted to welcome back the historian visitors, Neil Storey and Fiona Kay, who taught them all about the impact of World War One on people living in the North East. Neil and Fiona brought with them a book which Year 5 and 6 helped to produce by researching the details of those who lost their lives representing the North East during World War One. As you may have seen on Twitter the children were beaming with pride having produced such excellent work and contributing to an important piece of local history. The book, which each child in Year 5 and 6 received, includes pictures of the children visiting the war graves in North Shields and laying a wreath as a mark of respect to the fallen heroes of the war. We are very proud of the children for all their hard work and how respectful they were during all the workshops and visits.

Attendance



Congratulations to all our classes who achieved the highest attendance last week. These were:

- Early Years- Mrs Pemberton's and Miss Westgarth's classes
- Key Stage 1-Miss Grice's Class (1SG)
- Key Stage 2- Mrs Cowie's Class (5HC) , Mr Dickinson's Class (3AD) and Mr Davison's Class (6RD)

Well done to our 78 children who have had 100% attendance since September.

Shining Stars

Congratulations to all our Shining stars this week and to all our children who shine so bright each day. We are proud of all your achievements! This week's shining stars include:

Reception Discoverers: Imogen Hall for fantastic brave dancing in our Nativity.

Reception Discoverers: Keira Dickinson for always being super helpful and cheerful around the classroom.

Reception Explorers: Emma Langlois for being an exceptional role model every day. Thank you!

Reception Explorers: Alice Watson for being a good friend and always trying hard. Thank you!

Year 1SG: Joshua Lavender for trying so hard in his writing this week.

Year 1SG: Monty Lilburn for writing a brilliant story about an ice palace!

Year 1LU: Lottie Fellows for super progress in reading and writing!

Year 1LU: Lucy Robertson for always being kind and polite to everyone.

Year 2JP: Hannah Williams for writing a fabulous Christmas poem.

Year 2JP: Henley Snowdon for working super hard in Maths calculating change.

Year 2EA: Billy Bradshaw for a fantastic first week and for being extremely polite.

Year 2EA: Kacey Collins for great partner work on habitats.

Year 3RC: Georgia Urwin for amazing baking skills.

Year 3RC: Ryan Johnson for always working hard, following school rules and being a great role model to others.

Year 3AD: Sophie Simpson for always being a shining example to everyone.

Year 3AD: Oliver Barrett for his amazing curry flavoured bread bun he created in our topic lesson.

Year 4ER: Courtney Barnes for always being a wonderful friend.

Year 4ER: James Notley for having an excellent attitude to school life.

Year 4JHW: Daniel Hogg for being a supportive part of our class. helpful and honest.

Year 4JHW: for excellent work engaging in our topic 'Romans' this half term.

Year 5HC: Molly Simpson for always staying calm and listening to others.

Year 5HC: Benjamin Sutton for being a good friend and keeping the peace.

Year 5JB: Jack Atkinson for showing enthusiasm and having wonderful energy.

Year 5JB: Ellie Foley for being a shining example and a thoughtful friend.

Year 6 CB: Marley Urwin for having a wonderful attitude to reading.

Year 6CB: Evie Strang for working very hard with her spelling.

Year 6RD: Alisha Munroe for having such a positive and infectious attitude to all aspects of school.

Year 6RD: Luke Wilson for his effort and achievement in cross country this half term.

Reception News



Well done to all the Reception children for a fabulous end to their first term. The children performed so well in their Nativity on Monday and Christingle on Tuesday- we were so proud of them all and all their fabulous singing! We have had a very busy week making Christmas cards, Calendars and Christingles in Early Years and sequencing numbers from the Twelve days of Christmas song! The children have all made great progress in their first term at Cragside and we

are really proud of how they have all settled and developed. Please keep reading and using Mathematics during the holidays.

Remember you can also upload photos to Tapestry of Christmas holiday news to share with us all when you return in January.

Thanks again for all parental support and a very Happy Christmas from all the Reception team.

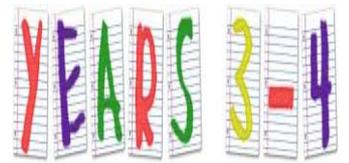
Key Stage 1 News

What an exciting week we have had! The Christingle Service on Tuesday morning, delivered by the children, was delightful. The children sang beautifully, filling the church with festivity. Thank you for coming along to watch this service and many thanks to Mr Savage for accompanying the children whilst they sang Away in a Manger. During the afternoon of Tuesday, the Christmas party went down a treat! From fun and games to a tasty buffet of scrumptious food which was kindly donated by our families. Thank you very much for your help with making our party so successful. We thank you for all of your help and support during the Autumn Term and wish you a very merry Christmas. Have a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you again soon in the Spring Term.



What a busy last week of term Year 2 have had! The class elves have been leaving treats to encourage the children to continue their hard work right up to the end of the week! The children have been mathematicians with money in Maths this week, adding totals and working out change. In English we explored character dialogue using the short story of The Longest Journey about two snowmen. We then created some wonderful Christmas poetry describing stars, Santa, Christmas trees and baubles. We have also been spending some time this week on Art and DT, decorating biscuits in the Create room as well as making lots of lovely Christmas crafts. We are so proud of the children for completing their first full term in year 2! They were very proud of their lovely calendars and cards, we hope you like them! We hope all the children have a well-deserved break during the holidays and look forward to seeing them next term! Merry Christmas!

Lower Key Stage 2 News



This week Year 3 and 4 have been getting into the Christmas spirit. On Tuesday we enjoyed taking part in the Christingle service at St Nicholas Church. The children who spoke, read and sang solos were fabulous and the singing sounded beautiful in the church.

On Wednesday we enjoyed our Christmas party. The children played a range of party games, enjoyed some dancing and a party tea. Thank you for sending in the food to share. Year 3 have been finishing our Great Bread Bake Off topic this week. First we practiced making salt dough into range of shapes. The children then designed their bread using the design criteria. They thought about shape, taste & texture. The children then created basic bread dough in groups and added different ingredients using their design. The best part, as always, was tasting and evaluating our bread- the children did a great job- it was delicious! In RE we created a story board of the Nativity and reflected on how different characters might have felt at different points in the story.

Year 4 have spent time using our knowledge of Haiku to write about our favourite animals. In our topic lessons we have been learning about the Roman Gods and playing board games to help us remember facts about them. In our RE lessons we have been learning about Jesus the Light of the World and writing the story of Jesus' birth.

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for all their fabulous work this half term. The children are all shining stars and a pleasure to teach. Thank you for all your support. We hope you have a great Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Upper Key Stage 2 News



Year 5 and 6 children have impressed us all with two beautiful performances this week. Our Christingle service at Nicholas' Church was a wonderful celebration of Bible readings and Christmas songs. Well done children for reading beautifully and singing your hearts out with so much joy. Our next opportunity to shine was at Jubilee Lodge and Scarborough Court. The

children sang for residents and their families and certainly brought a huge amount of Christmas spirit to elderly people in our community. All staff and residents in the care homes commented on how very well-behaved the children were. The children also had a wonderful time at their parties. They thoroughly enjoyed a more 'grown-up' party which involved lots of opportunities to play games and dance. Year 6 were delighted to set up their own restaurant style, party food venue in the Shared Area. Well done to all of Year 5 and 6 children for continuing to shine during these exciting activities and throughout the whole of the autumn term. We hope that all our children have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing them all in January.

SUPERCLASS

Congratulations to all the classes who have achieved SUPERCLASS this week. These include:

- Reception Explorers have achieved Superclass today! They celebrated all the children's hard work by watching The Polar Express and enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows.
- 6CB achieved SUPERCLASS today and enjoyed a Christmas DVD together.

Cramlington School Clothing Scheme-A Message from Freema Chambers (Parent at Cragside)

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for supporting the scheme, especially Mr Rusby and the staff for accepting donations on our behalf. Since the summer the scheme has handed out many uniforms and outer wear. This month alone we have handed out 11 coats. Parents from neighbouring towns are using the scheme too!

In the New Year we aim to have some regular venues for drop off and collections of uniforms and coats. Please look out for the Facebook group 'Cramlington School Clothing Scheme'. The scheme is thriving which means we will also be looking for volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, please contact us via the Facebook group. Please consider donating any pre-loved school uniform, coats, shoes or Christmas jumpers! We do hope that you have a very Merry Christmas. The scheme is still accessible during the holidays.

Training Day

A reminder that school restarts on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**. Monday 8th January 2018 is a training day. A list of dates for spring term 2018 and summer term 2018 is included on the school website. I will send out an updated list of dates for the spring term in January.

Christmas Service at St Nicholas' Church

St Nicholas' Church are holding a Crib Service on **Christmas Eve starting at 3.30pm**. The service is suitable for all children and families to attend and you would be made very welcome!



Christingle Services



It was lovely to see so many families at our Chistingle services this week. There is something very special about celebrating Christmas in a church. The children really enjoyed retelling the Christmas story and singing Christmas songs. Thank you to Mrs Wyness and Rev Wullie for their warm welcome and letting us celebrate Christmas in St Nicholas' church.

Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge-A Message from Mrs Bilton

The Christmas holidays are such a lovely time to snuggle up and read a book! We would love to encourage all of our children to read as much as possible, especially as I'm sure Santa Claus will bring lots of gorgeous new books to enjoy. Please record all of your child's reading in their planner so we can see how much they have enjoyed reading a range of wonderful books over the holidays. In the first Celebration Collective Worship of 2018, we will give out a High Flying Reading balloon to the child, in each class, who has impressed their teacher most with lots of holiday reading. Keeeep reading!



Christmas Challenge

As we break up for our Christmas holiday, our holiday challenge continues our festive theme. Please send in picture of your children:

- Making and baking during the Christmas holidays
- Going on a family holiday walk in the woods, up a hill or at the coast.
- Doing something kind for a relative or neighbour during the Christmas holidays

On behalf of all at Cragside, please would it be possible to thank you for all the kind Christmas greetings and cards. Thank you so much for your invaluable support during this term. We look forward to seeing all our children back to school on **Tuesday 9th January 2018** ready for the start of spring term 2018. I hope that you, and your family, have a wonderful Christmas and you enjoy time together at this very special time of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

