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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:

- Elle H (Year 1) made a card for her Great Auntie Audrey
- Emilia B (Reception Explorers) made chocolate brownies for her grandma, aunt and two cousins. The treat made them all smile! She has also made a birthday card for her dad with a lovely drawing of her family on it and helped around the house by cleaning the windows.
- Matthew R (Explorers) made his mam and dad smile helping with some DIY, sweeping up and putting the shopping away. Thanks Matthew!
- Eva K (Year 1) has made a special card for her friend Penny's birthday! She chose Penny's favourite colours and personalised with her initial.
- As part of our 'smile challenge', Charlotte I and Libby I (Year 3) helped with the housework on Sunday and wrote 'we love Mam' in conkers in the garden which made her smile when she got in from work.
- Eva HP (Year 5) and Finn HP (Year 2) have been ultra-helpful caring for the three surprise baby bunnies. They have taken care of the new mum giving her plenty of kale whilst feeding her three babies.
- Dylan R (Year 1) was incredibly kind in helping to host a Macmillan Coffee morning with his neighbours raising just under £270.00!



## Harvest Festivals

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October. We would really appreciate any donations of food which will be donated to local foodbanks. Please send these into school in the run up to the Harvest Festival. All donations should be sealed rather than fresh or frozen. Suggested donations include, cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables/fruit, lentils, beans, tinned meat or fish, UHT milk, jar and packet sauces, biscuits, crisps etc. Thank you for your support with this.



We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations which are at the following times:

- Reception- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am in school
- Year 1 and 2-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in St Nicholas' Church
- Year 3 and 4-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in St Nicholas' Church
- Year 5 and 6-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm in St Nicholas' Church

## SUPERCLASS

A Message from Mrs Cant- Congratulations to 3RC on achieving SUPERCLASS this week. They all brought bikes and scooters into school, hoping that the weather would be kind to them today.

## 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. 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.



If this time or date is inconvenient, please would it be possible to contact the school office on 01670 714200 or [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk) so we can arrange a visit either in the morning or on an alternative day. If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place, please would you mention the Open Evening to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office.

## Attendance

Congratulations to our classes with the highest attendance last week. These were:  
In Early Years- Reception Explorers (Mrs Pemberton's class) with a wonderful 99%.  
In Key Stage 1-1SG, 1EH and 2JB (Miss Grice's class and Mr Beck's class) both with a really excellent 99%.  
In Key Stage 2-5RD (Mr Davison's class) with a fabulous 99%.



## Reception News

What a busy week in Reception! We have been reading and writing about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been super writers using sounding out and finger spaces. In numeracy, we have been looking at 2D shapes and thinking about how we can describe them.



As part of Lexi S and Emilia B's focus weeks, the girls have enjoyed baking cakes, making princess crafts and going to the forest to toast marshmallows. What a super week!

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents and grandparents to our Reception Harvest Festival on Monday 15th October at 9am in the school hall. The children have been working hard to learn their harvest songs and looking forward to their first performance in our school! We hope you can all make it and look forward to seeing you! A reminder that if you are joining us that there are parking restrictions on Westloch Road and local roads.

## Key Stage One News

This week in Year One we have been enjoying our first poetry sessions in English. We read the poems 'Wind Ways' and 'When the wind blows'. We thought of interesting describing words for different types of weather, and used musical instruments to add sound effects for the wind. We explored different foods and the noises they make, like crunching, crackling, fizzing and popping.



In Maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10 - ask your child to sing you the number bond rap! As a challenge some of us are even thinking about bonds to 20! In Science we cooked up some spaghetti and tasted it with different herbs, and then we voted on our favourite and interpreted the data we collected. We could say which was the most popular and which was the least. In Geography we went on a walk around our school grounds to understand what 'field work' is. We used our senses to describe and compare different parts of the grounds. Next week we are looking forward to starting our 3D maps using natural materials as well as our whole school poppy project. Please could children bring in a small plastic bottle by Tuesday for our poppy display - keep an eye on Twitter to see how we transform them!

This week Year 2 have been working hard on our addition and subtraction skills in maths by using a number line to help us solve equations and word problems. Alongside this we have been looking carefully at word problems and working out exactly how much to add or take away. We have even been trying to solve two step problems! In English we continued to analyse non-fiction texts in detail by looking at all of the key features and matching up facts to different subheadings. We researched an animal each on computers and iPads, putting all of the key information onto a spider diagram. We have used this information to create our own non-chronological report about the animals, including the use of subheadings and labels for the pictures. In Science this week we continued our work on materials by investigating the process of recycling, and sorting different objects into various bins based on their material. The fact that even clothes and old food could be recycled surprised us! Within our Great Fire of London topic we have learnt lots about Samuel Pepys, and thought carefully about how we would have redesigned a safer London after the fire. We are really looking forward to cooking and tasting a Tudor dish next week called pottage! We have all continued to practise our Harvest songs and words ready for Harvest Festival on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## News from Lower Key Stage 2



Year Three and Four have been working hard this week getting ready for our harvest festival. We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers there on Tuesday 16th October. The children have been thinking about helping others and kindness and would appreciate any donations for local foodbanks to be sent into school before the Harvest Festival.

In Year Three we have been working on addition and subtraction. The children began by adding and subtracting three digit numbers and one digit numbers. They then moved onto adding and subtracting multiples of 10, they have begun using the formal column method. In English we have continued to read 'Storm'. The children have made predictions about the story so far and have worked in role to understand the characters. In RE we have been thinking about how we can follow the teaching of Jesus in our daily lives. The children have thought about acts of kindness and how they can help others.

Year 4 have also been working hard with addition using 4 digit numbers and solving problems. In English, Year 4 have been writing their own three episodes for a spooky pod cast. They have been using examples of figurative language and very challenging and emotive vocabulary. Year 4 have also spent time learning about our brains and how 'Fantastic and Elastic' they are! In art they have been starting some work towards our large poppy display and also enjoying learning about the main beliefs in Hinduism as part of RE. Year 4 have shown some wonderful skills combining singing and the use of British sign language which they will perform in our harvest service.

## News from Upper Key Stage 2

Year 6 have had a wonderful week this week. We've all shown determination and perseverance in all areas of learning as well as in our rehearsals for our Harvest Festival, where we've been learning and performing some fabulous songs which we are excited to share with you at the church.

In English we have been thinking about authors intent in poetry in particular thinking about the imagery the author has chosen and why they used the language they did. In maths we have been thinking about dividing by factors and have shown real confidence in applying this in our learning. We have used a lot of brain power when using our reasoning skills and have shown real pride in ourselves.

In topic we have been continuing our work on Raging Rivers and thinking about the specific features of rivers and how they are constructed. We learnt a lot of new vocabulary and have been able to use these new words in our topic lessons.

Year 5 have had a very hard-working week this week. In Maths, we have been interpreting some very tricky graphs as well as using our knowledge to accurately draw our own. Year 5 have even used their reasoning skills to explain what could be happening in a graph that was missing its title and labels. Some of the writing has been fabulous in our classrooms this week. We have written short stories titled 'A Night in the Workhouse' and used vivid descriptions to build a picture in our reader's minds. In Science, we have had great fun adapting a simple helicopter design and making improvements using our knowledge of forces. Our beautiful singing voices can be heard up and down the corridor as we practise for our **Harvest Festival next week Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of October at 1.30pm** - we look forward to seeing you there!

## Bothal 5 vs 2 Cragside-Match Report from Mr Beck and Mr Davison



A confident Cragside got off to a great start away to Bothal, scoring the opening goal after just 5 minutes. Following a 'mazy' run down the right, Jake fired a shot across goal that was palmed out by the goalkeeper, but Callum was on hand to tap home the rebound. Ten minutes later, Jake scored a goal of his own with a powerful drive across goal into the bottom corner to put Cragside 2-0 up. A few minutes later, Bothal got one back with a low finish past Ben in goal. 2-1 to Cragside at half time.

Buoyed by their goal in the first half, Bothal equalised early in the second half with a neat finish from the centre forward. That was followed by three quick fire goals from Bothal to go 5-2 up. Cragside battled to get back into the game but unfortunately another goal didn't come and the game ended 5-2. It was a fantastic effort by the boys, who gave their all right until the end. Well done Cragside.

## DIY Streets

Martin Podevyn from Northumberland County Council is back in school next week on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October as part of his ongoing work with parents, children and local residents looking at ideas to support safe parking near school and sustainable transport. He has a drop in session for parents on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 2.30pm and 4pm. Please drop into school and have a look at the some of the ideas that have come forward so you can have your say in them.



## Music Tuition

Well done children for all your fantastic efforts during your music lessons. It's great to see really positive relationships being established with our pupils and Mr Doyle and our new violin teacher, Miss Geldart. Apologies to our ukulele players and drummers who missed a lesson this week. This will be caught up later on in the term- the office will let you know by text. Please would you be able to add a date in your diaries-Tuesday 11th of December at 6pm for our Music and Arts Christmas concert. We look forward to welcoming many friends and family then as our children who have music lessons will perform together with some of our drama club and dancers.



## Remembrance Day

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1. To mark this, our classes are working collaboratively to create a display of poppies in our shared area. We are looking forward to seeing the final result when all the poppies have been created. We will hold a service of remembrance in our school for our children close to Remembrance Day.



## Outdoor Learning

Thank you for the information and offers of help towards our gardening and outdoor learning expansion ideas. We are very grateful for all the ideas. If you, or someone you know, have any spare small sized garden equipment including rakes, spades or trowels, please would you consider donating them so our children can use them in our gardening activities.



## Weekend House Point Challenge

With the leaves falling from the trees and the mornings getting that little bit darker, our weekend challenge has an autumnal and harvest feel to it.

- Use some vegetables to make some delicious soup. Why not try some autumn vegetables such as a squash or some parsnips.
- Try to make some bread rolls at home or even a harvest plait.
- Go for a walk in a wood and write a message to someone using conkers, acorns, pinecones and twigs.
- Help an elderly neighbour or relative to sweep up leaves from the garden.

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.

We look forward to seeing families at our Harvest services next week. If you are going to St Nicholas' church on Tuesday, please would you try to avoid parking near the church as this area gets very congested and the buses need to park near the church to drop off children.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and the strong winds ease off quickly for us all!

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher