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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 pictures sent in linked to last weekend's challenges. These included:

- Matthew R (Explorers) was inspired by spring lambs to create a cotton wool collage ready to give to his grandma on Mother's day
- Jake M (5KH) went for a walk with his grandad, to look for signs of spring. They spotted buds, daffodils and seedlings.
- Cara-Lily B (6CB) wowed us with all the reading and work at home she has done despite being poorly. Well done Cara-Lily.

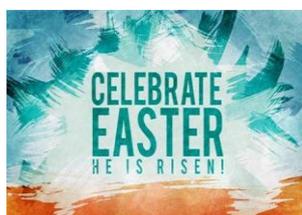
Painted Easter Egg Competition

Our annual 'Decorate an Egg for Easter' competition starts on Monday. Children are invited to decorate hardboiled eggs in as creative a way as possible. There will be two winners selected from each class and each child who enters the competition will receive a small Easter egg for taking part. Last year we had lots of 'eggcellent' entries. The closing date for the competition is **Thursday 4th April**. The difficult job of judging the eggs takes place on Thursday morning and eggs will be returned home at the end of the day on Thursday. I am really looking forward to see all the 'eggcellent' and 'eggciting' entries!



Please would children bring their entries to the shared area on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings and place them on the table with their year group sign on it. Please would it be possible to check that the name and class of your child is included on the entry.

Family Worship and Easter Services



A reminder that our Easter services take place on Tuesday 2nd April. Parents, grandparents and families are very welcome to join us at St Nicholas' Church in Cramlington. Each service will last approximately 30 minutes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-9.30am on Tuesday 2nd April

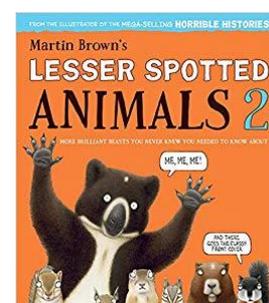
Year 3 and Year 4-Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-11.00am on Tuesday 2nd April

Year 5 and Year 6-Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-1.30pm on Tuesday 2nd April

Any voluntary donations towards the cost of the buses to church would be greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Author Visit at the JLV-A Message from Mrs Bilton

Next Monday, Year 6 will visit the JLV to meet the author Martin Brown. This is a very exciting visit for Year 6 as it will give us our first real taste of life at the JLV. After we've met Martin, We will be able to buy his new books – Lesser Spotted Animals 2, it is a hardback book which will be £10, Lesser Spotted Animals 1 will be £7. Thanks so much for your support with this.



Summer Uniform and Late Spring Weather



Thank you for all your help with school uniform. Thank you for your help in ensuring that all children wear black shoes and that any earrings are taken out before children come to school in the morning. As well as the white polo shirt and red cardigan/sweatshirt, children can wear charcoal grey skirts, charcoal grey smart shorts, charcoal grey smart trousers or a charcoal grey pinafore style dress. Please would it be possible to avoid sending children to school in black or grey leggings. Now that we are moving towards Easter (and hopefully some sunny weather), the children also have the option to wear a red gingham style summer dress.

Please would it be possible to check that all uniform is named so we can quickly return any items of lost property. Thank you so much for all your help with school uniform. Thank you, again, to Mrs Freema Chambers for all her hard work with the uniform community clothing scheme. Mrs Chambers can be contacted on communityschoolcs@gmail.com or Twitter [@communityscs](https://twitter.com/communityscs).

If the warm weather continues when we move into the summer term, please would it be possible to check that children have a water bottle in school and any sun cream is applied before coming to school. Children might also benefit from wearing a sunhat when the weather is particularly sunny. Thank you very much for your help with this.

Cragside v Ponteland Match Reports from Mr Davison and Mr Beck



Cragside 2 - 1 Ponteland B

Cragside travelled to Ponteland Middle School to play two games this week against their B and C teams. Cragside took the lead in the first half when Jake W ran through the defence and scored a great goal into the bottom corner.

Cragside doubled their lead soon after with some great play down the left with Lewis N passing to Max H who played the ball in to James N who saw his shot blocked but Shea H followed up with a great shot that smashed into the side of the goal. Cameron U made an impressive debut as 2nd half sub and managed to get some good tackles and passes in before Ponteland B managed to bag a late consolation goal after some good play down the right hand side.

Cragside 2 - 4 Ponteland C

In their second game of the evening, Cragside were unfortunate to lose 4-2 against Ponteland C. Ponteland took an early lead, which they doubled shortly after to make it 2-0. A great strike from Jake W made the score 2-1 to the hosts. Towards the end of the game, and with Cragside tiring, Ponteland added another two goals to make it 4-1, before Jake W added his second of the game with a stunning free kick to make the final score 4-2. It was a determined performance from Cragside - in particular the resolute back line of Ben S, Lewis N, Benji S and Callum M - who were unfortunate to lose to two wonder-strikes from Ponteland. Well done, lads; a great effort.

Community News- Easter Coffee Morning-2nd Cramlington Beaver Colony



The 2nd Cramlington Beaver Colony are organising a fund raising coffee morning on **Saturday 6th April at 2nd Cramlington Scout HQ**. Ann Welfare, High Pit Road, Cramlington, NE23 6XA . The Easter coffee morning is from **10am-12noon** and all are warmly invited. There will be tea, scones, juice, biscuits and cake to enjoy and lots of games, crafts and competitions. All the monies raised help the 2nd Cramlington Beaver Colony.

Digital Leader Visit to Apple Store



Congratulations to our Digital Leaders for all their hard work at the Apple Store. The children spent time learning about different apps and using different ipads which they will be able to share with children throughout the school in their roles as Digital Leaders. The excellent behaviour of the children who took part was commented upon by all the staff from the Apple store. Well done!

Instrumental Tuition-A Message from Miss Westgarth

Super work Instrumentalists. You have been working hard in your musical instrument lessons. Ben P and Molly A are working well on their Grade 1 pieces and Sara G and Tilly A continue to learn how to keep time and read notation. Our Djembe drummers are composing and performing their own pieces. Well done to Leo R for trying hard and some super contributions. The Group two Ukulelist's are learning Billy Jean, some great focus from Kye P- and Group one Ukulelists are perfecting the piece 'Sponge Bob, square pants'. Well done to William C you are really trying your best in lessons!

Excitingly we have lots more enthusiastic children who are wanting to take up a musical instrument next term. Please contact Miss Westgarth via the main school office if you are interested in learning an instrument next term.



Thank you

On Friday of next week we break up for our Easter Holidays. Also on Friday 5th April, we say a huge thank you and farewell to Miss Higgins who has been with us during the autumn and spring terms. Thank you very much Miss Higgins for all your enthusiasm and hard work and all that you have brought to our school. We wish her all the very best as she starts in her new school. On Monday we welcome back Mrs Urwin from her maternity leave and look forward to all she will bring to our school in the summer term.

A Message from the Reception Team



Great work Reception. We have loved thinking about Katharine B's and Paige C's Focus Week choices of cats, ponies, birthday parties and princesses. The girls have loved baking, making party/princess hats, writing cards and choosing party games. Well done for all your enthusiasm girls! In Literacy, remaining on the theme of cats, Reception have used 'Mog' stories to write simple sentences, cards and lists etc. In Numeracy the children have been thinking about 'one less than' and simple subtraction. Mrs Pemberton and Miss Westgarth have started 'Numeracy Challenges' on Tapestry. Thank you to all the parents and children contributing to these!

Thank you so much also to Marley's Grandma who volunteered her time to paint observational pictures of spring flowers with the children. Thank you- Reception really love to paint! Next Thursday Reception will be joining with Nursery to complete lots of Easter crafts. We are very excited. Reception children have also been busy singing in preparation for our visit to St Nicholas' Church in Cramlington, next Tuesday 2nd of April at 9.30am. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to accompany us- we hope to see lots of friends and families at the Church. Well done for all the hard work this week. Keep reading school reading books at home at least four times weekly Reception. We're proud of you!

A Message from the Key Stage 1 Team

This week Year 1 finished off our unit on Poetry by writing our very own poems about treasures that are precious to us, based on a poem called 'The Treasures' by Clare Bevan. We included treasures from nature, like spring flowers and the crashing of the waves, as well as our favourite books, toys and our family members. It was lovely to hear the children discussing what makes these things precious and their efforts to include interesting vocabulary.



In Maths we have concentrated on weight and mass this week. We used balancing scales to compare the weight of two items, using vocabulary such as 'lighter'; 'heavier and 'equal to'. We then moved on to measuring the weight of different objects and ordering them lightest to heaviest etc. The children created some beautiful artwork in RE portraying Jesus on the cross from the Easter story, and enjoyed making a treasure from nature using clay in DT. We have been singing our socks off while rehearsing for our Easter church service. We hope to see you all at **St Nicholas' church at 9.30am on Tuesday 2nd April** to share our Easter story.

Year 2 have enjoyed their penultimate week of the Easter term and are enjoying the change in weather and playing football and gymnastics on the field! In Maths this week the children have been recapping methods for adding and subtracting numbers up to 100 and have shown excellent knowledge and made some great progress over the week.

In English we have been working on some grammar, punctuation and spelling. The children have been using possessive apostrophes, looking at past and present tense and learning some spelling rules. We are delighted with the quality of the work they have produced this week. In Topic the children designed their own African Safari Park as well as learning all about African tribes and designing their own masks. The children then made up their own African dance which was excellent fun!

A Message from the Year 3 and 4 Team

Year 3 and Year 4 have been rehearsing for our **Easter Service which is on Tuesday 2nd April at 11am in St Nicholas' Church. It would be great to see you there if you can make it.**



Year 3 have enjoyed learning about fractions this week. First we looked at unit and non-unit fractions. We identified the numerator and the denominator. We then looked for different ways to make one whole. The children then learned about tenths and how to represent them in different ways. In English the children watched the story 'Dragon Slayer'. They explored the story using questioning skills and conscience ally. The children used powerful language to retell the events from a battle scene. In RE the children reflected on the events from Holy Week. They worked in role to explore how the disciples may have felt during this time.

Year 4 have been super stars in Maths, working with decimals and fractions. They have been confidently showing tenths and hundredths on a number line, place value grid and partitioning the decimal in different ways. In Literacy, Year 4 have been enthralled by our class novels and have written an excellent book review with illustration. Stage two, of our design unit was impressive with children having a go at hammering and planning their final chairs. We are looking forward to singing for you next week at church.

A Message from the Year 5 and 6 Team

Well done Year 5 and 6 for another very hard-working week.



In Year 6 English lessons, we have very much enjoyed our novel studies. As part of this work, the children have thought about a number of exciting journeys and life stories, they have written about how journeys can change people including fiction characters such as Jim Jarvis. In maths, we have focused on revision of place value and units of measurement including work with 7 and 8-digit numbers, decimal numbers, and units to measure length and mass. We have also completed a number of word problems involving money. In science, we have learned about the adaptations that have evolved in plants and animals to cope with extreme habitats.

To prepare for SATs, we have read extensively and discussed the meaning of new words to increase our knowledge of vocabulary. We have also completed a number of papers to build our test technique. Thank you very much for all of your support from home in continuing to prepare your child for SATs. Just to remind you that SATs week begins on Monday the 13th of May with the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation paper. The reading paper is on the 14th of May. We will then complete the maths papers on the 15th and 16th of May. Please remember that the best preparation is little and often and includes reading as widely as possible and completing Mymaths/ Times tables Rock activities.

Year 5 have begun a new topic of work in English, centred around the magnificent Planet Earth 2 presented by David Attenborough. We have analysed how a narrator uses language to grab the viewer's attention and written our own opening scenes script for an episode. We have also researched the problems with using single use plastic and written a persuasive piece answering the question 'should single-use plastic be banned?' In our Maths lessons, we have continued to look at decimals, including: sequencing and ordering decimals and understanding the relationship between fractions, before we move on to percentages next week. In our Topic lessons we have looked at the tallest mountains in the UK and labelled them on a map. Well done, Year 5!

Weekend Challenge

As we move towards the end of this term and Easter, our challenges have an Easter theme:

- Sunday is Mothering Sunday-please send in any pictures of any early morning acts of kindness that the children have done for mummy or grandma such as a tray filled with lovely things for breakfast in bed or a special Mothering Sunday cake.
- Send in a picture of your child creating his/her entry for the painted Easter egg competition.
- Make some chocolate Easter nest cakes with some small eggs in the nest-yum!
- With the weekend weather looking so good, please send in any pictures of some healthy walks or bike rides-maybe with the first picnic of the year.
- Please send in any pictures of any Lent 'Random Acts of Kindness' that children have done for someone in the family or a family friend.

I hope that all the mums, carers and grandmas have a special day on Mothering Sunday and you all have a lovely weekend. A reminder that the clocks go forward on Sunday morning as we move into British Summer Time- Farewell winter and hello to lighter nights and warmer days!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

Cragside Church of England Primary School: Spring Term (Two) and Start of Summer Term 2019 Calendar for Families

Monday 1 st April	Easter egg competition starts (Reception-Year 6)
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter services at St Nicholas' church-families very welcome 9.30am-Reception/KS1; 11.00am-Year3/4; 1.30pm-Year 5/6
Thursday 4 th April	Easter egg competition-judging and eggs returned home
Friday 5th April	3.10pm Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 st April	Easter Day
Monday 22 nd April	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 23rd April	Children return to school-Start of Summer Term 2019
Tuesday 30 th April Wednesday 1 st May	Parent Evening meetings with teachers
W/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week