



# Cragside Church of England Primary School

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



**Challenge Award**  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROVISION FOR  
ABLE, GIFTED & TALENTED PUPILS  
JANUARY 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Term Newsletter 15: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### Weekend Challenge

Thank you for the photographs that have been sent in as part of our Christmas weekend challenge. These included:

- Jake M (Year 5) who made some tiny cakes, with a sprinkling of festive sparkle-edible glitter. They looked delicious
- Well done to Monty L (Year 2) and Jenson L (Year R) who enjoyed making Christmas biscuits. They were very tasty.
- As part of our festive challenge, Eva HP (Year 5) made some wonderfully creative button snowman Christmas cards.
- Congratulations to Ethan G (Year 3) who helped his mum clean as part of the Advent calendar of kindness.

### Carol Singing

It was lovely to be able to welcome some guests from some of the local residential homes this week into our school. Well done to our Year 6 children for singing carols and serving our guests with some refreshments. It was a really joyful occasion watching our young children interact with our special guests. Well done to our Year 3 and 4 choir who went carol singing to Jubilee Lodge residential home this week. Again, it was a real thrill and joy to be able to share the joy of the Christmas story with the residents and staff of Jubilee Lodge.



### Christingle Service

It was lovely to see so many families at our three Christingle services on Tuesday. Thank you to all the children who read, led prayers and helped with sign language I thought the children's singing was beautiful and really filled the whole of the church. Thank you to Jacqui Wyness from St Nicholas who opened up the church for each of the services and was there to meet us all as we came into the church. St Nicholas Church has a crib service on Christmas Eve at 3pm which is suitable for families. All are welcome to attend.



### Attendance

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

In Early Years- Miss Westgarth's Discoverers Class- with a wonderful 100%

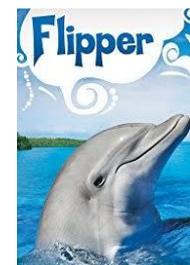
In Key Stage 1-1SG, Miss Grice's Class with a fantastic 100%

In Key Stage 2-Mrs Cant's Class, 3RC with an excellent 99%



### Reception News

Thinking back to their first school day, our Reception children have settled in really well and made such a lot of progress. They have worked so hard and we are proud of all their developments. Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and carers for all of your support. Please keep reading school reading books with your child at home and completing Mathletics games over the holidays. If there are any special activities that happen at home over the Christmas break, please upload a photo or two onto Tapestry for us to share with the children when they return.



For Christmas this year Mrs Pemberton and Miss Westgarth have bought the classes a dolphin- it's called Flipper and we really look forward to learning about it and researching its progress in 2019. Wishing the children and their families a peaceful and very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. HAPPY Christmas!

## A Message from the Key Stage 1 Team



Year 1 have had a fabulous end to our first term together. We were so impressed with the children in our Christingle service on Tuesday! We've spent time this week making Christmas Tree cakes, sparkly decorations and moving puppets. We've also learned some key Christmas words in French and tried singing Jingle Bells in French too! We would like to say a big thank you for all of your support this term and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas! We look forward to seeing the children in January and hearing all about their holiday events!

Year 2 have been enjoying a lovely last week of the autumn term. We have been making Chinese lanterns, recreating the Christmas Story and thinking about our hopes and plans for the new year. We have also had a lot of fun making Christmas cards and calendars for the new year - we hope you like them! Thank you for all your support so far this academic year, we have had a wonderful start to the year and we look forward to welcoming the children back in January. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

## A Message from the Year 3 and 4 Team



This week Year 3 and 4 have been getting really excited for Christmas. We enjoyed going to church on Tuesday to take part in the Christingle service. We were really proud of our children who sang beautifully and read well. On Wednesday we enjoyed our Christmas party. The children enjoyed playing games and dancing. It was a lovely way to end our term and a nice reward for our children who have worked hard and shown real dedication during the autumn term. Thank you for all your

support with these activities and throughout the term. We hope you have a peaceful and restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back on 8th January.

## A Message from the Year 5 and 6 Team



Year 5 and 6 children have impressed us all with two beautiful performances this week. Our Christingle service at St Nicholas' Church was a poignant reminder of the Christmas Truce of 1914 and a collection of beautiful Christmas songs. Well done to the children for reading beautifully and singing their hearts out with so much joy. Our next opportunity to shine was in school with elderly visitors from the local community. The children sang joyfully again and certainly brought a huge amount of Christmas spirit to elderly people in our community. All staff and residents at Harwood Court and at school 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 in classroom discos. Well done to all of Year 5 and 6 children for continuing to shine bright during these exciting activities.

## Thank You

Thank you to Cara Lily B' mum (Year 6) who very generously sent in some books, DVDs and a music docking station for the school to use. We are very grateful for this. Thank you.



## 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 2019, 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. So, please keeeep reading!



## Christmas Challenge

Our Christmas Challenge is to

- Collect lots of Christmas cards for our recycle Christmas cards scheme. Please bring them back to school to recycle them.
- Bring some Christmas joy by doing some baking for an elderly neighbour or family member and share it with them over a hot drink and a chat.

Thank you very much for all your support throughout this Autumn Term. It has been lovely to see the progress that the children have made since September. We are so blessed to have such wonderful parents, grandparents and carers as part of our Cragside family and really appreciate all the help that you give to our school and the support with your children's learning.

I hope that Christmas is a time of blessing, joy and rest for you and all your family and look forward to seeing all our children back to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher

