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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

It has been lovely to see all the weekend challenge pictures that have been sent in this week. These included:

- As part of the harvest challenge of trying a new fruit or vegetable, Ethan G (Year 4) tried a physalis fruit.
- Matthew R (Year 1) had a doubly healthy challenge when he did some climbing at Clip and Climb followed by a healthy 'dinosaur juice'.
- Charlie M (Year 4) and Noah M (Year 1) did the mini stampede this weekend with their cousins. They got super muddy but had great fun. Charlie ran with his daddy. Noah was meant to run with his mummy but sped off and left her behind!
- Charlotte and Libby I (Year 4) did some marvellous bread baking which they shared with their class. As part of their healthy weekend challenge, Charlotte scored a hat trick for her team and Libby got the 4th goal. Charlotte received coaches' player of the game.

Children in Need - Friday 15th November



As part of Children in Need day on Friday 15th November, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. They are invited to make a small donation which will go towards the wonderful work of Children in Need. As part of Children in Need day we will be taking part in the "Big Morning Move" which is an activity session specifically for primary school children led online by Joe Wicks the body coach. Please can we ask that children wear comfortable shoes/trainers for this. There are lots of resources online at bbcchildreninneed.co.uk if you wanted to have a look at home. Thanks for your support.

Cragside Golfers



On Wednesday this week, we took 20 children from Year 3 and Year 4 to a golf tournament. Cragside children worked really well in their two teams supporting each other with lots of encouragement. They really enjoyed representing the school and their hard work paid off as Cragside achieved second place in a very closely contested tournament. The children were brilliant even with the tricky playing conditions in the very muddy field!

Winter Menu



We have a new winter menu which starts on Monday 4th November. A copy of the menu is attached to the newsletter and is on the website. I'm looking forward to the curry day on Monday-my favourite!

Super Fundraising

Well done to Faith in 5LA who raised a whopping £85 for the NSPCC. What a fabulous achievement!

Year 3 Family Worship

It was lovely to see so many families at our Year 3 family worship today. Year 3 danced, sang and dressed up as Tutankhamun. They shared their love of learning about space, wowed us with French counting and helped us learn some wonderfully joyful songs. Well done to Year 3! On **Thursday 7th November** we look forward to welcoming our **Year 2** families for their family worship.



Acts of Kindness - A Message from Mrs Urwin

It has been wonderful and heart-warming hearing all about our children's amazing acts of kindness this week. Thank you for sending in messages of the kindness that the children are showing at home. Some of these included...

- Ryan from 5KH made mum a lovely cup of warm hot chocolate without being asked to.
- Iris from 3JF has been helping her brother to learn his letters, being very patient and supportive with him.
- Jessica from RKW has helped in the kitchen, putting the clean dishes away, and made cakes and biscuits with her daddy.
- Kaydon from 3UC has been helping mummy with the house work.
- Macy from 4HC has been super kind and helpful. She made her brother some beautiful pictures while he was in hospital at the weekend.
- Alfie from RKW showed kindness to his little brother when he fell over at a birthday party. Alfie immediately cuddled him and stayed with him until he was better. Alfie then shared his party bag with him.
- Charlotte 3UC made up her own posters about how to be kind to others.
- Harvey from 1EH helped his mummy to make gherkin soup for tea and then also washed up all of the dishes with a little help from mummy.
- Isla from 3UC held the door open, at the ballet, for her friend to get her bike out. She also helped Mum put the laundry away without even being asked!
- Xavier from 1SG was tail walker for Whitley Bay junior parkrun at the weekend and did very well given it was cold. He has volunteered on 7 separate occasions now!
- Dylan in 2JB has been very kind to his poorly brother this weekend. Dylan has read to him, played with him, and generally been kind!
- Ellie from 1SG has been so kind, considerate and caring looking after her Mam and baby brother after his birth last Friday.
- Owen in Year 5 kindly did the dishes to help his Mam after tea.
- Finn from 3UC was kind and thoughtful. It started to rain so he kindly took their rabbit Willow back in her hutch.
- Ellis from 2JB made a birthday card for her friend Abigail.

Thank you for sending in all these random acts of kindness. It is lovely to see our children being so kind at school and at home.

Reception News

Reception

We are so proud of all our Reception children in their first half term. All the children have developed so much confidence and made super progress in their first few weeks at Cragside. Please remember to keep reading with your child over the half term holiday, Active Learn is available for parents looking for more reading books and Mathletics is a fantastic resource for supporting early number. You are welcome to share any holiday snaps or news with us on Tapestry so staff can share news with classes in the first week back. Have a restful and peaceful holiday Reception. We look forward to seeing you when we return. Thanks again!

Application for Secondary Places for September 2020

A reminder for our Year 6 families that the portal for application forms for secondary school for September 2020 closes on 31st October 2019. Please would it be possible to check that you have completed the form before this date. The form can be found at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

Open Evening and Reception Applications for September 2020

**OPEN
DAY**

It was so lovely to see so many families from lots of different nurseries attending our Open Morning and Open Evening this week. Thank you very much to all our children who volunteered to help with this. A reminder for families with children who are due to start in Reception in September 2020 that the portal to apply for a place opens on 1st November 2019 and closes on 15th January 2020. The application form can be found at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx> or by telephoning Northumberland school admissions team on 0345 600 6400.

If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place at our school and would like to look around our school too contact our school office on 01670 714200 or admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk

Calendar Dates for end of Autumn (One) and start of Autumn (Two)



- Thursday 24th October-3.10pm-school closes for half term
- **Friday 25th October-Training Day**
- Monday 4th November-Start of Autumn Term (Two)
- Thursday 7th November-Year 2 Family Worship at 9.00am
- Tuesday 12th November-individual and family photographs
- Thursday 14th November-Year 1 Family Worship at 9.00am
- Friday 15th November-Children in Need Day-non uniform-wear something spotty, sporty or just something that you enjoy to wear!

Shoe Box Appeal



We have had a letter from the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal asking if any families might like to support their annual shoe box appeal. They are collecting shoe boxes that can be sent to children for Christmas. Shoe boxes should be for a boy or girl and might include items including toothbrushes, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, colouring books, hats, gloves, soft toys, balls, toys (not war related toys). Shoe boxes should be returned to school by Thursday 14th November at the latest. Information and labels can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Training Day and Autumn Term (Two)

A reminder that school closes at the end of today for our half term. Friday 25th October is a staff training day. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on **Monday 4th November** for the start of Autumn (Two) half term.

Half Term Challenge

As we move into our half term holiday, our challenges include:

- Supersonic reading with lots of entries in children's planners as we look to award our high flying readers at the start of the new term.
- Making a wonderful picture using things collected on an autumn walk such as conkers, beechnuts...
- With the Bake Off final during half term, please send in pictures of any 'show stopper' cakes that the children bake.
- Making a shelter out of branches in a wooded area.



Thank you for all your help and support during this first half term. The children have done so well and we are really proud of all their achievements. We look forward to all our children returning on **Monday 4th November at 8.40am** as we start all our exciting learning leading up to Christmas. We hope you have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher