



# Cragside Church of England Primary School

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

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Good morning from our school gate, I hope you are feeling well today. I hope that you had a good day on Bank Holiday Friday and the enjoyed the weekend. Did you remember to put on some suntan lotion on Saturday in the lovely sunny weather?

On Friday it was 75 years since the end of World War 2. 75 years ago adults and children in our country celebrated that the war was over and those children who had been evacuated to the country were allowed to come home to be with their parents again. It must have been such a happy day for them after all the scary and difficult days that they had to go through during the war. It was lovely to see some of the special things that many of our Cragside children did to remember this important date in history.

You are living through a different period of history at the moment. Just like the children felt 75 years ago, there will be some days where you might feel a bit scared and sad that we can't be with our friends at the moment....I know that I do. One day this will come to an end and we will look forward to celebrating when we can all come back together again at school...and maybe enjoy some cake together just like they did 75 year ago!



I have loved seeing the letters and the messages that the postman has brought this week. He even brought some cupcakes, some painted pebbles and some salt dough hearts with messages on. I love to read them all and enjoy sharing the cakes with the adults and children who come into school during the week-they make everyone smile!

On Friday, the Queen spoke to the whole country. She talked about the end of the war and then she talked about what we are all dealing with at the moment. If you didn't see it, you might ask an adult to show you this on BBC iPlayer or YouTube. One of the things that she said made me think about our school. The Queen said, "*Our streets are not empty, they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other*".

**When I stand in the corridors today, they feel very empty as you and your friends are not walking through them. Even though they are empty, I know that they are filled with the love and care that all the adults in our school have for you.**

Thank you for the amazing love and care that you are showing towards your supersonic home teachers at the start of this new week. This week they will be making your meals, washing your clothes, doing their own work, shopping, looking after neighbours and being your teacher. I'm exhausted just thinking about it! Stop whatever you are doing and give them the biggest 'thank you hug' you can manage!

So, here we are at the start of another week again. It is week six. Just think of all the things that you have done over the last five weeks and give yourself a big pat on the back. We are proud of you! As we start week six, it's so exciting to think about all the amazing adventures you will go on in the books that you read and listen to this

week. Someone who wears a big red and white hat thought this too. Can you think who this was? I wonder how many Do-jo points you will achieve this week-remember to write them in our planner so you can add them to your class total.

I know that you will do your very best with all the new learning that you will do this week. I can't wait to see the photographs of you learning that your parents will send in. They always make me smile. If you have a minute, it would be great if you would be able to post a letter to let me know all the things you have been doing.

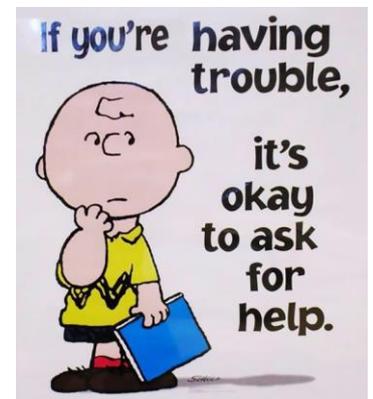
Remember to add a lovely colourful picture too!



**"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."**

I know that some days learning at home might feel a little harder than others. It is the same for me and all the adults who are teaching you at home. We all have really good days and we all have days that feel a bit like walking in some sticky treacle.

One of my favourite characters is Charlie Brown. Can you read what he is saying in this picture? Every day it is okay to ask for help. This might be about something you are learning about. It might be because you are feeling a little sad or worried.



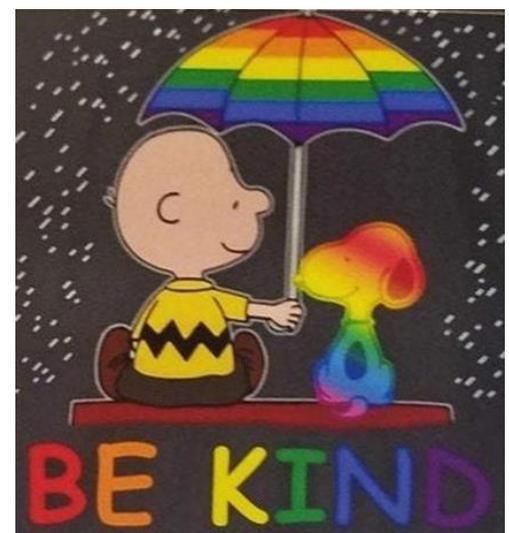
I will often knock on Mrs Parker's door and ask her for help. It helps me to talk to someone when I feel a little worried or if I am having trouble. Don't forget that you are loved by your adults and your feelings are important to them. This week, remember to ask for help or talk to an adult if you are worried about something. It really does help.

At the end of this letter, I have added six challenges for week six. All of them have got something to do with the number six. I wonder if you could set someone in your house a challenge linked to the number six. It might be to see if they can do six keepy uppies with a football or how quickly it takes them to put six pairs of socks on. Try to make up a fun '6' challenge and send some pictures of it into school.

What do I say each week?...Remember to be kind to yourself. I am sure that you will be really caring and kind to everyone in your house this week to help them with all the things that they are doing. I will be listening for you clapping and banging your pans on Thursday night. Like every Thursday, I will also be clapping for you and all the hard work that you are doing this week.

Each time you walk past the school gates or peoples' houses look at all the rainbows. Remember the story of Noah. After all the storms and rain he went through, one day God sent a rainbow which was a sign of hope. We will all get through this together. You are doing really well- I will be thinking about you all week and can't wait to hear about all that you have been doing.

Take care,



*Mr Rusby and all the Adults at Cragside CE Primary School*



## ***Six Challenges for Week Six***

*I wonder if you might be able to do any of the six challenges for week six...?*



1. Dice have six sides. Can you make your own out of paper, card or wood?
2. F is the sixth letter of the alphabet. How many names, animals, cities and countries can you think of that begin with the letter/sound f?
3. The first three numbers add up to 6.  $1+2+3=6$ . I wonder what  $1+2+3+4=$  and what  $1+2+3+4+5=$  How far can you go?
4. Can you make a pizza for your family with six different toppings?
5. The sixth colour of the rainbow is indigo. Can you make a picture using lots of light and dark shades of indigo?
6. Can you think of six people you have not seen for a little while. They might be friends or relatives. Can you find six different ways of sending each of them a message to make them smile? Text, letter, card might be three ideas. I wonder which six you will choose?

**Can you make up your own challenge about the number 6 for someone in your house?**