



# 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  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 2: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Weekend Challenge



It was lovely to receive lots of emails and pictures about some of last week's weekend challenges. Congratulations to all our staff, children and parents who ran the Great North Run. It is an incredible achievement to complete the Junior Great North Run and Great North Run-well done! Some of the weekend challenge pictures sent in included:

- Luke W (Y4) took part in the premier league under 9 welcome festival playing matches against Man Utd, Liverpool, Chelsea and Spurs. He enjoyed a full active weekend of sport and even had his picture taken with the Premier league trophy.
- Oliver L (Y4) and Charlotte L (Y2) both completed the mini great north run and raised over £100 for the teenage cancer trust.
- Daisy A (Y5) attended the City Games in Newcastle and the Great North Run to cheer on friends and family. She met Team GB international long jumpers Greg Rutherford and Jazmine Sawyers.
- Thomas I(Y2) & Jacob I (Rec) competed in the mini Great North Run, Thomas at a speedy pace and Jacob running the whole distance. Both running for [www.Scottbellfund.com](http://www.Scottbellfund.com)
- Thomas J (Y6) and Isla J (Y3) supported their mam who ran with, and pushed, her goddaughter in the Junior Wheelchair Great North Run on Saturday and they won!! Isla helped collect money for the Evening Chronicle Sunshine Fund on the day.
- Elliot B (Y1) completed his second mini Great North Run.
- Ellie F (Rec) enjoyed supporting her Uncle Chris in the Great North Run on Sunday who was running for SANDS in memory of her baby brother.
- For our Roald Dahl challenge, Jake M (Y5) made some gruesome Twits Beards cakes, infested with worms, spiders, and "bits of old food."
- Charlotte I (Y3) and Libby I (Y3), Elle H (Y1) and Will I (Y 1), looked at all of the Roald Dahl books and picked a picture to draw. Elle drew Sophie from the BFG, Charlotte chose the Grand High Witch from Witches.
- As part of our reading challenge, Bobbi J (Y3) collected her certificate and medal for completing the summer reading challenge 'mischievous makers' at the library.
- As part of our extreme reading challenge, Yulia Y (Y5) sent in a picture of her reading in the Kremlin in Moscow and also one with her reading in the Space Museum.

### Archbishop of York Visit



It was a real thrill to have the Archbishop of York visit our school at the end of last week. He arrived with nine other members of his team. They looked around our school before sitting down to lunch with our children. After lunch they took part in a question and answer session with Year 6 children before the Archbishop led a whole school collective worship. We asked him to try to summarise what he picked up when being in our school. He and his team drew a picture (which I have copied below) which simply said LOVE. He said he really felt a strong sense of real love and care in all the relationships that he saw as he walked around school and a sense that love was really at the heart of the school.



## Flu Consent Forms

A reminder that today (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September) is the final day for nasal flu immunisation consent forms to be returned for children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Staff from NHS will collect these from school. Unfortunately, children will be unable to receive the nasal flu immunisation at school unless we have the consent form in today. If you need a new form, or still need to hand it in, please would you contact our admin team today by phone (01670 714200), email ([admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk)) or calling in to the office this afternoon. We have some spare forms in the office.



## Mid-term Celebration Lunch

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Dunn and her catering team have planned a 'mid-term' celebration lunch. We listened to what some of the children said they really like to eat and have used this as the menu for the day. The menu is: chicken nuggets or hot dog in a bun (vegetarian option available), chips, beans, iced ring doughnut and apple or orange juice.



Reception, Y1 and Y2 are free as they are covered through Universal Free Meals. For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the cost is £2.30 per child payable via [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) or cash/cheque in named envelope. Children who normally stay for school dinners for the full week will have the cost covered in their normal £11.50 per week payment; however they will still need to return their choice slip which was sent home yesterday.

Please can all slips to be returned no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 so we can order the correct amount of food. Our next celebration lunch will be our Christmas lunch which will be at the start of December-further details to follow.

## Instrumental Tuition-A Message from Miss Westgarth

All of Cragside's budding musicians who have requested to learn a musical instrument should now have been allocated times this Monday (17<sup>th</sup>) or Tuesday (the 18<sup>th</sup> of September), by the school office. Six half hour lessons this half term will cost £20. Please contact Miss Westgarth via the school office if you wish your child to learn the Violin, Ukulele or Drum. It really is great fun learning an instrument.

All tuition will begin next week- with violin lesson's during Monday lunch time, Ukulele lessons on Tuesday lunch times and Djembe drumming beginning this Tuesday after school 3.15 until 3.45, please collect your child from the main office after the lesson. Thank you to parents for all of your support with music tuition. We look forward to hearing from lots of talented musicians throughout this school year.

## Subscription Websites and On Line Learning

As a school we purchase a number of online learning resources each year to support our children. Children need a login and password for the individual site. We are currently adding information about logins into each child's planner. If you have any problems with logging on, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will try to help. Examples of some of the websites include:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Active Learn (including online e-reading scheme and Abacus Maths)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LanguageNut (Modern Foreign Languages)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathletics (Mathematics)	✓	✓	✓				
My Maths (Mathematics)				✓	✓	✓	✓
Sumdog (Mathematics Competitions)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tapestry	✓						

## High Flying Readers-A Message from Mrs Bilton

What a pleasure it was to present High Flying Reading balloons in a special celebration worship on Thursday. Lots of children have made such a hard-working start with their reading this term, which was wonderful to share and celebrate with Year 1-6. After the October half-term holiday we will be joined by Reception children to celebrate all of the reading across our school. Whilst we were together, we also celebrated Roald Dahl day so your child may ask if they can read you a Roald Dahl book which will earn them double tallies in our Reading Challenge. Keeeeep reading!



## Reception News

All our Reception children have got off to a fantastic start this week- their first full week of the year! The children are all getting used to the routines and expectations of school alongside developing lots of new friends and different relationships. The children have also enjoyed a week of school meals too- please see Cragside's school website for our weekly menus.



During this week, the children have enjoyed their first lessons of PE in the Hall, getting changed into kits! They have also loved decorating and creating lollies as part of Roald Dahl day in Reception when we thought about the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Please remember to keep an eye on our [@CragsidePrimary](#) profile on Twitter to keep up to date with photos of any exciting events in Reception.

This **Tuesday the 18th of September at 1.30pm** we welcome all Reception parents to attend an Early Years reading, writing and Numeracy meeting with the opportunity to learn how to support your child at home using the strategies school teaches. Parents will also gain valuable information, logins and passwords for websites such as Tapestry, Mathletics and Active Learn. After the meeting there will be an opportunity for all parents/family members to visit their child's classroom and play with them before home time. We really look forward to seeing you all then! Thank you to all our Reception parents so far for all their support. We are really proud of all of Reception's super stars!

## Key Stage One News



This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed reading the story 'Aaaaaah Spider!' and thinking about how the characters might feel at different points in the story. We enjoyed retelling the story in our own words and predicting what might happen at the end. In Maths we have been finding one more and one less than numbers up to 20 using counting objects, number lines and 100 squares. The children are getting so quick at this skill! We also started new topics. In Science we used descriptive language to talk about the

properties of Lego, thought about features of our local area in Geography and learned about the Creation Story in RE! A busy week! Today children will be bringing home their new homework task books, and all reading records should have been updated with log-in details for Mathletics and ActiveLearn. Please see Miss Grice if there are any problems with this.

Year 2 have had another fun filled week, beginning on Monday when Coach Nick came in and taught them some balance and co-ordination skills which they used to compete in a series of fun races.

In English lessons this week the children have continued their work on Monsters, discussing how children feel when confronted with fears and then describing some famous monsters (Sully and Mike). The children also began to use commas for a list; they went to the zoo and listed animals they saw as well as creating a shopping list of their own. In Maths the children have been comparing numbers up to 100 and have been learning to use the words and symbols to show greater than and less than when comparing two numbers. We continued our topic lessons on The Great Fire of London and have been comparing life in 1666 with life in 2018 and are looking forward to the visit of the Fire service on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September to help with our topic.

## News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 have been learning about 3 digit numbers. They spent time making numbers using place value counters and then compared them using greater than and less than signs. On Roald Dahl Day the children solved problems based on his books using their trial and error skills. In English the children have continued to find out lots of incredible information about Tutankhamun. They completed a piece of descriptive writing about the treasures discovered in his tomb.

In Year 4 we have been learning to write a diary entry in role as an astronaut. We used challenging vocabulary linked to space. In Maths we have been mastering rounding to the nearest 100 using 4 digit numbers. We have been solving problems. In topic we have been using our knowledge of the Romans to recreate Hadrian's Wall in all its glory! We look forward to sending out some pictures of the completed wall.

## Year 6 Family Worship

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 6 will be sharing the first family Collective Worship of the year. We would like to invite all of our families with children in Year 6 to join us for our first worship as the oldest children in school. We look forward to seeing you at 9am in the school hall.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September Cragside are planning to take part in the Macmillan Coffee morning. We would really appreciate any donations of cakes, which can be homemade or shop bought, to be brought in on the 28th. Children can all bring a small donation to school to buy a cake. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan.



## News from Upper Key Stage 2

Well done Year 5 and 6 for another brilliant week! In English lessons, Year 6 have continued to study the Eye of the Wolf and produced some excellent pieces of writing and drama. In maths, we have focused on negative numbers and solved a range of problems around temperature and negative number sequences. In science, we've started our new topic about living things and habitats and in computing we're already coding! In topic lessons about Raging Rivers, we're focusing on geography and researched where water comes from and the rivers of the UK. Well done Year 6, you're already showing us how incredibly hard-working and mature you are.



Year 5 have had another fantastic week and they are continuing to be really positive role models in upper key stage two. We have read further chapters of Friend or Foe in English, and from this, written wonderful reports to an officer from one of our main characters. Year 5 have also been working on their inference skills, finding quotes and other evidence to support their opinions. In Maths, we have been partitioning large numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and also learning how to read, write and represent numbers to a thousand. Using our map skills, we have found places within Northumberland which show signs of early Anglo-Saxon settlement before looking on a wider scale at the United Kingdom. We have been astonished at the level of effort and enthusiasm from our pupils - brilliant work!

## Robinwood-A Message from Mrs Bilton



Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend please don't worry at all, you can ask any questions when I'm out on the yard at the beginning and end of the day. Just to remind you that you should drop your child off on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at the main entrance between 8.40 and 8.50. If your child needs medication when we are away, please

make sure that you leave it with Mrs Nesbit. We aim to be back to school for approximately 4.30pm on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Many thanks for your support with this important residential visit.

## Attendance

It has been lovely to see so many children ready and raring to go when the doors open at 8.40am each morning. Well done for excellent punctuality. Each week we celebrate the classes in each phase of the school with the highest attendance. The classes with the highest attendance last week were:



In Early Years- Reception Explorers (Mrs Pemberton's class) with an excellent 98%.

In Key Stage 1-1SG (Miss Grice's class) with an outstanding 100%

In Key Stage 2-6ER (Miss Rennison's class) with an excellent 98%.

## Year 6 Applications for Secondary Schools and Primary School-September 2019

Northumberland's County Council's online admission for places for **secondary schools** for September 2018 opened on Wednesday 12th September 2018 until Wednesday 31st October 2018. We have updated our school website's admissions page with the secondary school admissions handbook for parents. Families who live in Northumberland should apply through Northumberland County Council and families who live in North Tyneside should apply through North Tyneside Council. Further information can be found on the council websites:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions> or

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions> Cramlington Learning Village have an information evening on

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Further details will come directly from Cramlington Learning Village later this month.



The Online Portal for admissions to **Reception for a September 2019** start will open from the 1 November 2018 until 15 January 2019. We will be holding an Open Morning and Open Evening on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. If you know parents who are looking for a Reception place for 2019, please would you let them know about these sessions which start at 9.30am and 6.00pm.



## DIY Streets Drop-in Session for Parents- this Monday (17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm)

Northumberland County Council is working with school, residents and families to think about how we can help improve the streets around the school, considering areas such as parking and travel to school. DIY Streets is part of Sustran's community street design work, who work closely with local communities to help them redesign their neighbourhood affordably, putting people back at its heart and making it safer, more attractive and easier to walk and cycle for everyday journeys. We try to address broader community aspirations, including the reclamation of public space to create more sociable and playable places, making them more attractive for walking and cycling, the encouragement of more cautious and courteous driving behaviour, the planting of trees, and the creation of public art.



The first stage of the project is to hear your views about living in the streets around Cragside or your journeys to the school itself. Before the summer break we launched the website, [crag-sidediystreets.info](http://crag-sidediystreets.info), so that people can read about the project and share their views. We would like to invite you to come along to our first drop-in session this **Monday (17th Sept) between 2.00pm and 4.00pm** to let us know about your routes and experiences on the school run. There will be large displays and maps and the project team will be around to chat to. Please drop in from 2pm onwards at the main entrance to Cragside. We hope to see you there!

## Family Worship Dates for this Term

We are in the process of updating our Google calendar for parents which can be accessed via the school website. Some of the dates for family worship, parent events and special services this term include:

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am-Year 6 Family Worship
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9am-Year 5 Family Worship
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 3.30pm and 6pm-Parent Meetings with teacher
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 3.30pm and 6pm-Parent Meetings with teacher
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm-Cramlington Learning Village Open Evening (Year 6)
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9am-Year 3 Family Worship
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am-Reception Harvest Service in school
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October-Y1/2 Harvest (9.30am); Y3/4 Harvest (11.00am); Y5/6 Harvest (1.30pm) at St Nicholas Church
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Open Morning (9.30am) and Open Evening (6.00pm) for Parents (Reception 2019 intake)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9am-Year 4 Family Worship
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9am-Year 2 Family Worship
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9am-Year 1 Family Worship
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am-Reception Christmas Performance
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am-Reception Christmas Performance
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm-Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am-Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm-Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am-Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm-Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am-Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Rec/Y1/2 Christmas (9.30am); Y3/4 Christmas (11.00am); Y5/6 Christmas (1.30pm) at St Nicholas Church



## Weekend House Point Challenge

Our weekend challenge this week is inspired by the Great British Beach Clean which happens this weekend. Details of events on our local beaches can be found at <https://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/>.

- Help keep one of the local beaches clean by either taking part in one of the beach clean events or doing your own clean with your family. Don't forget your safety gloves and be really careful with what you pick up.
- Take a photograph or a picture that you have made on the sand using shells, seaweed or pebbles. This might be the outline of a fish, octopus or even your name...be creative!

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.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and the weather is good to us all so we can enjoy being outside during these last few weeks of late summer and early autumn.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher

