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**“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 her healthy weekend challenge, Jasmine W (Year 5) got to captain her Cramlington United Under 10's football team to a great 10-2 victory which has pushed them to the top of their league.
- Also taking part in our healthy challenges, Marley R (Year 1) raised £50 for a charity that provides defibrillators by swimming 205 meters - 20.5 lengths of the pool! What an amazing achievement!
- Well done to Paige C (Year 1) who loved learning about saving the planet so much so that she's been picking up litter on her way home from school this week and even wants to go on a walk on Saturday so she can go litter picking! What a great eco star you are!
- Still inspired by our space week, Jake M (Year 6) made some space themed, star shaped scones and biscuits-they looked delicious!

Harvest Festival

What a joy to see so many families at our Harvest Festival services on Thursday and Friday of this week. It was lovely to hear the children's wonderful singing and sharing their harvest thoughts and prayers. Thank you very much for all the generous gifts that were sent in for the Hope Centre Food Bank. These will be distributed to families in the Cramlington area who I am sure will appreciate them. Well done to all our children for such uplifting and joyful harvest services.



Thank you to Jacqui Wyness, Rev'd Rachel and Jess from St Nicholas' church who gave us such a warm welcome, opened up for our families and kept the heat going so we were all snug and warm in church. Jess comes into school each week to help with our prayer station activities which we are very grateful for!

Random Acts of Kindness - A message from Mrs Urwin

Share your acts of kindness! If your child carries out an act of kindness we would love to hear about it. It might be holding the door open for someone, feeding the birds, writing a thank you note, helping with chores around the home, etc. Drop a message to Mrs Urwin at Lyndsey.urwin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk with your child's name and year group. You could even attach a photograph! We will enjoy sharing some of these through school display and our Acts of Kindness Book. Also look out for your special act which will be shared in subsequent newsletters. Embrace being kind!

Well done Reception. This week we have been busy thinking about Joey B and Stan B's Focus weeks, making pizzas, sharing stories of swimming lessons and reading the stories, Room on the Broom and Tyrannosaurus Drip. All the children loved a session of Forest School, making wands, looking for conkers and toasting marshmallows with chocolate Rolos- yum!

Thank you so much to all the families and friends who came along to Reception's Harvest celebration. It was lovely to hear such enthusiastic singing and see lots of smiles from our youngest children. Many thanks to all who came.

Cragside 4 - 2 Dr Thomlinson-A Message from Mr Beck



Cragside had their 4th game this week, recording their fourth win in a row and maintaining their perfect start to the football season. Cragside went down 1-0 in the first few minutes but were level soon after with a goal from Luke W. They then took the lead through Will C before Dr Thomlinson scored again to level the game. Cragside gave themselves a shake and began to play their normal game, moving the ball more fluently and creating more chances. Cragside scored two second half goals with Shea and Lewis both finding the net to secure 3 more points. Cragside currently sit top of the league with just one more game due before half term. Well done to all involved in Monday's win: Lucas C, Lucas W, Olly A, Jim N, Shea H, Olly L, Luke W, Riley M, Lewis N, Will C and Olly Q.

Cramlington Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament-Match Report from Mr Beck

Cragside Girls had their first opportunity to show off their footballing skills and ability this week, when they attended the Cramlington and Seaton Valley Girls Football tournament at the JLV on Thursday. Cragside's first game was against Shanklea which they won 1-0 with a great finish from Hollie W in the first 30 seconds being enough to secure the win. Cragside's second game was against Northburn, which despite a great effort they were beaten 2-1 - a smashing goal from Alex I was a particular highlight of this fixture. Cragside were back to winning ways in their next game against Hareside which they won 1 - 0 thanks to a tidy finish from Shona E. Cragside finished off their tournament by beating Burnside 2-0 with another goal each for Hollie W and Shona E. Throughout the tournament Cragside played brilliantly with Jasmine W, in goal, keeping 3 clean sheets with some excellent saves and help from tenacious defenders Ella K and Lucy P. Cragside dominated the midfield and created many chances in each game with Faith G, Sophia H, Alex I, Shona E and Hollie W controlling play and finishing neatly. Unfortunately for Cragside their 3 wins and 1 loss was narrowly beaten by Northburn who won 3 and drew 1 to secure first place by a solitary point. Well done to all the girls on a magnificent tournament.

Instrumental Tuition-A Message from Miss Westgarth



Well done instrumentalists- you have all worked very hard this half term. If any children are interested in taking up Ukulele, Violin or Djembe drum lessons for next half term. Please contact Miss Westgarth via the main office.

SUPERCLASS

Well done Explorers and Discoverers on achieving SUPERCLASS this week! We celebrated by having a teddy bear and pyjama party. Keep working hard - we are so proud of you all.

Thank you!

Thank you to Alfie's Mum (Year 6) who came in this week to do some baking with our Year 6 children. The space cookies were out of this world!

Thank you very much to Owen's Dad (Year 5) for supplying some hard hats and safety vests for our planned construction area.



Thank you very much to Abigail's Mum (Year 2) for donating a huge new beanbag for our library area. The children will love sitting to read on this.

Open Morning and Open Evening

**OPEN
DAY**

Thank you to all the children who have volunteered to help on our Open Evening which is on Wednesday 23rd October. Please would it be possible for the children who are helping to come for 4.50pm and be collected from either their classroom or the main hall just before 6.00pm

Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening which take place next week. Our Open Evening starts at **5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd October** with a short talk followed by the opportunity to look around school. No booking is required for this and children are welcome to attend with families.

Our Open Morning starts at **9.30am on Wednesday 23rd October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk or telephone 01670 714200. If this date is inconvenient we can arrange an alternative.

If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place at our school, please would you mention the Open Evening to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office. The Online Portal for admissions to Reception for a September 2020 start will open on the 1 November 2019.

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



- Wednesday 23rd October-Open Morning 9.30am-10.30am for Reception 2020 places
- Wednesday 23rd October-Open Evening 5.00pm-6.00pm for Reception 2020 places
- Thursday 24th October-Year 3 Family Worship at 9.00am
- 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!

Training Day and Autumn Term (Two)

A reminder that school closes at the end of the day on **Thursday 24th October**. 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 which will include our Remembrance Day service, Children in Need Day and all the celebrations through Advent as we will start to move closer to Christmas.

Weekend Challenges

Thank you very much to Rev'd Rachel from St Nicholas' Church for setting our weekend challenge. As we give thanks to God for the harvest, our weekend challenge is:

- Try a new fruit or vegetable which you haven't tried before giving thanks for the wonder of creation and all the fruit and vegetables that we have to enjoy.
- Use some of the autumn vegetables or fruit to make an autumn themed meal, autumn soup or autumn smoothie.
- Use some strong white flour and quick yeast to make a traditional harvest platted loaf or harvest bread bun.

Thank you for any picture of our harvest challenges or some samples of the harvest baking!

We hope that the rain stops and we can all enjoy lots of time outside during the weekend. Well done, again, to all our children for their harvest singing and all the generous donations for the foodbank at the Hope Centre-these will really make a difference to the families who receive them.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
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