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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Well done to all our children who took part in our weekend challenges. These included:

- Isla J (Year 3) and Thomas J (Year 6) helped prepare a Chinese banquet at home and enjoyed trying to use chopsticks to eat it.
- As part of our healthy challenge, Georgia U (Year 4) enjoyed a healthy walk with her family around Hindhope Linn.
- Jake M (Year 5) helped to prepare and cook a vegetable stir fry to mark Chinese New Year. He also had a go at using chopsticks.
- Leland C (Year 6) and Kayleigh C (Year 3) enjoyed Chinese New Year and used chopsticks to eat their food.
- Elle H (Year 1) and Libby I (Year 3) and Charlotte I (Year 3) made chicken stir fry and noodles for their dinner to celebrate Chinese New Year.
- Emilia B (Explorers) went for a walk in Plessey woods to look for early signs of spring. She heard lots of birds singing!
- Ethan G (Year 3) walked around Cragside National Trust property and found lots of green shoots and other signs of spring.

On Your Marks Club-Cramlington Churches

On Your Marks is a club run by Cramlington Parish and is suitable for children aged from 6 to 11. It takes place on the fourth Sunday of each month at Beaconhill Community Centre. Their next session is on **Sunday 24th February starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm**. All are very welcome! They are having a 'Technology' special evening which will include lots of fun activities and a cooked meal. The On Your Marks team would really love to see lots of new faces and all children from Year 1 through to Year 6 are warmly invited. It would be great if you could bring a £1 donation towards the cost of the food.



Sport Academy-A Message from Oliver A (Year 5)



A number of children from Year 5/6 were selected with me to take part in the Sports Academy at Cramlington Sporting Club. We take part in a variety of fun sports such as football, basketball, sprinting, speed and agility. The academy is not gender specific so females and males can take part. It is lots of fun and you can do dodgeball at the end of the session. If I had to rate this out of 10, I would pick 10 out of 10-I enjoy it so much!

Many thanks to Oliver for writing this and congratulations to him and all our members of the Sports Academy.

Batteries-A Message from Miss Rennison

As part of our recycling work, all the children have been given a small box to store used AA, AAA, C and D batteries. Once you have a few batteries in the box, please would your child deposit the batteries in the large battery recycling holder in the main school entrance area.



Children's Mental Health Week 2019-A Message from Mrs Clarke

This week in our PSHE lessons we have been thinking about being healthy, both inside and out. The children have been given opportunities to think about how they can keep their minds healthy as well as their bodies. This has included how food and sleep can impact on our mental health as well as physical health. There are lots of resources available online to support discussions with your child about the importance of looking after your mind as well as your body. <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-carer-resources/supporting-your-childs-mental-health.aspx>

Reception Family Worship

It was lovely to welcome so many families to Reception's family worship which took place on Thursday of this week. Our Reception children filled our school with joyful singing, Chinese dancing and readings all about love and kindness. We were all so proud of their confidence speaking in front of more that 400 adults and children-well done!

Family Worship



Attendance

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

In Early Years-Mrs Pemberton's Explorer Class

In Key Stage 1-Mr Beck's Class (2JB) with 100%-a wonderful achievement!

In Key Stage 2-Miss Hebdon's Class (5KH) and Mr Flynnwood's Class (5JHW) both with 99%



Instrumental Lessons-A Message from Miss Westgarth

Well done to all our instrumentalists for a super week of learning. Instrumental lessons will resume after the holidays on the Monday 25th February and Tuesday 26th February. Keep up your practise at home and we look forward to seeing you then!



A Message from the Reception Team

We're so proud of all our Reception children. This week, staff have had the opportunity to share learning and achievements with families during Receptions parents' evenings and it has been lovely to share all the children's developments and learning. Thank you to parents for all your support!

This week, Reception have had a busy time learning about Jesus and his Disciples in Literacy and doubling numbers in Numeracy. Can your child recite the doubling rap? The children have also loved spending time in the forest playing the pea 'pick up' game and toasting marshmallows. As part of 'Children's Mental Health week', Reception thought about our emotions, staying calm and made breathing wands to help us concentrate on our thoughts and breathing. Well done Reception.

Finally a big well done to all our Early Years children for a fantastic Valentine's assembly on the theme of Chinese New Year and love. All our audience enjoyed the super singing, dancing and speaking parts. What a lot of confidence Reception have developed and we are so proud. Well done Reception! We wish all our children a really lovely half term break. Keep reading, writing and using Mathletics during the holidays and we look forward to seeing you back for Spring Two.

Kindness Challenge

Well done to all the children for working so hard towards our kindness challenge. It was lovely to hear so many personal stories from children about kindness that they had received and kindness that they had shared. Well done!



A Message from the Key Stage 1 Team



This week in Maths Year 1 have been doing lots of problem solving using addition and subtraction. We have focused on subtracting when crossing 10, with lots of us using our number bonds to help. Children are confident with finding 3 matching facts when given a number sentence such as $4 + 5 = 9$. In English we read the lovely book '10 things we can do to look after our world' by Melanie Walsh. We came up with lots of ways to look after the planet, then made posters and wrote letters to share them. In Science we finished our materials topic with two investigations - which material is best to make an umbrella and what would make the strongest house for the three little pigs? The children used lots of fabulous scientific vocabulary and worked well in teams to investigate the different materials. We have also been practising our words and songs for our Family Worship on Thursday 28th February at 9am, we hope to see you all there! Have a lovely half-term break!

Year 2 have enjoyed the final week of this half term exploring 3D shapes in further detail and finding objects in real life that match the shapes we have been learning about. The children have been learning all the properties of 3D shapes and are able to identify a 3D shape using its properties.

In English we have been looking at a range of spelling, punctuation and grammar, the children have created amazing posters with the Year 2 common exception words. We have also been learning about the irregular past tense and changing verbs such as throw to threw, go to went etc. The children have displayed wonderful knowledge of how to use a possessive apostrophe and wrote some very exciting sentences about their favourite possessions. In topic this week we have rounded up our explorers topic with some exciting work about Amelia Earhart and Florence Nightingale! Thank you for your continued support this half term, it was lovely to see so many of you this week at parents' evening. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange another chat or if you need anything and we will do all we can to help. Thank you.

A Message from the Year 3 and 4 Team



This week Year 3 have been focusing on RE and Topic work. In RE the children have been learning about The Creation of the world and The Fall of people away from God. The children watched and read the story of Adam and Eve. They created a role play acting out the story and thought about the feelings of different characters. The children then used this information to write a newspaper report for The Eden Times. The children compared the story with the parable of the Lost Son and talked about the importance of forgiveness in Christianity. In our topic work the children found out about Ancient Greece. The children placed key events on a time line. They then researched the Olympics and compared the ancient and modern events. The children read the story of Pandora's box and created a comic strip to retell this story. Congratulations to both classes who achieved SUPERCLASS and had a teddy bear's picnic on Friday

Year 4 have been collecting new vocabulary and creating some fantastic ideas for their own 500 word challenge story for the BBC competition. Their genres, setting and characters have been discussed and they are ready for their first draft! In Maths, Year 4 have been exploring different ways to represent fractions using objects, pictures and fraction walls. In the afternoons this week, we have been focusing on Art, using charcoal to show light and shade with abstract body shapes inspired by the artist Henry Moore. We have also been spending time to reflect on our mental health, finding time to have peaceful movements of reflection and even tried some simple meditation techniques in class.

A Message from the Year 5 and 6 Team



Year 5 and 6 have had a busy and hard-working final week of half term. In Year 5 maths lessons, we have continued work on fractions - adding, converting and comparing - and the children have really impressed with their determination and understanding. In English, the children have finished reading the end of Wonder - which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have compared August's story with another similar story about a girl called Scarlett and answered comprehension questions based on the end of the book. In Topic, the children have continued to look at different types of maps and in Science they have learnt about the different phases of the moon.

This week in Year 6 we've been working really hard and made amazing progress! In English, we have been thinking hard about applying our knowledge of words to generate antonyms and synonyms and have been developing our inference skills by analysing pictures. In maths we have been really impressed with both the knowledge of number facts and the speed at which the children have recalled and applied them while learning to convert fractions to decimals and then calculate percentages! As part of our work on maintaining good mental health, we've spent time thinking about the importance of sleep and how important it is to reduce screen time before bed as well as thinking about the meaning of being 'unique'. We generated synonyms for the word unique before celebrating what was unique about ourselves! Well done Year 5 and 6 for all of your hard work this half-term, We hope you have a lovely, well deserved holiday.

Holiday Reading Challenge-A Message from Mrs Bilton

As always in the holidays, we would like to encourage our children to read as much as possible, and as often as possible. This holiday, we would like to set each child the challenge of completing a Holiday Reading Challenge Bingo Board. As well as the High Flying Reading balloons, which we will be awarding in our celebration assembly after the holidays, we also have £5 book tokens to encourage your child to complete their Bingo Board. All completed boards will be put in a Reception, KS1 and KS2 hat, and a winner of a £5 token drawn from each. We really hope that this will encourage your child to read as much as possible, as we all know 'reading opens the doors to success!' So, please keep reading!

Holiday Reading Challenge Bingo Board	A book about sport	A story with magic
A true story	A funny story	A hardback book
A book that has been made into a film	A story with an animal	A character with a superpower

Half Term Challenge

Our Spring Half Term Challenges continue our healthy theme:

- Go for a long walk to the beach, forest or countryside. Enjoy a healthy packed lunch or a spring picnic outside enjoying the start of spring.
- Please send in pictures of children 'extreme reading' in exciting places. This might be near a famous landmark, near a signpost of a town or city or doing an exciting activity such as sailing on a boat.
- Use lots of fruit and vegetables to make a healthy snack or smoothie for someone in the family.
- Thinking of our recent kindness challenge, make a cake or some biscuits for an elderly relative or neighbour that you know. Take them around as a surprise.

Thank you very much for all your help and support during this half term. I hope that you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all our children ready to start the new half term on Monday 25th

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

Cragside Church of England Primary School: Spring Term (Two) 2019 Calendar for Families

Date	Information
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school-Start of Spring Half Term (Two) Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 28 th February	Year 1 Family worship 9am-all Y1 families welcome
Monday 4 th March	5RD Swimming starts each Monday
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday-Start of Lent
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day-come to school dressed as a character from a book
Monday 11 th March	Cragside STEM Activity week (STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) STEM activities and workshops throughout the week
Thursday 14 th March	Year 2 Family worship 9am-all Y2 families welcome
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day-non uniform day for Comic Relief
Monday 1 st April	Easter egg competition starts (Reception-Year 6)
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter services at St Nicholas' church 9.30am-Reception/KS1; 11.00am-Year3/4; 1.30pm-Year 5/6
Thursday 4 th April	Easter egg competition-judging and eggs returned home
Friday 5th April	3.10pm Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 st April	Easter Day
Monday 22 nd April	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 23rd April	Children return to school-Start of Summer Term 2019