



# 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 again! I love our



Monday morning chats! I hope that you are well and have had a lovely weekend. Have you grown since I last saw you? Why don't you check with a tape measure today-I think that you have!

On Sunday it would have been the Gregg's Cancer Run. I know that lots of you enjoy doing this each year and might be a little upset that it didn't take place this year. Maybe you could try to do a longer walk or jog this week and see if you could do the same distance that children

do on the Cancer Run-either 1 mile, 3 miles or a huge 5 miles! Maybe you could do the healthy challenge that is at the end of this letter!

You might have heard lots of adults talking about schools on the television over the weekend and this might have confused you a little. The adults in the government have been thinking about when it might be safe for small groups of children to go back to school.

It is a really hard thing for the adults at home and school to think about as we all want you back at school but we need to make sure that you will be safe. We know that you are missing your friends and teachers but we need to do things very slowly because there are lots of difficult things to think about.



I know it feels a long time since you were in school. We will all be continuing to learn from home for a bit longer. I know that this might be hard for you on some days as you will be missing school. All the adults at home and school want to keep you safe and well as we all care so much for you. All the adults in school miss you too...yes, YOU! We will keep talking to you so you know what is happening.

If you are in Year 6, I have been talking to Mrs Heslop at Cramlington Learning Village this week. They are planning some transition events to help you with the change to secondary school. I am speaking to CLV again this week and let you know as soon as I have any more information.

This week, our whole school is having a special learning week called **(drum roll on the table...)'Our Wonderful World Week!**

It is a week where we are hoping you will find out lots about some different countries which help to make up our wonderful world. Your teachers have sent lots of learning ideas and I have added some extra ideas at the end of this letter. All you need to do now is to sit down on your magic carpet and go onto a journey into the country your class are looking at.

I wonder what animals live in the country or what the people enjoy eating? Is it a hot country or a cold country? How far is it from where you live? Does it have a colourful flag or any famous people living there? What sports do they play? Let me know some of the amazing things you find out about on your journey through our wonderful world.

Don't forget to write down all the Do-jo points that you are given this week. On Friday, remember to add them up to your total for the last few weeks. I wonder how many you will have at the end of this week?

How are you feeling at the start of this week? Which one of these pictures is most like you are feeling this morning. Why don't you chat to someone at home about why you think you are feeling like this at the start of today?



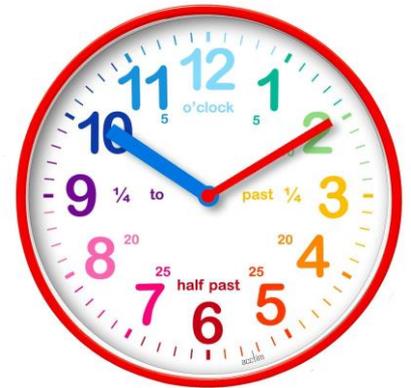


If you feel this week about anything at all, remember to talk to someone at home. If I feel a bit worried or sad this week, I will knock on Mrs Parker's door and chat to her about it. Speaking always helps to make it a little better. Is there anything you need to chat to someone about this morning?



I saw this sign in someone's window last week. Can you read it? I loved reading the sign as it reminded me that every new day is a brand new start. Each new day is a new chance to learn something new. I wonder what new things you will know at the end of today?

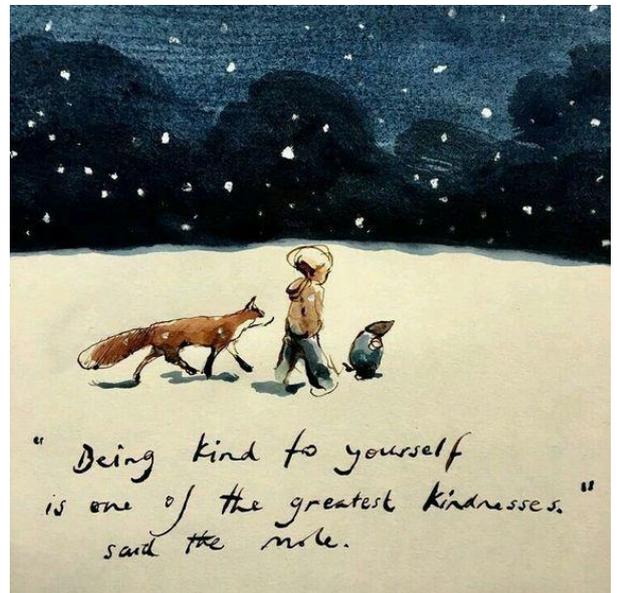
Each new day is also a new day to do something extra kind to someone else. I love to see someone's face when I have done something extra kind to them. I always get a really warm feeling inside me. I wonder how you feel when you do something super kind to someone else? Today is a brand new day to learn new things and do something extra kind to someone. I wonder how many hours there are in today until your bed time? Try to count them now.



Well done for your super counting. That is how many hours you have today to something extra special for someone else. Go on, make each hour count...make every minute count!

Close your eyes for 60 seconds. Listen to your breathing. Don't try to change it, just be aware of it. Feel how long a minute lasts for. You have so many of these to use today. I wonder how many minutes you have until bedtime tonight. It's a really tricky question! I wonder what amazing things you will do with some of the minutes and hours that you have today.

I read my book about the fox, the horse and the mole again yesterday. One of my favourite pictures is this one. Can you read what it says? Remember to be kind to everyone at home today...including yourself!



Well, I think I need to go now. You and I have got some work to do! Remember that although we can't all be together in school at the moment, we all miss you so much and can't wait until we can see you again.

I hope that you enjoy all the learning about 'Our Wonderful World'. Your teachers have planned some really exciting adventures in our world for you and are looking forward to hearing about your journey around the world this week. I wonder if you might be able to do some of the extra challenges that I have put at the end of this letter? Enjoy being an explorer this week!

I saw this picture and thought of you. What you will do today to make someone at home smile? Let me know!

Take care,

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



***Have a look on the next page for some extra challenges for this week...***

## Wonderful World Creative Learning Week

### Some Extra Ideas to do at Home

#### France, Canada, Belgium, Luxembourg, Rwanda, Monaco and Seychelles.

- Explore the website <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/>  
It has lots of information about all the different countries and some great learning ideas.
- If you are in Key Stage 2, can you enter the Kid's World Travel Guide competition for 2020? The closing date is November 2020 so there is lots of time. Information can be found at <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/writing-competition.html>
- Can you make a list of countries using each letter of the alphabet from A to Z. Explore our wonderful world on the National Geographic website for children. You can find this at <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>
- Can you try to sing the song 'What a Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong?
- Draw, paint or colour the flag of each of the seven countries. Can you join them together to make some bunting?
- Design your own passport. Can you make a new design for the cover of a passport and create what your ID page would look like. You will need to draw a picture of yourself.
- Bake or cook some food which is popular in some of the countries we are looking at this week.
- Find out about a famous person or character from one of the countries. Can you write a short fact sheet about him or her? It might also be a fictional character such as Tintin from Belgium.
- Can you paint a picture in the style of an artist from one of the countries for instance Claude Monet's The Waterlilies?
- Can you find out about the national animal from all of the countries? I wonder if you can draw a picture of them. For instance, Canada's national animal is the North American Beaver.
- Can you design an information booklet or make a picture about how countries are dealing with climate change. Last week was Christian Aid week. Their website has some really interesting ideas about how different countries are dealing with the challenge of Climate Change.  
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools/window-world>

#### Healthy Challenge for this week

- On Sunday many families were running in the Gregg's Cancer Run. At the end of the run, children are always given a picnic of a sausage roll and gingerbread person. Can you:
  - Make your own sausage roll or sandwich and gingerbread person picnic
  - Make your own finisher's medal
  - Go on a 1 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile jog or walk with an adult
  - Present everyone who finishes with a homemade medal and picnic bag
  - Send in a picture of your presentation celebrations to school