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Dear Cragside Family,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school following their Easter holiday and to feel the sense of purpose in classrooms and around school. The blue skies and brighter weather over the past few days have meant that the sand pit and garden areas have been reopened for Opal Play activities and more outside learning has been happening for some children. As we begin this Summer term, please can we ask that all Early Years children bring a named sun hat into school and have some sun cream in their bags, particularly on sunny days. To help you plan ahead, please see below for some of the events which will be happening in school during the term.

Monday 1 st May	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	KS1 SATs period begins
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebration Colour run
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May-Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Tests
Friday 26 th May	School closes for Summer half term holiday
Monday 5 th June	Children return to school for Summer Term 2 Year 4 Multiplication Check period begins (ends 19 th June)
w/c Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 21 st June	5.00pm - New to Reception Parents evening
Wednesday 5 th July	9.15am – Y3/4 Sports Day, 1.30pm – Y5/6 Sports day
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 children to JLV and Cragside transition day
Friday 7 th July	9.15am – Y1/2 Sports Day pm-Whole school Children's Cancer Run
Monday 10 th July	Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30am – Morning session 2.00-3.00pm – Afternoon session
Tuesday 11 th July	9.15am Reception Celebration Assembly/Transition meeting and Sports morning
Wednesday 12 th July	Proposed date for Summer Fayre – further information about this will be shared by the Friends of Cragside committee.
Thursday 13 th July	9.15am Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 14 th July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 18 th July	9.15am Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19 th July	9.15am Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 20 th July	9.15am Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 21 st July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Planned actions for Proposed Industrial Action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

As you will be aware, the National Education Union plans to undertake industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. After meeting with our Governing Body yesterday, it was agreed that the arrangements for the industrial action days, will

largely be the same as the previous industrial action Days last term, with the same procedural and risk assessment arrangements in place for both children and staff. What it will regrettably mean is that, once again, school will be partially open to some children and closed to others. We will also be open for some additional children, who the school will be in touch with directly.

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May - School will be open to:

Mrs Pemberton's class (RLP)
Mrs Cant's class (2RC)
Mrs Harper's class (3RH)
Mrs Urwin-Clark's class (4UC)
Miss Rennison's class (6ER)

Our breakfast club and after school club provision will also be available for those children whose classes will run as normal. I would like to emphasise that this industrial action is not against our school or any issues at our school, but is a national dispute between the government and the NEU. Undertaking industrial action which causes disruption for children and families is an extremely challenging decision for many of our staff and the decision to do so is not taken lightly. As always, we will be flexible and if the proposed strikes are called off, then school will be fully open to all. I live in hope.

Staffing update

Today is a bittersweet day as we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck,' to Mrs Gilroy who has worked as a Learning Support Assistant at Cragside for many years. Mrs Gilroy is taking on a new position within the NHS and I would like to thank Mrs Gilroy for the care, commitment and dedication she has shown to the children with whom she has worked with over the years.

Cragside Book Swap Box – A message from Miss Rennison

As you know, we love to read at Cragside. We love sharing amazing books with the children and we know lots of our parents enjoy reading too. You may have noticed next to the main entrance a small, white cabinet with a glass door. This is a place for parents to swap any books they have read and would like to share with others, or pick up a new title to read. Feel free to take any books you see that catch your eye, and pop in any books you're finished with and willing to offer to a new home.

King Charles III Coronation – A message from Mr Beck

To celebrate King Charles' Coronation, we are going to host a colour run for all of the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children in school. This will take place on Friday 5th May. We are planning to have a number of colour stations around the route where children will run past and receive red, white and blue paint that has been thrown into the air in front of the passing children. The powdered paint has the potential to stain clothes so please can we ask that children bring a change of very old clothes with them that you don't mind potentially getting stained, including old footwear/wellies! It is very important that all participants wear glasses whilst they are participating in the colour run due to colour dust in the air. Please, if possible, can you also send in a pair of sunglasses to protect your child's eyes. School will have some pairs of sunglasses for children who haven't got a pair. We want to make this day a very memorable occasion, celebrating a very rare and significant event, which the children will recall years from now as a fond school day's memory. To support the cost of the paint, we are asking for a suggested voluntary donation of £2 per child please. Payments can be made in cash on the day or through Schools Buddy. We're very excited to share this memorable day with the children and know they'll all have a wonderful day. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. Please be reassured that this activity is fully risk assessed and specially designed for children to experience. Staff from Nursery and Reception will contact families separately to share how these children will be celebrating the Coronation.



Request from Nursery – A message from Mrs Clarke

Nursery are collecting buttons - any shape and size welcome. If you have any spare buttons can you please hand into Mrs Clarke in Nursery or your child's class teacher.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Joanne Parker