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Dear Cragside Family,

At the end of the Summer term, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Mason. I am hugely grateful for all that they have done for our children during their time at Cragside and am incredibly appreciative of everything that they have given to our school community, with all three members of staff going above and beyond in what they have provided to the children in school. I very much wish them well for the future. In September, we welcome two new teachers to our school, Miss Gibbons, who will be teaching in one of our Reception classes and Miss Tuart, who will be joining our Key Stage 1 team and teaching in Year 1. Mrs Clarke will be taking over the role of Early Years Leader.

Academic year 2023-2024

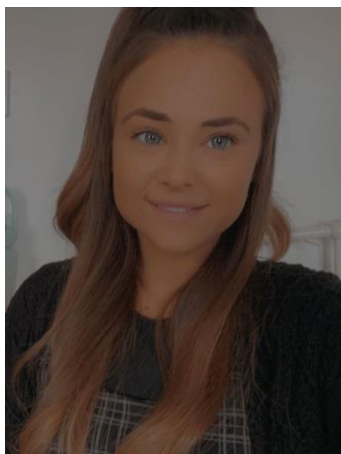
As we look ahead to the coming academic year, I would like to share with you our class groups for September 2023. On Thursday 6th July, we will be holding a transition morning in school, where children will get the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. Miss Gibbons and Miss Tuart will both be in school on this date.

Class groups for the next academic year are as follows:

Current class (Academic year 2022-23)	Class for 2023-24	Teacher
New starters	NLP	Mrs Clarke
As shared with families	REH	Miss Harris
As shared with families	RNG	Miss Gibbons
RLP	1SG	Miss Grice
REH	1LT	Miss Tuart
1EO	2HC	Mrs Cowie
1SG	2RC	Mrs Cant
2RC	3EO	Miss Oliver
2HC	3HM	Miss Hames
3HM (Miss Hames' class)	4UC	Mrs Urwin-Clark
3RH (Mrs Harper's class)	4EB	Miss Burns
4UC	5AD	Miss Dunn
4EB	5RH	Mrs Harper
5AD/5KT	6ER	Miss Rennison
5AD/5KT	6JB	Mr Beck

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 will receive a separate letter sharing who their class teacher will be.

The children who are joining us in Reception have already had the opportunity to meet with Miss Gibbons at our recent welcome meeting. Miss Tuart is joining us having taught at a school in Blyth for the past two years. Miss Tuart has written the following message to the children in Mrs Pemberton's class:



"Hello everyone, my name is Miss Tuart. I want to tell you a few things about myself and what I am most looking forward to doing once I join Cragside in September. I have a dog called Reggie who loves to go on walks to the woods and he likes to eat lots of yummy treats. He is 5 years old and loves to cuddle up in the mornings with his blankets. I love going on holiday with my big sister to the beach and eating lots of yummy ice cream. My favourite thing to do is read lots of stories with my niece Rosie and nephew Toby. We love to read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'We're going on a bear hunt'. They are our favourite stories and I can't wait to read them all with you. I am very excited to come and work with you all next year in Year 1. I know we are going to have lots of fun together and I'm excited for us to all learn new and wonderful things. I am so excited to meet you all and can't wait to start our Year 1 adventure together. See you all soon! Miss Tuart

Timing of the school day:

As you may be aware the DfE have stated that they expect all mainstream state-funded schools to have a minimum school length week of 32.5 hours from September 2023. To comply with this, we will be making the following adjustments to the timings of our school day:

- **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes** - School will start at the earlier time of **8.45am** and will finish at the slightly later time of **3.15pm**. To facilitate this, we will open the external doors at **8.30am** and close them at **8.45am**.
- **Reception classes** - School will start at the earlier time of **8.45am** and will finish at the slightly later time of **3.10pm**
- **Nursery children** - Families will be able to collect their child from the setting between **3.00-3.10pm**.

If anyone has anything that they would like to discuss in relation to this, please come and see me.

Teacher Training Dates for the coming academic year

Please find attached to an overview of school term time dates for the coming academic year. Please also note our teacher training days for the coming school year will be:

Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 27th October 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023

Summer Fayre

Our Friends of Cragside group are organising a Summer Fayre which will be held at school, from 2.00-4.00pm, on Wednesday 12th July. To open the Summer Fayre to the wider community, we are welcoming parents/family members to join the Summer Fayre and children are allowed to be collected from school, by a family member, to enjoy the fayre, from 2.00pm. Those children whose family members may have other commitments will also have the opportunity to enjoy the fayre with an adult from school. Further information about this will be shared by the Friends of Cragside group shortly.

Sports Days

Just a reminder that, as per last week's newsletters, due to the planned strike days next week and our partial school opening, our Sports Days have been rearranged and will be as follows:

Year 3 and Year 4 – Monday 10th July at 1.30pm
Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 17th July at 9.15am
Year 5 and Year 6 – Monday 17th July at 1.30pm

Have a good weekend.
Joanne Parker.