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Dear Cragside Family,

The past two weeks have, once again been very busy weeks in school. This morning's Shining Stars assembly was, as always, a real joy to be part of and to celebrate all of the wonderful ways children in school have been shining brightly. I hope the children who received an award enjoy sharing their certificate with you.



During the past two weeks, a group of Year 4 children have represented our school at a gymnastics tournament. These children have spent a lot of time with Mrs Austin, after school, practising their skills and developing their performance and this was recognised during the tournament as the children have now been selected to represent the Blyth Valley schools in the regional finals. Thank you to you all for your dedication to this!

We've also had skipping coaches in school working with our Year 5 children this week, have been learning about the Luna New Year and our school learnt about rail safety from PCSO Kitching who visited our school last Thursday and led an assembly with the whole school about keeping safe near railway lines and stations. Many thanks too to all of the children in Year 2 who led such a joyful family worship assembly on Thursday.



Anti-bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) - A message from Mrs Urwin-Clark

Our fabulous Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been so busy this week planning Children's Mental Health Week, which takes place week beginning 6th February. This year's theme is Let's Connect so the children have creatively made posters which promote this message which they have displayed around school to spread this important message. The children have also decided that they would like to create a big book of poems which will help to encourage others on how they can make meaningful connections. This will be a whole school writing project which will take place during the week. Our ABAs will also launch the week by leading assemblies on Monday 6th with KS1 and KS2.

Year 6 Prefects – A message from Miss Rennison

At the start of the Spring term, we introduced opportunities for our Year 6 children to further develop their leadership skills by taking on board some prefect opportunities. Our Year 6 children have amazed us with the dedication and responsibility they have shown in undertaking these roles in school and are shining not only to the adults in school but, most importantly, by being excellent role models to our younger children in school. Our prefects are encouraging and reminding our younger pupils to follow the school

rules and are being exceptional role models. The roles they have taken on include looking after the resources around school, helping to keep our cloakrooms organised, locating lost property, caring for plants, encouraging fantastic walking within school and using their 'golden books' when they see children shining brightly in school. We even have some budding football referees in the mix to help out with playtimes. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 prefects! Well done everyone!



Some dates for your diary

Wednesday 1 st February	Proposed date of Industrial action School partially open as detailed in yesterday's letter
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 1 Family Worship at 9.00am
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week begins
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day – PCSO Moorhead will be coming into school to talk to our children about staying safe online
Thursday 9 th February	Reception Family Worship
Thursday 16 th February	Year 6 Family Worship and SATs Information session for parents (to be held after the Family worship)
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term holidays
Monday 27 th February	Children return from half term holidays Fairtrade Fortnight begins
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – details to follow
Wednesday 29 th March	Decorate an Egg competition – Judging Day
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Services at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am – Year 5 and Year 6 11.00am – Year 1 and Year 2 2.00pm – Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school

Thank you very much for all your help as we work together to support our children in school during this Spring term. We really do appreciate all your support.

Warm regards,
Joanne Parker