

Newsletter 2 – Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Cragside Family,

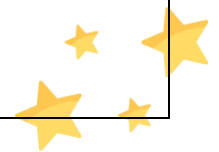
I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you and your families are settling into the routines of the school term following the Summer holidays. Our children, certainly, are settling into their new classes and have been superb in showing their enthusiasm to learning. I hope those children joining us for the first time this term, most notably those in Nursery and Reception, and in other year groups, have made new friends and got to know our staff.

During the past fortnight, Year 3 have enjoyed working with Hoopstarz coaches, our Year 6 children had a wonderful time at Robinwood and I loved seeing some children coming into school with their medals for completing the Junior and Mini Great North Run.



On the theme of celebrating learning, I would like to share with you some important and impressive provisional data, for our school, which shows the academic achievement of our children in comparison to other schools nationally.

Outcomes for academic year 2022-23	Cragside Cof E Primary School	All schools nationally
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	79.2%	75%
End of Key Stage 1		
Reading	Expected standard -72.5% Greater Depth – 25.5%	Expected standard -66.9% Greater Depth – 18%
Writing	Expected standard -72.5% Greater Depth – 4%	Expected standard -57.6% Greater Depth – 8%
Maths	Expected standard -72.5% Greater Depth – 25.5%	Expected standard -67.7% Greater Depth – 15.1%



Outcomes for academic year 2022-23	Cragside Cof E Primary School	All schools nationally
End of Key Stage 2		
Reading	Expected standard -87.9% Greater Depth – 44%	Expected standard -74.6% Greater Depth – 28%
Writing	Expected standard -89.7% Greater Depth – 12.1%	Expected standard -69.4% Greater Depth – 12.8%
Maths	Expected standard -91.4% Greater Depth – 19%	Expected standard -71.5% Greater Depth – 22.5%

I am really proud of all of our children and staff who have excelled in their achievements.

Attendance- a message from Mrs Bilton

I am delighted to share with you that our current whole school attendance figure is 96.4%. That's above the national average for this week of 95%. Well done Cragside children!

To sustain this above national average attendance, I'd like to share this Department of Education advice with you to support you as you decide if your child is too ill to be in school. We recognise that this can be a very difficult decision, especially following the challenges of Covid. The Department for Education has shared the following guidance with us-

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

Where parents/carers are unsure if their child is too unwell for school, we ask that they follow this link for further guidance. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you very much for all of your hard work to support our amazing Cragside attendance. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding this advice.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – A message from Mrs Cant

As a school we would like to support the Macmillan Coffee morning. The children will take part in the coffee morning on Friday 29th September, during the school day. If you would like your child to take part, please can they bring a small donation of cakes into school on **Thursday 28th September or Friday 29th September** and then a monetary donation on Friday 29th September. The children will then have the opportunity to visit the cake sale with their class. Please can all cakes have a clear list of ingredients either as part of their original packaging or written, if home made.



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St Matthew's Gospel



Year 6 Robinwood Trip – A message from Miss Rennison and Mr Beck

Our Year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed our Robinwood Residential trip this week. Despite the very wet weather, they have thrown themselves into all activities showing courage, resilience and a determination to push themselves out of their comfort zone. We have seen the children climbing on the climbing walls, doing leaps of faith on the trapeze, flying along the zipwire, building rafts, canoeing, swinging on the giant swing and solving problems in the escape rooms.

All of the children behaved exceptionally well and made us very proud of their actions during our time there. We will be in touch in the very near future with regards planning the Year 6 Robinwood Trip for the current Year 5 children which will be held in September 2024.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and many thanks for your continued support.

Joanne Parker

