



Newsletter 4 – Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Cragside Family,

It's a very blustery end to our school week, but in school there has been a lovely, warm end to the week as we celebrated our many 'Shining Stars' this morning in our Celebration worship.

As we move towards the final week of our first half term, our children and staff are looking forward to sharing our Harvest Celebration services with you on Thursday 26th October at St Nicholas' Church in Cramlington. As always, we would love to see you there and hope as many parents, carers and families can attend as possible. Please can I ask that you are mindful of parking restrictions around the Church. This helps to ensure everyone stays safe, the traffic can flow freely and the coaches are able to transport the children safely to Church.

Harvest Festival – A message from Mrs Cant

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations on the Thursday 26th October. We would love you to join your child at church to celebrate with us. The service times are as follows:

9.30-10.00am - Years 5 & 6

11.00-11.30am - Years 1 & 2

2.00-2.30pm - Years 3 & 4

As part of our Harvest Celebration, we would like to collect food which will be donated to the Hope Centre in Cramlington. If you would like to take part in this, please send your donation into school in the run up to the Harvest Festival. All donations should be sealed rather than fresh or frozen products. Suggested donations include, cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables and fruit, lentils, beans, tinned meat & fish, UHT milk, jar and packet sauces, biscuits, crisps etc.

Thank you for your support with this. We are really looking forward to our Harvest Celebrations and hope to see as many friends and families there as possible.

Primary and Secondary School Admissions

We continue to receive a number of enquiries about admissions for places in our school and also queries about applications for September 2024. The portal to apply for Reception places for September 2024 opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023. We have organised a number of Open mornings and afternoons for parents who would like to visit our school. I have attached a flier sharing further information about these dates and times and how to book a place for one of our school tours. Please note, that parents of children who attend our Nursery provision also need to apply for a Reception place in our school. The portal, which goes live on 1st November can be accessed via the following link: https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

The portal to apply for secondary school places, for our Year 6 children who will be moving into Year 7 in September 2024 is currently open and will close on 31st October, 2023. The portal for our Year 6 parents to apply for a secondary school place can be accessed via the following link:



https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

School Uniform

As we move into the colder weather, I continue to be mindful of the impact of the rising costs of living and the potential impact that this is having upon some families and children. Whilst we do not insist that every child wears a school logo on their sweatshirt or polo shirt, our policy is that all children wear a plain red sweatshirt or cardigan and plain black hoodies or sweatshirts for PE. Please do not send your child into school with other logos on their clothing or different coloured sweatshirts. Plain sweatshirts, hoodies and cardigans are readily available within local supermarkets. The Hope Centre in Cramlington also has supplies of preloved uniform if you would prefer a more sustainable option.

Year 6 Sports Leaders – A message from Miss Burns

I am really proud of the Sports Leaders who are determined to get more children active during playtimes and lunchtimes and who have, this week, participated in Sports Leader training and are now in the position to share their expertise in sport. I am very much looking forward to working with these children and seeing what brilliant ideas they have and can add to our school. They already have some great ideas that will hopefully start next half term. Well done for your hard work at the Sports Leader training!



Young Climate Warriors – A Challenge!

Our Young Climate Warriors are supporting [RECYCLE WEEK \(16-22 Oct\)](#) - rescuing items that are heading towards the rubbish bin and need to be recycled, and encouraging children to ask 'but why?' - check out the challenge document attached for suggestions!

Links of potential interest:

[How GLASS is recycled](#) - Recycle Now

[How CANS are recycled](#) - Recycle Now

[How to recycle some of the really 'weird' items](#) - A Guardian article for children to share with adult supervision.

Older pupils might also enjoy:

[Zero waste warriors - household rubbish fits in a jar.](#) - An Guardian article.



School Attendance Matters!

We welcomed our Education Welfare Officer, Hayley Hansom (EWO), to school again today. When we shared our whole attendance figure of 95.4, she was delighted and told us that we compare very favourably with other schools in Cramlington. We are also above the national average for this week of 94.8. Well done to all of our Cragside families! We all know how important it is for children to be in school every day, and we're certainly demonstrating that in our attendance figures.

If you have any questions about attendance, or would like to know the attendance figure for your child, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Gillooly or myself.

Wishing you a good weekend,
Joanne Parker

'The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.'
Albert Einstein

It's Recycle Week – Join the Big Recycling Hunt! (16 – 22nd Oct)



But why?
But why?

But why do we need to recycle things? How can it help us combat climate change?

Make sure nothing escapes the recycling bin this week!! Help us move to a circular system - where we keep reducing, re-using, recycling and then re-creating!

13th October challenge!



Why recycle? - to save raw materials, energy and therefore carbon emissions.
Why recycle? - to reduce landfill-related methane emissions.

Be inquisitive, be curious - ask 'why'.



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!

