

## Newsletter 6 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Dear Cragside Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. It's a blustery end to a busy fortnight in school! The children in school are continuing to shine brightly and it's always a joy to end the week with our Celebration worship where we can celebrate all of those children who have 'let their light shine' this week. A special thank you to the children in 2HC, who have been thinking about how they could give thanks to nature and decided that they wanted to plant more trees on our large field, to support fauna and flora diversity.



As we look towards the next few weeks of term, I have attached a copy of the key dates for our Christmas events which will be taking place towards the end of the Autumn term. Please note, our Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, where only Christmas lunch will be served. There will be no sandwiches or jacket potatoes available on this date. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas accessory or a Christmas jumper as part of their school uniform.

### **SEND Coffee and Cake Drop-in Afternoon - Friday 8th December**

Our next Special Educational Needs drop-in coffee afternoon is on Friday 8th December from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. As usual, this is open to all parents and carers of children with SEN and is an informal opportunity to speak to other parents, seek advice, share tips and not feel alone! Come along to find out what's happening at the local family hubs and what support is available to you as a parent too. This half term, we will have Rowan Reed, our early help coordinator joining us, as well as Charlotte Mountford from the autism HINT team (to be confirmed). Please come to the main office anytime between 1.30pm - 3pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there! Any questions please email - [ellie.harris@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:ellie.harris@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk).

Please also find attached to this newsletter, information for parents and carers who may be interested in gaining a further understanding of how sensory processing needs impact on children.



## Year 6 Author visit to the JLV – A message from Miss Rennison

Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Junior Learning Village to meet author Matt Goodfellow to share the release of his new book, The Final Year. Our children behaved exemplary, showing respect and tolerance to the children from other schools. The children left the visit feeling inspired by Matt and his unique style of poetry, saying that they loved it because he was 'cool, funny and relatable'. We are looking forward to following up this visit by creating our own poetry or as Matt referred to it, 'rebel writing' because poetry lets us break the rules. Well done Year 6!

## Primary School Admissions

Just a reminder to our Nursery families that the portal to apply for Reception places for September 2024 is open. The portal can be accessed via the following link:

<https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

If you would like to come and look around our school and see us in action, please contact our school office to make an appointment.

## December events

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Heights and Weights Measurement for Reception and Year 6 children
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am EYFS Nativity (Nursery and Reception) Pm – School choir to Harwood Court
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and wear something Christmas-sy day 2.00pm EYFS Nativity (Nursery and Reception)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Cragside Christmas Fayre
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas performance
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas performance
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Am - Nursery Christmas Party Pm – Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Party – further information will be shared by Phase leaders
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party – further information will be shared by Phase leaders
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Christmas Church Services at St Nicholas' Church</b> 9.30am Year 5 & Year 6 11.00am Year 1 & Year 2 2.00pm Year 3 & Year 4  1.30pm Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party – further information will be shared by Phase leaders  3.10pm End of Autumn term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for Spring term

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Joanne Parker

