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Newsletter 8 – Thursday 22nd December 2022

Dear Cragside family,

We have had a very busy end of term this year, where the absolute joy and innocence of Christmas time has been evident in school. It has been a real joy to be able to welcome families and friends into our school again and for the children to be able to enjoy the build-up to Christmas whilst reflecting on the meaning of this celebration. The Nativity Services were wonderful celebrations of this special time of the year and the children performed these with warmth, understanding and joy, from our very youngest children in Nursery through to our oldest children in Year 6. All of these Nativities were a wonderful celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all of our children, staff and families who made these such a success. As always we were very proud of the children as I am sure you were.

Thank you for your wonderful support to our raffles during the productions. We raised £812 from these raffles and a further £215 from the film night. In addition to this, the playground raffle which was organised by our 'Friends of Cragside' group raised £181. I am hugely appreciative of everyone's support with this and will ensure that these profits enhance what we can provide for all children.

Staffing updates

We have recently welcomed Mr Iain Trobe into school. Mr Trobe is our new school caretaker (you may have seen him around over the past week or two). I am deeply grateful to our full staff team, who have gone over and above, in all the 'extras' which they have done whilst we have been without a caretaker during this term. This includes both our cleaning team and support staff who have all gone the extra mile to ensure tables and chairs are ready for lunch, additional cleaning has been done – to name just two of the additional jobs which staff have supported with. Mr Brennan has also been a great support in ensuring Mr Trobe has received a thorough induction into his new role.

In January, Miss McVicar is moving on to take on a new role at a school based in Morpeth. We are grateful to Miss McVicar for her commitment and hard work during her time at Cragside and wish her well with her new role. Mrs Cowie will become 2JM's classteacher from January.

Mrs Nicola Wall will be taking on a new role within our school from January, as a higher level teaching assistant, where she will be supporting and delivering learning to specific children and groups of children.

Mrs Lisa Tweddle has also been appointed to provide PPA cover for teaching staff, one day per week.

Reverse Advent



Thank you all for your kind donations which we have shared with Hope Centre this week. Please see below, a note of thanks from the Hope Centre:

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind donation to Cramlington Foodbank. In total your Christmas Food Appeal amounted to a generous donation of 203.2kg. Without thoughtful donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. We are truly grateful to have your ongoing support.

Merry Christmas to you all.

With our love, thanks and blessings.

A reminder that school is closed to children, tomorrow, Friday 23rd December and on Monday 9th January 2023. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year,

Joanne Parker