



## Newsletter 8 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Dear Cragside Family,

Welcome back to a new year and a new school term. I hope that you had a lovely break with your families over the holiday and were able to enjoy the festive period. On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Although this is a shorter term, as usual it is a busy one with a range of events planned. These have already started with our Collective Worship ambassadors leading collective worship on Tuesday and Year 2 considering all things Fair Trade. In addition to this, we have welcomed a number of new children and families into school, especially in our Nursery setting, where we have had a number of new starters as part of our January intake. As we begin a new year and a new term, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things:

### Absences

If your child is unwell, it is essential that their absence is reported to school first thing in the morning. The absence can be reported by telephone or by emailing [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk). With regards to attendance, I have been working alongside our Headteachers and our Education Welfare team to promote good, consistent attendance in schools across Cramlington. Please see attached letter which has been written in collaboration with the Cramlington partnership of schools.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled. We have an increasing amount of unnamed sweatshirts, hoodies and coats which we are unable to relocate with their rightful owners! Children should be wearing a white polo shirt, red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo) and grey trousers or skirts. PE kit should be worn on PE days and must consist of plain black joggers/leggings, a plain black sweatshirt or Cragside hoodie and a plain white t-shirt. I aim to make our school uniform as affordable and accessible as possible for all families and children should not be coming into school in any branded items. The Hope Centre in Cramlington offers a range of preloved, sustainable uniform items for our school.

### Parking in the local area

Please can I remind families that there are parking restrictions within the local area which are in place for the safety of all children coming into and leaving school. Parking congestion continues to pose a risk to our children and is a problem for many of our local residents. There are a number of identified parking areas which families could use to park at and then walk along the cycle paths into school.

### Primary School Admissions

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

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Please note that this portal closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Parents of children who are currently registered in our Nursery do need to apply for a place in our Reception classes, if you would like your child to be offered a place in our school. If you would like to look around our school and see us in action, please contact our school office to make an appointment.

### Fairtrade Information – A note from Mrs Cowie

2HC have been taking part in a Fairtrade campaign. We started with an audit of the school of fairtrade products and spoke to many adults in school. We need your help!



We would like you to try to make some changes. Can we try to buy more Fairtrade products? Can we shop in ethical shops? Can we recycle and reuse things more? Yes we all can! Let's support fairness for our global neighbours.



## Some dates for your diary

This term, we would like to give you the opportunity to come into school to see teaching and learning in action in our school and to actively participate in a learning activity with your child. Instead of having our Family Collective worships, we wanted to increase the opportunities for you to be able to have additional engagement with your child's learning, working alongside your child, whilst providing some practical tips around vocabulary, resources etc. The dates for these 'drop-in' sessions are shown below.

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class – Vision screening
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Skipping workshop
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00-10.00am Year 2 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9.00-10.00am Year 1 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week begins – theme is 'Your Voice Matters'
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day – theme 'Together for a better internet'
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00-10.00am Year 3 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Lunar New Year
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00-10.00am Year 5 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm – School closes for Spring half term holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school following half term holiday
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm Parent consultation meetings (Rec-Year 6)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm Parent consultation meetings (Rec-Year 6)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-10.00am Year 6 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall World Book Day Year 4 Science workshops about Teeth (with Newcastle University)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-10.00am Year 4 parent 'drop-in' in the Hall
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Judging Day – Decorate an Easter egg competition
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter 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 <b>3.15pm End of Spring term</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for Summer term

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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Light Shine**

*St Matthew's Gospel*