

Newsletter 13 – Friday 19th April, 2024

Dear Cragside Family,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school following their Easter holiday and to see the children looking refreshed after their Easter break. Many thanks to all of you who, during the holidays, had pre-ordered your child's lunch choices with them. This meant that the new systems in place for school lunches have been able to be implemented smoothly and efficiently. The feedback from children regarding their different lunches this term has been positive, with one child sharing with me that their pudding was the 'best fruit crumble and custard that I've ever had!' Many thanks also to those of you who were able to attend our church services at St Nicholas' Church on the last day of term. The joy felt from the singing within church was tangible-a real celebration of Easter and Spring could be felt, especially during the afternoon service when the rain had finally stopped and the sunlight was shining through the windows at Church!

As we begin this Summer term, to help you plan ahead, please see below for some of the events which will be happening in school during this term. I've included some dates from our Friends of Cragside group too, who have a number of events planned for the Summer term. Further information will be shared from the PTFA group during the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 13 th May-Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs Tests
Friday 17 th May	Friends of Cragside 'Dress down' day – more information to follow
Friday 24 th May	School closes for Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school for Summer Term 2 Year 4 Multiplication Check period begins (ends 14 th June)
w/c Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 12 th June	5.00pm - New to Reception Parents evening (for children joining Reception in September 2024)
Wednesday 19 th June	Friends of Cragside proposed date for school disco 3.15-4.45pm – Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 5.00-6.30pm – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
Tuesday 2 nd July	9.15am – Y3/4 Sports Day, 1.30pm – Y5/6 Sports day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Friends of Cragside Summer Fayre – more information to follow
Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 children to JLV and Cragside transition day
Friday 5 th July	9.15am – Y1/2 Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30am – Morning session 2.00-3.00pm – Afternoon session
Tuesday 9 th July	9.15am Reception Celebration Assembly/Transition meeting and Sports morning
Thursday 11 th July	9.15am Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 12 th July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 16 th July	9.15am Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 17 th July	9.15am Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 18 th July	9.15am Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 19 th July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 3.15pm End of Summer term
Monday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Start of Autumn term



Toys in school

We have observed an increasing number of children who are bringing toys, including fidget toys, into school from home. Please can I ask that these objects remain at home and are not brought into school. Where a child has been identified as needing a fidget toy to support with an official diagnosis or a need is identified on a therapeutic plan or SEN Support Plan, then we ensure that this equipment is readily available within school to support a child. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Breakdancing lessons



Thanks to Miss Burns for organising for a Breakdancing coach to come into school yesterday, to teach the children a number of different moves. There certainly was a lot of talent on show in school and the children were clearly inspired by the coach.

Parking

Local residents continue to raise concerns relating to parking in the local area, particularly at drop off and collection times, with reports of driveways being blocked by parked cars and parking restrictions not being adhered to. As always, the safety of our children is our priority and I would like to remind those families who drop their children off at school that there are restrictions and signage around our local area to remind you where parking is and is not permitted. If you are collecting a child from school during the school day, please also be mindful that the school gates are locked from 8.30-9.00am and from 2.45-3.30pm.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Joanne Parker