



## Newsletter 14 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024

Dear Cragside Family,

Our children in school have certainly had a very busy time over the past few weeks, with lots of learning, joy, sport and excitement being seen across school. Our Celebration Worship every Friday are always a really joyful time in school. I love awarding certificates to all of our children who have shone brightly in school and it is a delight to see the pride on the children's faces as they receive these. I'm sure you feel as much pride as we do when the children show these off to you.

Congratulations also to Mr Beck whose daughter has arrived safely and healthily. Mr and Mrs Beck and their beautiful baby girl came into school to meet some of their Cragside family yesterday and some of us were lucky enough to get a cuddle too. Mr Beck will be returning to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, following his paternity leave.

During the past fortnight in school, our Year 5 children have participated in a Greek workshop, our amazing football team have won two successive games, and our Year 6 children are very conscientiously preparing for their upcoming SATs tests.

### SEN drop-in cake and coffee morning with the Family Hub - Friday 24th May

Our next cake and coffee morning is on 24th May from 9am - 10.30am. We will have Natalie Wendt from the Family Hub team there to showcase the Family Hub universal offer, which is available to all families with children aged 0-19 and share information about sessions happening in the local community to get involved with. Miss Harris will be there to chat about anything regarding SEN and Rowan Reed, our early help coordinator, will also be there to chat to families. Please come along if you have any worries, concerns, questions or just want to have a chat and a cuppa! As this is a drop in session please don't feel you need to come to the full session. Please come to the main office anytime between 9am - 10.30am. Any questions please email Miss Harris - [ellie.harris@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:ellie.harris@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk)

### Temporary Road Closure

We have been notified that there will be a temporary road closure on Glenluce Drive, close to the junction with Grey Avenue. This road will be closed to traffic on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, from 9.00 am onwards for reasons of essential work by Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL). Please take note of this and, if needed, make alternative arrangements for the drop off and collection of children, if this is your route to school. It is expected that the works will last the whole day, but the aim is that the road may be reopened at approximately 1pm, however this may overrun into the afternoon.

### Sports Update – A message from Miss Burns

I am so proud of the Year 5/6 Football team who have won both matches in the past two weeks. They have been victorious against Ponteland Primary School beating them 3-1 and beating Hareside Primary School 3-2! It has been wonderful to see them work brilliantly as a team and see their confidence grow.

It has been great to have a coach come in and deliver some excellent multisport sessions over lunch time. Many children have been involved so far which has been lovely to see. Each week they are able to develop different skills and try new sports. I have loved hearing "that was the best lunchtime ever! Guess what new skills we have learnt!?" I look forward to seeing what they get up to over the next few weeks and see them actively participating in games.



**Let Your  
Light Shine**

*St Matthew's Gospel*

## Early Years Update – A message from Mrs Clarke

This week in Nursery and Reception we have been enjoying the warmer weather. We have been making use of the new additions to our outdoor provision. The sand and water areas have provided lots of opportunities for exploration and messy play. The music and stage have been a phenomenal addition to our space, the children absolutely love it. We also added in fancy dress this week, which has been lovely and provides opportunities to develop independence. Fingers crossed the warmer weather keeps on coming. With that in mind, on sunny days can you please send in a named sun hat for your child.



We have also recently launched our Nursery Instagram page. Find us at [Cragsidecofenursery](#). Please share and follow us for updates. We are so proud of the provision we offer for Nursery age children, and would like to share this in our local community. If you know anyone who requires a Nursery or Reception space for September 2024, please direct them to the school office 01670 714200, where they can arrange a visit.

If you are having a sort out of old toys we would love any wooden small world toys, animals or people. We are also hoping to develop a den building area, if you have any tarpaulin, or blankets we would gladly accept them. Thank you as always for your continued support.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May-Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Tests
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Friends of Cragside 'Dress down' day – more information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school for Summer Term 2 Year 4 Multiplication Check period begins (ends 14 <sup>th</sup> June)
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm - New to Reception Parents evening (for children joining Reception in September 2024)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00-10.30am SEN Drop-in Cake and Coffee morning
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am – Y3/4 Sports Day, 1.30pm – Y5/6 Sports day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Friends of Cragside Summer Fayre – more information to follow
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 children to JLV and Cragside transition day



Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am – Y1/2 Sports Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30am – Morning session 2.00-3.00pm – Afternoon session
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Reception Celebration Assembly/Transition meeting and Sports morning
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 3.15pm End of Summer term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Start of Autumn term

Wishing you all a lovely, slightly longer weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Joanne Parker

