

## Newsletter 15 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Dear Cragside Family,

Our Year 6 children in school have certainly had a very busy week this week as they have completed their SATs tests with real focus and concentration. All of our Year 6 children have shown amazing effort and resilience during the week, arriving promptly to Breakfast Club and giving the tests 100% effort. I hope that you all enjoyed your ice-creams this afternoon - a well deserved treat!

As we move towards Summer, please can I ask families, if needed, that sun cream is applied to children before they come into school and ask that sun hats are provided on those sunnier days.

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

A reminder that our next cake and coffee morning is on 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Our work with Valley Park

Over the past few weeks, children have had the opportunity to study the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly, looking closely at the chrysalis as it was formed and then how this changed into a butterfly. The children have been fascinated by these changes and many classes have been to Valley Park this week to release the butterflies into our local environment. Many thanks to Mr Flynnwood and the Friends of Valley Park for facilitating this opportunity for our children and inspiring their love of nature.



### Bicycles and Scooters

It's great to see so many children coming into school using their bicycles and scooters. This is not only a fun and healthy way to travel to school, but also helps to ease the travel congestion that can occur around school. When children do travel to and from school on their bicycles or scooters, please can I remind you that children need to push their bicycle/scooter on the school yards. Our yards are very busy places and we need to avoid any accidents occurring with any of our children, parents and families.



## Parking around school

On the subject of travelling to school, please can all parents who do need to use their cars to transport their child to school adhere to the parking restrictions in front of our school, on Westloch Road and around Glenluce Drive. Parking Enforcement Officers are monitoring these areas and have already issued a number of parking tickets to cars which have been parked around school.

## Little Movers

On Wednesday Early Years had a visit from Katie who is part of little movers. We had a one hour session which the children absolutely loved, and it went past in the blink of an eye. The behaviour from our children was amazing they listened, joined in and were engaged throughout. It was lovely to see all the different responses from the children, they have some awesome dance moves! You can follow little movers on Instagram @littlemoversnewcastle. Katie runs various sessions for different ages.



## Dates for your diary

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
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 weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Joanne Parker





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