

Newsletter – Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Cragside Family,

As we head towards the end of the Summer term and are busy planning for the next academic year, I wanted to share with you some information about staffing changes and class organisation for next academic year. At the end of the Summer term, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Miss Burns, who is planning to travel and teach in Australia. I, like many of you will be, am truly grateful for all that Miss Burns has done for our children during her time at Cragside. The care, commitment and dedication which Miss Burns has shown not only towards the children whom she has taught, but also towards the development of sport in school is much appreciated. Miss Burns will be in school, at times, during September and October before she travels to Australia in November. Mrs Gray will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of the Summer term. We wish Mrs Gray all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new addition to the family during the Summer. In September, we look forward to welcoming two new teachers to our Cragside family. Mr Daniel Freedman will be teaching one of our Year 3 classes and Mr Kieran Roper will be teaching one of our Year 5 classes.

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On Thursday 4th July, we will be holding a transition morning in school, where most children will get the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. There will be some variations to this. Due to prior commitments, Mr Roper's class will meet Mr Roper on Wednesday 10th July and Mr Flynnwood's new class will spend the morning with Mr Flynnwood on Wednesday 3rd July. Our majority of our current Year 6 children will be spending the full day at the Cramlington Learning Village on Thursday 4th July and we look forward to hearing all about their day when they return back to Cragside.

Class groups for the next academic year are as follows:

Current Class	New Class (from Sept 2024)	Teacher
	Nursery	Mrs Nicole Halliday
Nursery	RLC	Mrs Lynsey Clarke
Nursery	REH	Miss Ellie Harris
RNH (Mrs Halliday's Class)	1LT	Miss Lauren Tuart
REH (Miss Harris's Class)	1SG	Miss Samantha Grice
1SG (Miss Grice's Class)	2JF	Mr Josh Flynnwood
1LT (Miss Tuart's Class)	2RC	Mrs Roz Cant
2RC (Mrs Cant's Class)	3EO	Miss Emma Oliver
2HC (Mrs Cowie's Class)	3DF	Mr Daniel Freedman
3HM (Miss Hames's Class)	4UC	Mrs Lyndsey Urwin-Clark
3EO (Miss Oliver's Class)	4RH	Miss Rachel Hames
4UC (Mrs Urwin-Clark's Class)	5HC	Mrs Helen Cowie
4EB (Miss Burn's Class)	5KR	Mr Kieran Roper
5AD/5RH	6ER	Miss Emma Rennison
5AD/5RH	6JB	Mr James Beck

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 will receive a separate letter sharing who their class teacher will be.

Mr Freedman and Mr Roper would like to share the following messages to the children who will be joining their classes in September:



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Mr Roper

Hello, Year 5 to be! My name is Mr. Roper, and I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to be your Year 5 teacher on this fantastic journey we'll embark on together this year.

First things first—let's talk about shining brightly in our class. No, I'm not just talking about glitter (though I do appreciate a good sparkle!). I'm talking about how each one of you has a unique light, and my job is to help you shine as brightly as possible. We're going to grow together, learn together, and have so much fun that even the sun will be jealous of our glow!

Now, a little bit about me. When I'm not busy being your teacher, I'm quite the Taylor Swift fan. So, if you hear me humming "Shake It Off" in class, feel free to join in! I also have a passion for baking. Imagine this: learning fractions with cookies and cupcakes. Who said maths can't be delicious?

Now, there's one area where I might need your help: football. I know, I know, it's almost a crime to admit that I'm not a football expert. But here's the deal: you teach me everything about football, and I'll bring all the fun, sweet treats, and music to our classroom!

I can't wait to get to know each one of you and share my interests with you. But more importantly, I'm excited to discover what makes you sparkle. Whether it's a love for sports, art, science, or something entirely unique, I want to hear all about it.

Together, we're going to make this year unforgettable. We're going to learn, laugh, and shine brighter than ever. So, let's get ready to grow, bake some knowledge, sing our hearts out, and solve a problem or two. Let's make it the best year yet!

Mr. Roper

My name is Mr Freedman, and I will be a new teacher joining the Year 3 team. I am really excited to meet you all and will be visiting Cragside C of E Primary School lots over the coming weeks!

I am a keen sports person playing Cricket, Golf and Football and I recently completed my teacher training through the Northeast Partnership SCITT programme, which has a unique P.E specialism. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and inspire them to grow socially and academically whilst in my class. I am a very active person and enjoy making my lessons as active and engaging as possible.

I also love reading, my favourite books are The Five Realm books, especially The Legend of Podkin One-Ear.

I am looking forward to meeting children and parents very soon!

Mr. Freedman



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Term dates for the coming academic year

Please find attached to an overview of school term time dates for the coming academic year. This also details our teacher training dates for 2024-25.

Dates for the Summer Term

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 ^h July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 16 ^h 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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing support.
Joanne Parker

