



Newsletter – Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Cragside Family,

As always, our school has been a very busy, purposeful place. Our Year 1 children have been very focused whilst undertaking their Phonics Screening Check, our Year 4 children have completed their Multiplication Tables Check over the past couple of weeks, we had a lovely evening welcoming our new families to Reception and this week watched a very professional performance of Matilda delivered by our Drama Club. Many children have also taken part in a range of different sporting opportunities this week, delivered by the Cramlington and Seaton Valley School Games Team. I was delighted to receive a message from the Co-ordinator of this team who shared with me how much she had enjoyed working with our children this week, stating that the children had been fantastic. Our Year 6 children spent Tuesday morning at Newcastle Cathedral at a Leavers Celebration, joining with other Y6 children from different Church of England Schools. It certainly is a busy time of year!

As we head towards the end of the Summer term and are busy planning for the next academic year, I want to share with you information about staffing changes and class organisation for next academic year.

At the end of the Summer term, as you are already aware, we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Hames and also to Mrs Davidson who will be retiring in July. In addition to this, Miss Cranston will be leaving Cragside at the end of this term. I, like many of you will be, am truly grateful for the contribution which these adults have made whilst working in our school and wish them well in all that they do in the future.

In September, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Beacher to our Cragside family. Mrs Beacher will be teaching one of next year's Year 1 classes and has been in school this morning and will be at various different times during the next few weeks, to begin to get to know her new class.

Academic year 2025-2026

On Thursday 3rd July, we will be holding our transition morning in school, where children will get the opportunity to spend time with new class teachers and spend time in their new classrooms during the morning session. Our current Year 6 children will be spending the full day at the Cramlington Learning Village on the same date and we look forward to hearing all about their day when they return back to Cragside.

Class groups for the next academic year will be as follows:

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

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 have received a separate letter sharing who their class teacher will be next year.

From September, Miss Harris will be further developing her SENCO role in our school and will be overseeing provision for children who need additional support.

The Nursery team will continue to be overseen by Mrs Clarke, our Early Years Leader and we are currently in the process of appointing a teacher to be based in Nursery. Nursery parents will be informed of the outcome of this recruitment process before the end of the Summer term. To ensure consistency and continuity for the Nursery children who are remaining in Nursery for the next academic year, familiar staff who know the children well will continue to work within the Nursery setting.

A note from Mrs Beacher



I am delighted to be joining Cragside and so excited to be part of your child's learning journey. My name is Mrs Beacher and I have been teaching for 13 years. I love teaching as it gives me the opportunity to help and inspire children, and watch them grow and flourish. Outside of the classroom, I'm a proud mam to two wonderful children—Ayda, who is 5, and baby Isaac, who is 6 months old. We love spending time together on family days out and are often found exploring local farms and enjoying the outdoors. I have a real passion for sharing stories and getting creative with crafts, and I can't wait to bring that enthusiasm into our classroom. I'm looking forward to a fun, nurturing, and inspiring year ahead with your children!

Other news regarding the next academic year...

During the Summer holidays, we will be repurposing and refurbishing some of the space which we have in school, to further develop our learning environment. The current room which is used for our Out of School Club wrap-around care will become a learning base for Miss Harris to use and over the Summer will be equipped to facilitate learning. Our current Year 5 and 6 cloakroom will be refurbished during the Summer holidays so that it can be used for our Out of School provision, alongside the school hall and outside area. This subsequently means that the areas where children come into school and exit from school will change for some children. I'll provide an update for you about this, closer to September, so that the information will be fresh in your mind for the new school year.

As you may also be starting to get organised for the new academic year, please can I ask you to be mindful of the following:

- Like many other schools, we have a no earrings policy in school (please can you check

if your child is wearing earrings and remind them about this rule) so if you are considering getting your child's ears pierced during the holidays, please can you do this at the beginning of the school holidays so that children are able to remove the earring by the start of the school year.

- Please can all children bring in a clear, inexpensive water bottle with them to school. We get very upset children (and parents!) when their expensive flask is misplaced or lost. A clear water bottle also helps us to see that children are drinking water regularly and helps us to know if a child may need a reminder to have a drink.
- We replenish our stationery stock every year, so children will not need to bring in any equipment with them in September – please don't go out and buy any new stationery, the children will have everything that they need in school so don't need to bring in pencil cases etc
- Given that there will be changes to the areas where children hang their coats, please can children bring a book bag instead of a large rucksack for their school day. As children wear their PE kits to school, they only need to bring in their reading book and diary to school. Books bags can be stored more easily in the children's trays which they have in their classrooms and helps us to make better use of the space which we have in school.
- I have attached a copy of next year's term dates to this newsletter. This also includes details of when our Teacher Training Days are scheduled, to help you plan ahead.

Rwandan Day – Tuesday 24th June – A message from Mrs Cowie

The Mayor of Cramlington and Alain (who was a refugee from Rwanda) are joining us on Tuesday to celebrate and support the well established partnership between our school and Mukuge Primary School in Rwanda. As part of our fund raising efforts for this project, please can children bring in a donation of £1 for our non-uniform day where children are allowed to come into school wearing colours from the Rwandan flag (light blue, yellow and green) and £1 for face painting. All of the money raised from the day will go to Mukuge Primary School.

Electric Scooters

I would like to share with families that electric scooters are not permitted for children on pavements, cycle lanes or public roads and can only be used on privately owned land. Riding electric scooters on cycle paths and pavements poses a safety risk to others, especially young children, the elderly, parents/carers with pushchairs and those with mobility aids. Please can families help to ensure children are aware of these rules, With this in mind, electric scooters can not be used by children to travel to and from our school. Thank you for helping us to keep our school and wider community safe.

Valley Park Fete – Information friends of Valley Park

The Friends of Valley Park are holding a fete on Saturday 16th August between 10.00am and 1.00pm. We have organised an author to come along and deliver free-of-charge story telling sessions. There will be free refreshments as well as activities, including willow weaving and crafts. It would be lovely if you were able to come along and join us. Please find attached a flier with more details about this.

Dates for your diary

Please see below for a reminder of the key dates for Summer 2.

Tuesday 24 th June	Rwandan Flag non uniform day
Thursday 26 th June	Year 6 Transition Assembly at the JLV



Monday 30th June	Year 1 trip to Northumberland Zoo
Tuesday 1 st July	9.15am – Y3/4 Sports Day 2.00pm – Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 5 Geography Fieldwork trip in Cramlington
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 children to JLV for the full day and Cragside transition day
Friday 4 th July	9.15am – Y1/2 Sports Day
Monday 7 th July	Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30am – Morning session 2.00-3.00pm – Afternoon session
Tuesday 8 th July Tuesday 8th July	9.15am Reception Celebration Assembly and Sports morning Year 3 to Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum Visit
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Surfing trip
Thursday 10 th July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 11 th July	9.15am Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Monday 14 th July	Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm
Tuesday 15 th July	9.15am Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	9.15am Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 17 th July	9.15am Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 18 th July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 3.15pm End of Summer term
Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Start of Autumn term





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