

# High Crags News



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## Last week

Last week was a very busy week with Year 6 taking their National Curriculum Tests and then visiting the park for a reward on Friday. The children were really fantastic throughout the week, working their very hardest in the mornings on the tests; I know their teachers were very proud of them. The Reception children had an amazing visit also on Friday to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park where they were really pleased that they saw so many animals, particularly the penguins. The week also ended on a high with the good news that Mrs Goodey has had a lovely baby boy. I am sure you will join me in wishing both her and her husband congratulations and all the very best with their new baby.



## This week

It does not seem possible that we only have 2 weeks left before the holiday and then we will be in the last half term of the year. It has simply flown past, with so many positive things happening in the school. This week Year 4 are going to visit the chocolate museum in York as part of their theme learning about why chocolate is addictive. I know that they are really looking forward to the visit as are their teachers. I hope that they are able to bring some souvenirs back to school!

**YORK'S  
CHOCOLATE  
STORY**

### Attendance for last week:

Reception: 93.6%

Yr 1: 93.1%

Yr 2: 95.7%

Yr 3: 94.9%

Yr 4: 96.3%

Yr 5: 95%

Yr 6: 99.8%

Total: 95.4%

### Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 3

Yr 1: 1

Yr 2: 8

Yr 3: 3

Yr 4: 7

Yr 5: 4

Yr 6: 5

Total: 31

**Well done to all of you who have achieved this.**

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## HIGH CRAGS ACADEMY – ELECTION OF TWO PARENT GOVERNORS

On 1 April 2016 High Crags joined the Wakefield City Academies Trust and became an academy. We are now in the process of forming our Local Governing Board.

The role of the governing board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school and Governors have an important part to play in raising school standards. Ofsted notes that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management, which includes the governing board.

The key functions are to:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

As a member of the Local Governing Board you will be expected to respect the professional expertise of the headteacher and staff and work in partnership with them for the benefit of the school and its pupils. You will support the school community and take decisions that are in the best interests of the school.

To be elected as a parent governor you need to have:

- at least one child attending the school, (no formal qualifications are required but some business or professional experience would be useful.)
- a commitment to the school
- be able to attend at least two evening meetings each term
- attend training sessions that will support you in your role as a governor
- visit the school at least once a term during the day to see it in action

Applications should be submitted on the form below to Mrs Ali in the school office by 09.30am on Tuesday 24th May. In the event that there are more than two candidates an election will be run to select the governors.

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I wish to be considered for election to the governing body of High Crags Academy.  
I have \_\_\_\_\_ child / children in the school in the following classes:

Signed:

Name:

(please print)

Contact number:



## Dates For Your Diary



### May

Monday 16th—Year 6HM visit sewers

Wednesday 18th—Year 4 visit York Chocolate Experience

Friday 27th—school finishes for half term.

### June

Wednesday 8th—INSET day—school closed for children

Thursday 9th—School starts back

Monday 13th—Year 6 residential week

Monday 20th—Year 6 girls visit to waterworks

### July

Friday 15th—Reports out to parents

Monday 18th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher

Tuesday 19th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher

Tuesday 19th—Parents' open afternoon—meet your child's new teacher

Thursday 21st—Last day of school term



## Sports Day

On Friday 24th of June we will be holding our annual sports day. This year the format will include competitive races in the morning, followed by a family picnic and fun sports activities in the afternoon. We hope that as many parents as possible will join us on the day to take part in this event.

More details will follow.



## Star of the Week

Due to SAT's we did not hold celebration assemblies this week.

