

# High Crags News

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## This week

As we approach the half term holiday I would like to thank all of our pupils and parents for their ongoing support this term. The children are all working really hard in their classrooms and we are slowly seeing attendance and behaviour improving throughout the school. There is still room for further development with both of these issues and again we appreciate your support in both of these areas. It would be really great if after the half term holidays we could really commit to all children achieving 97% attendance and better—it is possible but we can not achieve this without your help.

**We hope you have a great week and an even better half term.**

## Internet Safety

The internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have better technical skills than you do. However, children and young people still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely.

Last week was e-safety week and all of the pupils in school considered how they could keep themselves safe whilst going on-line. Having surveyed the children it remains a concern for all of us that there are still a number of primary aged children with social media accounts such as Facebook. If you require any support about how to ensure your children are using the internet safely please come in and speak to a Mr Cornelius, our ICT manager, who will be happy to help you.



## Attendance for last week:

Reception: 91.5%  
Yr 1: 92.0%  
Yr 2: 97.6%  
Yr 3: 96.4%  
Yr 4: 94.5%  
Yr 5: 94.3%  
Yr 6: 93.5%  
Total: 94.2%

## Children with 100% attendance this school year:

Reception: 6  
Yr 1: 4  
Yr 2: 7  
Yr 3: 9  
Yr 4: 4  
Yr 5: 8  
Yr 6: 6  
Total: 44

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

## Easter Breakfast

On Friday 7th April we would like to invite parents into school for the morning to take part alongside their children in a wide variety of Easter activities including breakfast.

The morning will be arranged as follows:

08.55—Children come into school as usual

09.45—10.15—The Easter breakfast starts in each class—parents join their children (if you have more than one child please collect the oldest and join the youngest child in their classroom)

10.15—12.00—The children take part in a wide variety of Easter activities. Children in KS1 and KS2 will move round their classrooms, for the children in FS1 (Nursery) FS2 (Reception) the activities will be available in their normal rooms.

We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate this time of year with your children.

We will also be holding a decorate an egg competition for each year group with prizes of Easter eggs for the winners, the theme will be “Time Travel”. Entries should be brought into school by Monday 3rd April please.



## Parents teacher meetings

On Tuesday 28th February we will be holding our parent teacher meetings for the Spring term.

Individual times to meet the teachers will be sent home to all parents and the aim of this sessions is to discuss the progress your child/ children are making and to give you the opportunity to view the work that they have completed in class.

Once again we look forward to seeing you all on the night.



## School Uniform

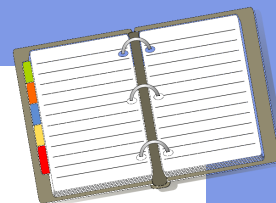
We wear a uniform in school to develop a sense of pride in being a member of our community.

For girls : Skirt (grey or black) / Trousers (grey or black) / White polo shirt / Royal blue school sweatshirt / Summer dress (blue) / Sensible, appropriate dark shoes.

For boys: Trousers (grey or black) or Shorts (grey or black in summer) / White polo shirt / Royal blue school sweatshirt / Sensible, appropriate dark shoes.

We really appreciate your support helping us to ensure that all pupils wear the agreed uniform and would like to remind all children and parents that trainers should only be worn for PE, thank you.

## Dates For Your Diary



### February



Thursday 16th—09.05—KS2 celebration assembly / 14.45—KS1 celebration assembly  
Friday 17th—Year 4 BT class assembly—09.05 / last day of term  
Monday 27th—Children back to school  
Tuesday 28th—Parents evening

### March



Thursday 2nd—World book day  
Thursday 16th—09.05—KS2 celebration assembly / 14.45—KS1 celebration assembly  
Friday 17th—Year 3 SP / KP class assembly  
Friday 24th —Red Nose day / Year 3 NW residential  
Friday 31st— Year 3 NW Class assembly 09.05 / Year 3 SP / KP residential

### April



Thursday 6th—09.05—KS2 celebration assembly / 14.45—KS1 celebration assembly  
Friday 7th—Easter breakfast / Last day of the term  
Monday 24th—INSET day  
Tuesday 25th—Children start back to school

We are starting a parent group for parents of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. If you feel that you would like to have a coffee and a chat with other parents, or you feel you could offer a kind word to parents in a similar position to yourselves then come along and join us!

If this sounds like your 'cup of tea' then please contact Mrs Bowe in school or Clair Atha (SEND Governor) through the school office.

The first meeting will be held in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 9:15 am until 10:45 am.

We look forward to welcoming you!!

### Staff Courses

This week the following members of staff are taking part in courses:

Tuesday—Miss Smith and Miss Kemp—Middle leaders training

Thursday— Miss Bowmer—RQT training

