

High Crags News

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This week

We hope that you all had a great half term holiday and look forward to hearing what the children did over the course of this week. We are really looking forward to a great new half term. We want to continue to encourage each and every child to make progress with their learning and become an attendance hero by either improving their attendance rate or keeping it as good.

We are looking forward to a successful first week back.

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 term 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: 88.6%

Yr 1: 93.0%

Yr 2: 95.3%

Yr 3: 97.0%

Yr 4: 93.5%

Yr 5: 93.6%

Yr 6: 97.0%

Total: 94.0%

Children with 100% attendance this school year:

Reception: 6

Yr 1: 3

Yr 2: 6

Yr 3: 9

Yr 4: 5

Yr 5: 7

Yr 6: 6

Total: 42

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.



World Book Day

In order to celebrate World Book Day and to encourage all of our children to continue reading we will be taking part in two different activities on Thursday 2nd March.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

The first event is that we are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would also like them to bring any books to school that they would be happy to swap with other children, as during the day there will be opportunities to exchange their book. If bringing a book into school please make sure they are in good condition and suitable for your child's age group, thank you.



The second activity that we would like to take part in is "A book at bedtime". There is nothing better than having the opportunity to get into your pyjamas and snuggle down at the end of the day and listen to a great story. In order to capture this feeling, we will be inviting all the children back to school at 17.30 pm until 18.15pm to take part in a story session dressed in their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns. The children will be given a chance to select their favourite story to listen to from a wide selection read by familiar adults connected to the school.

If you give permission for your child to take part please complete the attached proforma below. Please note that all children taking part must be brought and collected by the adult stated on the form, thank you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform all of the families that attend High Craggs Academy that the book fair will be visiting the school during the following week (Monday 6th—Friday 10th March)—so remember to pop into school to browse the books and get the chance to purchase some amazing stories.



I give permission for my child to take part in "A book at bedtime".

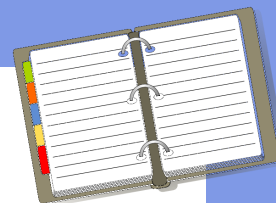
Name: _____ (Please print) Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ (Please print) Class: _____

My child will be brought and collected by:

My contact phone number is:

Dates For Your Diary



February



Monday 27th—Children back to school
Tuesday 28th—Parents evening

March



Thursday 2nd—World book day/ Book at Bedtime
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

Attendance Heroes

At the end of last term we sent out a variety of letters about attendance. Some letters were inviting parents to attend either a school attendance panel or a Governors attendance panel because their child's attendance had fallen below a critical amount. To clarify this for everyone, this is calculated on a half termly basis and it only takes 3 days absence in a 6 week period to make this below 90%. Whilst we understand that children can not help becoming ill and they should not attend if this is the case, we hope that the leaflets sent out with the letters were useful.

At the same time we sent letters out congratulating those children who had become "attendance heroes" and achieved over 97% and some achieving 100%. These children should be really proud of their attendance and their names will be displayed on the new attendance boards in class and around the school. Well done and keep it up.

Staff Courses

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

Tuesday 28th—Mrs Cornelius—Headteacher's meeting
Wednesday 29th—Mrs Cornelius—TLP meeting
Thursday 2nd—Miss Kemp and Miss Smith—Middle leaders training
Friday 3rd—Support staff training—Special Educational Needs.

