

High Crags News



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Last week

Last week was another successful week during which the children demonstrated that they were fully involved in their learning already and working hard to achieve their end of year expectations, well done.

This week

This year as a school we have a real focus on our school values:

Love of learning
Respect
Challenge
Equality
Resilience

These values determine the behaviours that people within our school agree to show and they enable us to ensure that we have a truly positive ethos.

Throughout the day the children and staff are encouraged to demonstrate these values at all times and we really appreciate parents support with this.

Please help us by talking to your children about the values and how they show them and ensure that you too are modelling them whilst on school premises, thank you.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 96.2%
Yr 1: 94.2%
Yr 2: 90.7%
Yr 3: 94.9%
Yr 4: 94.3%
Yr 5: 95.3%
Yr 6: 95.6%
Total: 94.4%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 45
Yr 1: 52
Yr 2: 48
Yr 3: 44
Yr 4: 52
Yr 5: 53
Yr 6: 49
Total: 343

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September we will be joining many other schools and organisations to raise money for Genetic Disorders UK who organise the Jeans for Genes day.

This group help disorder-specific charities and patient groups to deliver inspiring projects and support services for children affected by a genetic disorder in the UK.

The monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, nursing and patient support services, and events which bring together affected children and their families.

In order to raise money on the Friday we will be asking all of our pupils to come into school wearing jeans with their school polo shirt and sweatshirt and pay for the privilege (£2.00 suggested).

During the day we will be holding a cake and sweet sale with everything available for the cost of 50 pence. We will also be asking the children to donate any loose change that they can to fill a pair of jeans. We hope that we will all have an amazing day finding out about the great things this organisation does and the people that they help. We also hope that we can raise as much money as we can to donate towards their future projects.



Parking

I am sure that all parents would agree that the safety of pupils at school is of great importance.

This does not only apply in school but also during their journeys to and from school. In order to help us with this I would like to remind parents that the car parks at the front and back of the school are for staff only and should not be used by parents even for turning the car around unless this has been agreed with school staff in exceptional circumstances.

It is also vital that all parents ensure they understand the need for due care and attention around the school entrance and along the access road both for the occupants sake and for the safety of all the children, thank you.



Parent teacher meetings

On Monday 6th November we will be holding the first parent teacher meetings for this academic year. Individual times to meet the teachers will be sent home to all parents and the aim of these sessions is to discuss how each child has settled into their new class and to give you the opportunity to view the work that they have completed so far. Once again we look forward to seeing you all on the night.



Assemblies

Following the success of this initiative last year we will continue with the arrangements for assemblies as detailed below.

Class assemblies

Throughout the year we will be inviting parents in to school to attend a class assembly. During this assembly the children will show the audience including their parents what they have been learning in class.

Celebration assemblies

This year we will be holding our celebration assemblies once a month on a Thursday. The assembly for Years 1 and 2 will be held at 14.45pm. and for Years 3,4,5 and 6 it will be held at 09.05am. As in the past the parents or carers of children receiving a certificate will be invited to attend.



National Curriculum Tests

During the Summer term the children in Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 undertake a variety of tests set by the UK Government. The Year 6 tests take place during the week beginning Monday 14th May whilst the children in Year 1 sit their phonic screening and the Year 2 children take their tests in the month of June.

The results of these national assessments are important to both the children and the school and we are inviting parents with children in these years to attend a meeting that will explain all about them at a rescheduled meeting on **Tuesday 26th September at 15.30**. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting to take individual photographs of the children on Friday 10th November.

This year, in order to avoid any disappointment every child in the school will have **an individual photograph** taken during the school day.

The photographer will be holding a family session after school on the same day between 3-15 and 4-15 in the Sports Hall for parents wishing to have photographs of siblings or family members together.

Children will be given a proof and each family can select the type of photograph pack they wish to have. This is then returned to the school with full payment in the envelope provided, and the photographs will arrive a few weeks later, but before Christmas. Please be aware that the office staff cannot handle money relating to photo orders, you must make sure you put the correct amount in the envelope.



Coffee Morning and Afternoon tea

On Monday 18th September at 10am we will be holding a coffee morning for all parents to come and meet the Senior Leadership Team. This will give everyone the opportunity in a relaxed and informal setting to ask any questions they might have about the Academy.



We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Years 4, 5 and 6 Residential Visits meeting

On Thursday 21st September we will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss the planned residential visits for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The meeting will start at 15.30 and it will give parents information about the residential visits due to be held throughout the year and ask any questions that they might have.



We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Reading and phonics meeting



On Wednesday 27th September at 18.00 we will be holding a meeting for all parents with children in our new FS2 (Reception) class to talk about how we teach reading and phonics in school. The evening will last for about 1 hour. For parents with young children we will offer a crèche so you can attend. Please let us know if you want to take advantage of this. We look forward to meeting as many parents there as possible.

Harvest Assembly

On Monday 16th October we will be holding our Harvest assembly. During the assembly we will be talking to the children about Harvest and asking them to bring food to put in the hampers we will be donating to the local food bank. As a school we really appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.



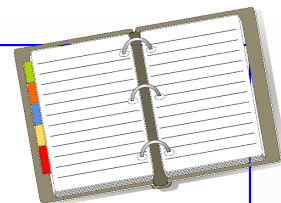
Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 18th October we will be holding our annual Halloween Disco for all children in Key stage 2.

More details will follow.

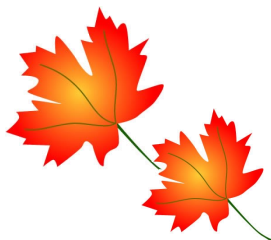


Dates For Your Diary



September

Monday 18th—Parents coffee morning—10.00am
Thursday 21st—Parents residential meeting—15.30
Friday 22nd—Jeans for Genes day
Wednesday 27th—FS2 parents reading and phonics meeting
Thursday 29th—Celebration assembly—KS2 09.05 / KS1 14.45



October

Friday 6th—Class assembly—Year 6 RS
Monday 16th—Harvest assembly
Wednesday 18th—KS2—Halloween disco
Thursday 19th—Celebration assembly—KS2—09.05am / KS21-14.45pm
Friday 20th—Class assembly—Year 5BL—Last day of 1/2 term
Monday 30th—Children start back to school.



November

Friday 3rd—Class assembly—Year 6HM
Monday 6th—Parent teacher meetings
Friday 10th—School Photographer
Monday 13th—Anti-bullying week
Friday 18th—Class assembly—Year 5 SN
Monday 20th—Road safety awareness week / Festival theme starts
Thursday 23rd—Celebration assembly KS2—09.05 / KS1—14.45
Friday 24th—Christmas Fair—15.00
Monday 27th—Christingle afternoon—14.00



December

Wednesday 6th—Nursery production am / Celebration assembly KS2—09.05 / KS1—14.45
Thursday 7th—FS2 (Reception) production pm
Friday 8th—School Christmas Dinner
Monday 11th—KS1 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12th—KS1 production pm / KS2 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 13th—Ks2 production
Thursday 14th—Christmas parties / KS2 visit Christmas market
Friday 15th—Last day of term—children wear their own clothes £1 donation to charity.