

# High Crags News



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## Last week

Once a fortnight we take part as a staff in book scrutinies where we look at all of the theme books in each class and then all of the maths books the next day. This really helps us gain an understanding of the achievements of each pupil in the school and the quality they are attaining. This took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and it was a real pleasure to see just how hard each class is working and the quality of their books already.

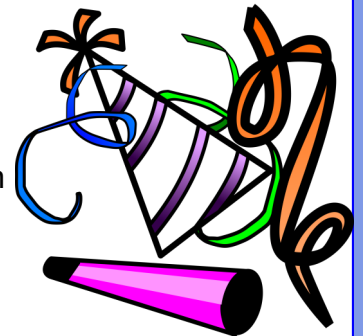
The children also took part in our school council elections and it was a very serious business. Each child standing for the privilege of being on the school council created their own manifesto speech and then stood up in front of their whole class or key stage to deliver it. We were amazed again at the quality of their ideas, the clarity of their speech and how thoughtful each and everyone of them had been. Miss Bowmer then set up a polling booth in the library and the children voted on Thursday. Once again they took this responsibility very seriously and it was lovely to see that many of them had really considered who would be best for the role rather than just voting for their friends. The votes were counted by the class teachers and the election winners were announced in the whole school assembly on Friday. We would like to say well done to all of the pupils who took part and congratulations to our new school council. Our thanks also go to Miss Bowmer for organising it all.

We ended on Friday raising money for Jeans for Genes, wow what a busy week!!

## This week

This week we are looking forward to our first celebration assemblies of the new academic year. Having spent time in classes we know that many of the children have a lot to be praised for so we are really looking forward to this opportunity to do so.

**Have a wonderful week.**



## Attendance for last week:

Reception: 93.5%  
Yr 1: 90.4%  
Yr 2: 94.3%  
Yr 3: 96.7%  
Yr 4: 88%  
Yr 5: 90.7%  
Yr 6: 93.5%  
Total: 92.3%

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

FS2: 37  
Yr 1: 31  
Yr 2: 39  
Yr 3: 36  
Yr 4: 38  
Yr 5: 35  
Yr 6: 39  
Total: 255

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

## Jeans for Genes

Thank you to all of the children who contributed towards over £400.00 which will be sent to this worthwhile charity. The children all had great fun filling the jeans with their loose change and were very reflective about the overall cause.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 hampers we will be donating to the local food bank. As a school we really appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.



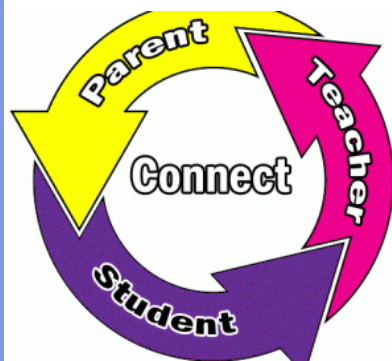
## Halloween Disco

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

## Year 2 and Year 6 Parent teacher meetings

This year we will be introducing a new approach to parent teacher meetings for the parents with children in Year 2 and Year 6 which are crucial years in their education as they mark the end of a particular key stage.

On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October we will be holding half hour appointments for all parents with the class teacher throughout the day. The aim of these is for the teachers to be able to spend time with you going through the end of year expectations, giving a clear indication of where your child is currently working at and setting targets with you for them to work on both in school and at home.



Your support with this process is vital so we will be sending home a slip for you to complete indicating which time is more suitable for you.

These meetings **will replace** the normal parent teacher meetings for these classes scheduled on Monday 6th November.

## Staff Courses

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

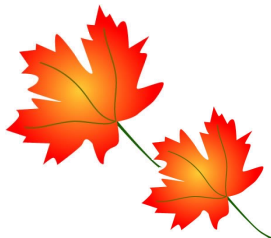
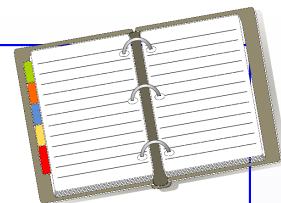
Monday 25th—Mrs Cornelius—HT meeting

Wednesday 27th—Mrs Cornelius—HT meeting

Friday 29th—Miss Rauf / Miss Whitehead / Miss Naz—teacher training / Mr Harris / Mrs Cornelius—Prevent training.



## Dates For Your Diary



### September

Wednesday 27th—FS2 parents reading and phonics meeting at 6pm

Thursday 29th—Celebration assembly—KS2 09.05 / KS1 14.45



### October

Friday 6th—Class assembly—Year 6 RS

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th—Year 2 and Year 6 Parent teacher meetings (through the school day)

Monday 16-20 Year 6 Residential

Monday 16th—Harvest assembly

Wednesday 18th—KS2—Halloween disco

Thursday 19th —Celebration assembly—KS2—09.05am / KS21-14.45pm

Friday 20th —Class assembly—Year 6 HM—Last day of 1/2 term

Monday 30th—Children start back to school.



### November

Friday 3rd—Class assembly—Year 5 BL

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.