

High Crags News



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Last week

It was really lovely to see so many parents attending the celebration assemblies last week. Overall all of the children throughout the school have come back demonstrating a really positive attitude this term and this is reflected in their behaviour and quality of work. They should all be proud of their outcomes so far. Sadly, there are some children who need some gentle reminders of our behaviour policies and the fact that we will not tolerate anti-social behaviour directed towards other pupils or members of staff.

This week

In order to develop our outdoor learning environments we have purchased a wide variety of new outdoor play equipment. These will be kept in metal sheds distributed around the playgrounds and we are hoping to have these in place over the next few weeks. As a school we pride ourselves on the high quality learning environments that we are able to provide but these rely on the children's ability to treat the equipment with respect, look after it appropriately and use it demonstrating the agreed school values:

Respect Resilience Love of Learning Equality Challenge.

We really appreciate the support that all of our families show the school working in partnership with us to ensure that all of our children develop these, thank you.

We hope that you have an amazing week too.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 88.1%
Yr 1: 93.2%
Yr 2: 93.5%
Yr 3: 95.9%
Yr 4: 95.4%
Yr 5: 95.3%
Yr 6: 95.3%
Total: 93.8%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

FS2: 26
Yr 1: 24
Yr 2: 33
Yr 3: 32
Yr 4: 34
Yr 5: 27
Yr 6: 32
Total: 208

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

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.

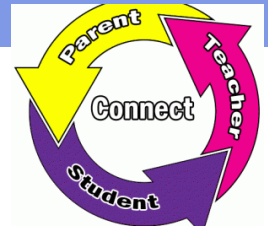


Year 2 and Year 6 Parent teacher meetings

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 short 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.



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 this 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.



Staff Courses

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

Tuesday 3rd—Miss Kemp—EYFS leaders meeting

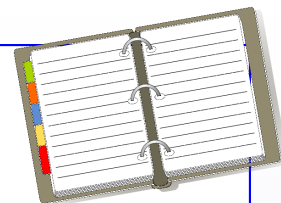
Wednesday 4th—Mrs Bowe—SEND leaders meeting

Thursday 5th—Mrs Medley—Historical England meeting / Governors safeguarding training

Friday 6th—Mrs Cornelius—TLP training



Dates For Your Diary



October

Friday 6th—Class assembly—Year 6 RS

Monday 16th—Harvest assembly

Monday 16th—20th—Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 18th—KS2—Halloween disco

Thursday 19th —Celebration assembly—KS2—09.10am / 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 17th—Class assembly—Year 5 SN

Monday 20th—Road safety awareness week / Festival theme

Thursday 23rd—Celebration assembly KS2—09.10/ KS1—14.45

Friday 24th—Christmas Fair—15.00

Monday 27th—Christingle afternoon—14.00



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December

Wednesday 6th —Nursery production am / Celebration assembly KS2—09.10 / 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.