

# High Crags News

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## Last week

Last week we had a very busy week in school and all the children were very focused in class working really hard. The week ended with an amazing assembly from Year 6 RS who performed a very creative interpretation of the water cycle. They then went on to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the things they have been learning about Tsunamis through an ICT news report and a dance. Our thanks go to the children for all of their effort and enthusiasm and their teachers who have supported them with this. We would also like to thank all of the parents who attended, it means so much to the children to have you watching. We are now really looking forward to the next class assembly from Year 6 HM on Friday 20th October.



## This week

We are looking forward to meeting the parents with children in Years 2 and 6 for their in depth parent teacher meetings on Thursday 12th October. If you have not returned your slip requesting an appointment please contact your child's class teacher who will happily slot you in. These meetings are so important for the children and the school so we really appreciate the effort you are putting in place to attend. Next week we also have meetings with Mrs Bowe and parents with children on the Special Needs register. This is an opportunity for you to talk through the interventions in place to enable them to make progress and how you can support their learning at home. Once again we thank you for your support with these too.

**Have a fantastic week—we hope the weather improves.**



## Attendance for last week:

Reception: 86.7%  
Yr 1: 94%  
Yr 2: 96.7%  
Yr 3: 98.8%  
Yr 4: 97%  
Yr 5: 96.7%  
Yr 6: 92.1%  
Total: 94.6%

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

FS2: 17  
Yr 1: 19  
Yr 2: 29  
Yr 3: 31  
Yr 4: 32  
Yr 5: 25  
Yr 6: 27  
Total: 180

**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.

Please be aware that Killer Clown costumes are unsuitable and will not be allowed on the night.

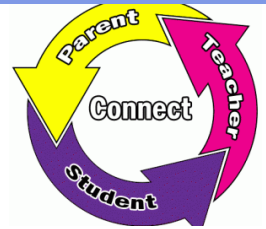
## Year 2 and Year 6 Parent teacher meetings

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 and we have sent 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 10th—All staff—Safeguarding training

Wednesday 11th—Mrs Brooke—Maths

Thursday 12th—Mrs Bowe and Mrs Andrews—Thrive training

Friday 13th—Mrs Bowe and Mrs Andrews—Thrive training



## PE and Jewellery

Just a reminder for parents that as a school we have a no jewellery policy. Government guidelines and school policy identifies that due to health and safety reasons jewellery can not be worn in any Physical Education activities. For those children with pierced ears the earrings must be removed for PE. If your child can not remove their own earrings then please ensure that they are taken out before they come to school on PE days. We really support your co-operation with this.



## Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is paramount to us as a school and we are often asked for advice on incidents that have happened outside of school hours. Our advice is always the same if anyone has any concerns about the safety of a child they should report it and the numbers to do this are:

1. 0808 800 5000 for the NSPCC
2. 01274 437500 or 01274 431010 (out of hours) for Child Services

## Attendance

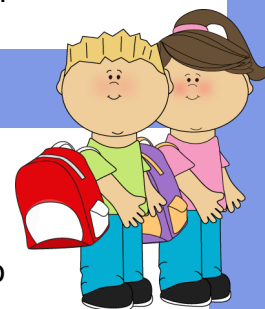
This year we are continuing with our 97% challenge for attendance and therefore like last year it is vital that all of our students attend school every day and are punctual. We have a dedicated team in the academy who monitor and support our students to maintain or improve their attendance and punctuality. The 97% challenge means that we will challenge each pupil in the school to be aware of their attendance on a weekly basis and offer rewards for those who are above 97% and who have improved significantly over a period of time. We hope that all of our pupils will achieve the attendance rewards on offer but we also recognise that in a few cases, despite significant support from school, attendance might not improve. In these cases it is important for all parents and carers to be aware of the process and the possible consequences. Additional documents regarding school attendance are available on the school website. If you do not have access to the internet please request a copy from the school office. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that:

- school starts at **08:55am**
- the school gates are open from **08:45am**
- registers close **30 minutes** after the start of the session
- if your child arrives after the start of the session but before the register closes they will be issued with a late mark.
- after the close of registers the mark will be U which is an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's overall attendance.
- If your child is off school for any reason please ring before 10am and report their absence. If we have not heard anything and can not get hold of you then we have a policy of visiting the home for Safeguarding reasons.
- poor attendance may result in prosecution under Section 444 of The Education



## Bringing and collecting children

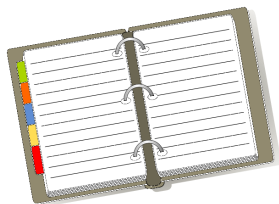
Our school is situated in the middle of some very busy streets, particularly at the start and end of the school day. It is therefore very important to us that the children coming to and from school are safe at all times. The school policy is very clear that all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) must be brought to and from school by an adult. This means that the person must be over 18 years of age. Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5, and 6) are able to walk to and from school unaccompanied as long as we have a letter from yourselves, their parents or carers informing us of this. Once again we appreciate your support with this.



## Dance Performances—Year 3 and Year 4

3NM/KP and 3NW would like to share their dance work with their parents on Tuesday 17 October. 3NM will perform at 2.30pm followed by 3NW at 2.45pm. The performance will take place in the sports hall.

4BT & 4HM would also like to share their work on Wednesday 18 October. 4BT at 2.30pm and 4HM at 2.45pm. Again this performance will take place in the sports hall.



## Dates For Your Diary

### October

Thursday 12th—Year 2 and Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings

Friday 13th—Year 2 and Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings

Monday 16th-20th Year 6 Residential

Monday 16th—Harvest assembly

Wednesday 18th—KS2—Halloween disco

Thursday 19th —Celebration assembly—KS2—09.10am / KS1-14.45pm

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

Tuesday 5th—Nasal Flu Vaccinations—FS2 to Year 4

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.

