

High Crags News



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Last week

Last week the parents with children in Year 2 and Year 6 attended mentor meetings throughout the day to discuss their child's academic progress and to look at how we can work together to ensure that they continue to achieve. The feedback from these meetings has been really positive and we would like to thank the parents/carers and staff for taking the time to make this really effective. Through working together we know that the children will achieve more. These meetings will be held every half term and we look forward to their positive impact and outcomes.

This week

It is hard to believe that we only have 1 week left of this half term—it has gone so quickly. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the children attending the Year 6 residential a great week. We know that you will really learn so much, especially about being part of a team and working successfully alongside each other. Once again our thanks go to the members of staff who are taking them and giving up their time. In last week's newsletter we said that it was Year 6 HM who were having their class assembly this Friday 20th, however this was a mistake as it is actually Year 5 BL. We look forward to seeing as many parents/ carers there as possible.

We hope you enjoy the last week of this half term.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 92.2%

Yr 1: 94.2%

Yr 2: 93.8%

Yr 3: 97.3%

Yr 4: 95.9%

Yr 5: 93.8%

Yr 6: 91.7%

Total: 94.1%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

FS2: 16

Yr 1: 18

Yr 2: 24

Yr 3: 29

Yr 4: 31

Yr 5: 21

Yr 6: 25

Total: 164

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.



Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 18th October we will be holding our annual Halloween Disco for all children in Key stage 2 starting at 17.00 until 18.30. Tickets are available at the front office.

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

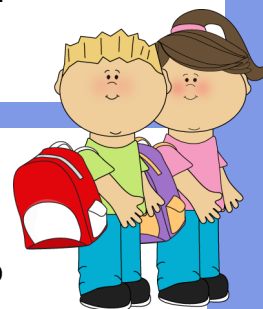
This year we are continuing with our 97% challenge for attendance and therefore like last year it is vital that all of our students attend school every day and are punctual. We have a dedicated team in the academy who monitor and support our students to maintain or improve their attendance and punctuality. 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 Act 1996.

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.



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 the work the food bank does.



Throughout the week we will then be collecting items of food to put inside hampers that we will make up and take to the food bank.

Please help support this cause by contributing in the following way:

FS1 and FS2—Packets of biscuits

Year 1 and 2—Tinned goods

Year 3 and 4—Tinned goods

Year 5 and 6—Toiletries

First Aid



As a school we have a policy to inform any parents/carers if your child has been treated for first aid.

This is done in the following ways:

1. They bring home the school first aid slip
2. You receive a phone call

In order to ensure that we are able to get hold of all parents we have now introduced a new method of texting parents whose child has had a minor bump.

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:

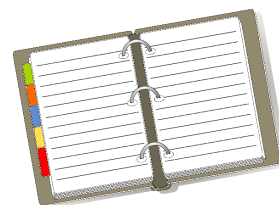
Tuesday 17th—Mr Laidler, Mrs Brooke and Mrs Medley—NQT mentor meetings



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**.



October

Monday 16th— Harvest Assembly

Monday 16th-20th—Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 17th— Year 3 Dance work (3NM/KP 2-30 and 3NW 2-45)

Wednesday 18th—Year 4 Dance work (4BT 2-30 and 4HM 2-45)

Wednesday 18th— Halloween Disco 5pm—6-30pm

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

Friday 20th—Class Assembly—Year 5BL—Last day of 1/2 term

Monday 30th—Children start back at school

November

Wednesday 1st—School Photographer—**please note change of date**

Friday 3rd—Class assembly—Year 6HM

Monday 6th—Parent teacher meetings

Monday 13th—Anti-bullying week

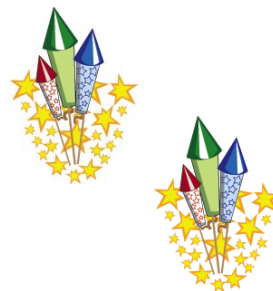
Friday 18th—Class assembly—Year 5 SN

Monday 20th—Road safety awareness week / Festival theme starts

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

Friday 24th—Christmas Fair—15.00

Monday 27th—Christingle afternoon—14.00



December

Tuesday 5 December—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.