

High Crags News



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This week

We would like to welcome everyone back after the half term break. This half term is a really busy one leading up to all the Christmas events in the school and we are having a real push as a school on attendance again. In order for your child to make progress it is vital for them to be in school on time ready to learn. The school day starts at 08.55 and any child arriving after 09.25 will be marked as late which counts against their attendance total. We are aiming for each child to have an attendance of 97% and we need your support with this. Whilst we understand that it can not be helped if you child is ill there are very few illnesses that mean they can not come to school. We really appreciate your help with this initiative and know that together we can reach our target.

It does not seem possible that this week we are talking about the Christmas events going on in school but they will very soon be upon us and we want to give everyone as much chance to be able to attend, so this newsletter is the bumper Christmas edition! We really do appreciate the support that all of our families show the school and hope that you are all able to come along to some if not all of the events, we know that it means so much to your children. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who work so hard all of the year but even harder at these times in order that productions, events and parties run smoothly so that the children can really enjoy them, thank you.

We hope you have an amazing week.

Attendance for last week:

Reception:

Yr 1:

Yr 2:

Yr 3:

Yr 4:

Yr 5:

Yr 6:

Total:

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

FS2:

Yr 1:

Yr 2:

Yr 3:

Yr 4:

Yr 5:

Yr 6:

Total:

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting to take individual photographs of the children on Wednesday 1st 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.



Poppy Appeal

To tie in with our whole school remembrance assembly on Friday 10th November we will be offering the children the opportunity to donate money to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for which they will receive a poppy.



From Monday 6th November we will also be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise as follows:

Friendship bracelets - £1,
Slap rulers - £1,
Wristbands - 50pence,
Reflectors - 50pence

All the money raised will also be going towards this worthwhile appeal and we would like to thank you for your anticipated support with this.

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.

Christmas Events 2017

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching Christmas, not to worry you, but it is only 34 school days until the end of term! We all know that it is a very busy time of year for everyone so to help you we have created this Christmas section of the newsletter that gives details about all the events going on in school. We have also included all the required permission slips that will enable your child to take part in the events, give us information about numbers of parents attending each event and also give us an indication if you are able to offer your support and help at any event.

To start off the Christmas festivities on Wednesday 23rd November, we will be decorating our school hall ready for the Christmas fair on Friday 25th November. To help us, we would like all of the children to make a decoration at home and bring it in to school by Monday 21st of November and we will then hang it on the tree. This year we would like the children to make angel or star decorations. If you would like their creations returned then please make sure that it is named, **and that you pop in to collect it on the last day** of term, thank you.

Christmas Fair—Friday 24th November

This year we are holding a traditional Christmas fair after school on Friday 24th November from 15.45 until 18.00. We will really be trying to capture that Christmas feeling with a wide variety of stalls including one for each class where they will be selling the goods that they have made, a tombola stall, a raffle and many other, so come along and buy those last minute presents, or the first presents if you are like me!! If you would like to book a stall they are available for the cost of £5, please phone the school and ask for Mrs Rowley, thank you.

In order to have prizes for the stalls and the raffle we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November and we are asking each child to bring a contribution towards our chocolate tombola, for the privilege of wearing non-uniform, thank you.

We would also ask each child to bring one item as detailed below:

Nursery and 2 Year olds—Christmas items i.e. cards, wrapping paper, tags

Reception—Tinned items

Years 1 and 2—Packet biscuits or cakes

Years 3 and 4—Toiletry items.

Years 5 and 6—Sweets or Christmas items.

We really appreciate your support with this.

Christingle Celebration—Monday 27th November

On the afternoon of Monday 27th November we would like to invite all of our parents into school to make a Christingle decoration with your children. The afternoon will start at 14.00 when you can join your child in their class to make their decoration with them and it will end with us all meeting in the main school hall or the bottom music hall to take part in a short carol service. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible.

Nursery production—Wednesday 6th December

This year, all the children in the Nursery will be joining together for their Christmas production and they would like to invite you to watch their performance on the morning of Wednesday 6th at 10.30am. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

FS2 (Reception) Production—Thursday 7th December

This year, all the children in the Reception class will be joining together for their Christmas production and they would like to invite you to watch their performance on the afternoon of Thursday 7th at 14.00pm. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

Christmas Dinner—Friday 8th December

On Friday 8th December all the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in the school Christmas dinner. Please complete the slip below to let us know if your child requires a school dinner or packed lunch on the day. Payment for this at the cost of £1.60 should be made via parent pay in the usual manner, thank you.

Christmas Market—Friday 8th December

The children in Key Stage 2 will be visiting a local Christmas market this year on Friday 8th December. Please ensure that they have a suitable packed lunch in a back pack that they can then carry with them on the day that includes several non fizzy drinks. The school will provide packed lunches for any children eligible.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Years 1 and 2) - Tuesday 12th December

The Year 1 and 2 children would like to invite you to watch their Christmas production, which will start at 14.00 in the main school hall. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Production (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) - Wednesday 13th December

The Key Stage 2 children, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 would like to invite you to watch their Christmas production, which will start at 14.00 in the main school hall. All parents are welcome and the children can also be taken home after the performance, but again please let their class teacher know, thank you.

All the children and staff in school work very hard during these productions and are very proud of the performances. Whilst we welcome all younger brothers and sisters to watch we would ask for your support when they are finding it difficult to stay quiet, by taking them outside for a short while, thank you. We would also like to stress that for health and safety purposes we **can not** allow prams or buggies in the building on these days.

Christmas Dinner—Thursday 14th December

On Thursday 14th December all the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the school Christmas dinner. Please complete the slip below to let us know if your child requires a school dinner or packed lunch on the day. Payment for this at the cost of £1.60 should be made via parent pay in the usual manner, thank you.

Christmas Parties—Thursday 14th December

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will all be having their Christmas parties on Thursday 14th December. We would really appreciate your support with this and would request that the children bring in contributions towards the food for these events on the day but more details about this will be added to this newsletter nearer the time, thank you.

Last day of term—Friday 15th December

We would like to inform parents that we will finish on the Friday 15th December at the normal time for the Christmas holidays.

On behalf of the children and staff of High Craggs Academy I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

Permission slip 1

I / we will be attending the Christmas Fair at 15.30.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 2

I / we will be attending the Christingle celebration at 14.00.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 3

I / we will be attending the Nursery production at 10.30 am

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 4

I / we will be attending the Reception class production.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 5

I / we will be attending the Key Stage 1 production starting at 14.00

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 6

I / we will be attending the Key Stage 2 production starting at 14.00

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 7

I give permission for my child _____ to visit the Christmas market.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

All permission slips need to be returned to school by Friday 17th November please.

I can offer to help on the visit. (please tick)

When	What	Who	Where	Time	What you need to do
Friday 24th November	Christmas Fair	All children and parents	Main school hall	15.45—18.00	Complete permission slip 1 to indicate attendance please
Monday 27th November	Christingle celebration	All children and parents	Throughout school	14.00—15.15	Complete permission slip 2 to indicate attendance please
Wednesday 6th December	Nursery production	All parents and children in Nursery	Nursery classroom	10.45 am 14.45 pm	Complete permission slip 3 to indicate attendance please
Thursday 7th December	FS2 production	All parents and children in FS2	FS2 classroom	10.00 am 14.00 pm	Complete permission slip 4 to indicate attendance please
Friday 8th December	Christmas dinner	FS2 Years 1 and 2	Main school hall	From 11.45 onwards	Order and pay using parent pay please.
Friday 8th December	Christmas market	All children in KS2	Leeds or Manchester	All day	Complete permission slip 7 to indicate attendance please
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	All parents and children in KS1	Main school hall	14.00pm	Complete permission slip 5 to indicate attendance please
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	All parents and children in KS2	Main school hall	14.00pm	Complete permission slip 6 to indicate attendance please
Thursday 14th December	Christmas dinner	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Main school hall	From 12.00 onwards	Order and pay using parent pay please.
Thursday 14th December	Christmas parties	All children in FS1 (Nursery) / FS2 and KS1	In their classrooms	FS1—morning FS2 and Years 1 and 2—Afternoon	Please contribute by providing the requested food
Friday 15th December	Last day of term	All children		Normal school timings	

Dates For Your Diary

November

Wednesday 1st —School Photographer
Friday 3rd—Class assembly—Year 5 BL
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—09.05 / 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— FS2, Years 1 and 2—School Christmas Dinner / Years 3,4, 5 and 6 Market visit
Monday 11th—KS1 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12th—KS1 production pm / KS2 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 13th—KS2 production
Thursday 14th—Christmas parties / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6—School Christmas Dinner
Friday 15th—Last day of term—children wear their own clothes £1 donation to charity.



Staff Courses

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

Tuesday 31st—Mrs Cornelius and Mr Harris—Tauheedul staff visiting school
Friday 3rd—Mrs Cornelius and Mr Harris—Tauheedul staff visiting school

