

High Crags News



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Last week

We were delighted to welcome members from Tauheedul Education Trust to the school for the first time last week. The period of “listening” as it is called when the Department for Education will be taking into account all stakeholders’s views on the new proposed trusts is drawn to a close on Monday 12th November. After this the final decisions about our new trust will be made and we are hoping that the school can then move forward in a positive way continuing the improvements that we have already made supported by them.

On Friday it was lovely to be able to share in another amazing class assembly, this time with parents and children from Year 6 HM. Once again we were all given an insight into just how much they have learnt around their theme “The Blue Planet” and this was brought to the stage in a very creative performance and our thanks go to the children and staff for this.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and children that have contributed towards our Harvest hampers going to the food bank. The amount brought in this year has surpassed all previous years and we know that it will be very gratefully received.

This week

We look forward to meeting parents on Monday during the parent teacher meetings and hope to see as many attending the evening as possible.

Wishing everyone a great 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.

Tauheedul Education Trust

We are really pleased to be able to let you know that members from Tauheedul Education Trust, the new proposed Multi-Academy Trust for our school, will be joining us during the parents evening on Monday 6th November. This has been arranged to give all parents and carers the chance, on an informal basis, to ask any questions that they might have throughout the evening.

Parents with children in Year 2 and 6, who have already had their meetings, are also able to come along during the evening at any time from 15.30 to 18.00pm.

We hope that this will provide an ideal opportunity to meet with the team from our new proposed trust, Tauheedul, and we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible throughout the evening.

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.



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. This means that we 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.

If you have any questions relating to school attendance please do not hesitate to contact school at your earliest convenience.



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:

Monday 6th —Mrs Cornelius—Data meeting
Tuesday 7th —Miss Kemp—Children's Yoga
Thursday 9th —Mrs Medley and Miss Smith—visiting Johnson Fold Primary School.

