

High Crags News

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Last week

Last week started with our parent teacher meetings and we would like to thank all of the parents/ carers that attended. These meetings are really important because it gives time for everyone to celebrate each child's achievements and to set targets that can be supported at home to enable them to make further progress. The partnership between home and school is so important for every child and we really appreciate the support that you all show with this.

The week ended with our Remembrance assembly during which we explored ways we could show our respect alongside wearing a poppy. Once again we related this back to the school values and how vital these are to enable us to be a successful learning community.

This week

This week I have been asked by the teachers to put out a request for the following items:

Foundation stage and Key stage 1 would like any used boxes (like cereal boxes etc) cardboard tubes (from kitchen towels etc.) and old newspapers please.

Year 6 children and staff would like empty 4l milk cartons, plastic bottle lids and 500ml plastic bottles.

If you have any of these items please bring them into school and give them to your child's class teacher, thank you.

We hope that this week is a good one for everyone.



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.

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.



Christmas Adventure

As you will be aware in the recent Christmas newsletter we were planning a visit for KS2 to Leeds Christmas Market. Following our recent risk assessment visit we now believe that it would be more suitable to take them to Stockeld Park to take part in their Christmas Adventure on Friday 8th December.

Whilst there the children will be given the opportunity to take part in 4 different activities:

Ice skating

Nordic ski

Maze

Enchanted forest

On the day the children will need to bring a packed lunch with them (free school meals will be provided with one) and they will also need to be wrapped up wearing suitable outdoors clothing including a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves as all the activities take place outside. The children will leave from school so it is important for them all to be in at the normal time and they will return back in time to go home at the usual time of 3.15pm.

A letter has been sent home to Years 3 and 4 and will be sent home for Years 5 and 6 requesting permission



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 14th—Mrs Brooke—NPQML training
Wednesday 15th—Miss Kemp and Mrs Medley—English lead meeting

