

# High Crags News



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## Last week

Well Christmas has well and truly arrived in school and the children are really enjoying learning all about festivals from different cultures and the traditions behind the Christian festival of Christmas. It is really hard to believe that we only have 2 weeks left in this term as it has really flown by but we are still really focused on our learning in class until the very last day.

## This week

This week we have a wide variety of events going on including the FS1 and FS2 productions, FS2 and KS1 Christmas dinner and the KS2 visit to Stockeld Park. Please help us make these performances magical by arriving on time for them. Whilst we allow you to take photographs of your own child in the performance please remember that these must **not** be placed on any social media sites as they might have other children in the background. 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.



### 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.**

## Stockeld Park

On Friday 8th December we are taking all of the children in Key Stage 2 to the Christmas Adventure at Stockeld Park and we would like to thank all of the parents / carers that have returned their permission slip and the £15 contribution towards the cost of this visit.

We are now really pleased to be able to say that the visit will be going ahead and we look forward to a wonderful day. Educational provision has been made for those children remaining in school on this day with a member of existing school staff. There will also be a packed lunch provided for them.

Any parent that has missed the deadline but would still like their child to take part please phone the school office, return the permission slip and make a contribution towards the cost and they will be included in the visit.



## Dinner Money

Over the last few years we have tried really hard to ensure that the price of school dinners remains the same whilst the cost of providing them has increased. It has however now come to a point when we are unable to maintain this position and we are therefore forced to increase the price of the school meals to cover the costs. This will only affect the children in Key Stage 2 that currently pay for their school meal and we intend to increase the price in a 3 staged system. Therefore from 1st January 2018 the cost of a school meal will be £2 per child and in March 2018 this will rise to £2.20 with final increase being made in September 2018 to £2.35.

## Christmas Performances

Over the next 2 weeks we have 4 performances, FS1, FS2, KS1 and KS2 at different times. We really appreciate the support shown by parents during these performances and request that disruptions are kept to a minimum enabling the children to be at ease and be heard throughout. After each performance we will take the children back to their allocated class and your support as an audience by remaining seated at this point is really helpful. There will be a sheet in class for parents to sign if they wish to take their child out early, please make sure that the class teacher knows they are going and this sheet is signed before taking your child. Whilst we recognise that the children might have siblings in other key stages sadly we can not authorise them to go home early.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at each event.



## 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 5th —Mrs Medley and Ms Smith am / Mrs Brooke and Mrs Hooper pm—maths  
Wednesday 6th —Mrs Bowe—SEND  
Friday 8th —Mrs Cornelius—Headteacher training.

