

# High Crags News

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## Last week

Wow we have had a really busy but successful week. We would like to thank all of the parents who came along to each of our school performances—there were record numbers at each one and the children rose to the challenges and performed so well. We finished the week with a great Christmas dinner where the children were served by the adults and everyone had a great time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work and effort without them these events would not be possible, thank you.

## This week

This week we are saying goodbye to a member of the KS2 team, Miss Naz who is leaving to pursue other career avenues. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution towards the staff team and wish her every success for the future. Joining the school in January and teaching in Year 5 is Mr P Charlton. Mr Charlton has been a teacher for over 17 years and brings with him a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for working with children. I am sure that he will settle into the school quickly, be well supported by the existing team and we look forward to working with him.



### 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.**

## Times Tables Rock Stars

As a school we are launching a new way for the children to learn and practise their times tables called Times Tables Rock Stars.

In Class the children will select a rock star name and create an avatar to go with it. Then on a daily basis they will complete a short timed times table activity set to music. Each day they will record their score and the time it took them with the aim that this will improve on a daily basis. These scores will be recorded on a weekly basis onto the Rock Stars website next to their rock name and a league table will be created.



To help them at home the children can also log onto the site and take part in a wide variety of practise activities, earning points to buy things for their avatar.

Each term we will reward the children who have made the most progress and /or achieved the highest score. They will be invited to come to school dressed like a rock star and then we will take them out to town for lunch in a limousine.

To launch this new initiative we will be holding a Rock Star day on Monday January 8th when we would like the children to come to school dressed as a rock star and take part in a variety of different activities.

We really hope that you will embrace this scheme as much as we have and encourage your children to take part as it will only help them in the future. Knowing your times tables is vitally important as they are one of the foundations to success in all field of mathematics.



# TIMES TABLES

# ROCK STARS



### **Stockeld Park**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the children, parent volunteers and staff who attended the Stockeld Park visit on Friday 8th December. The all had an amazing time and this would not have been possible without all the support from everyone. A huge thank you goes to Ms Smith who did the majority of the organisation which you can understand is not easy task.



### **FS2 and KS1 Christmas Dinner**

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who supported the Christmas dinner today. It was a great success as a result of the team work and community spirit shown by everyone. Thank you on behalf of the school and the children.



*On behalf of all the staff and children we would like to take this chance to thank all of our families for their support this year and wish everyone a*

*“Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year”.*

*We look forward to seeing all the children back in school after the holidays on  
Wednesday 3rd January.*



## Dates For Your Diary



### December

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.



## 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 no 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.

## Staff Courses

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

Tuesday 12th—Mrs Brooke—NPQML training

Wednesday 13th—Mrs Bowe SEND meeting

