

High Crags News



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Last week

It was lovely to see all of the children back in school after the holiday and they have all settled back into the school systems and routines incredibly well. This term our whole school theme is "Long, Long Ago" and once again the teachers have transformed the classrooms to immerse the children in their learning. My thanks go to all of their staff for their hard work and effort doing this, it is so important to the children and motivates them even more.

This Week

We have had an amazing day on Monday launching our new Times Tables Rock Star initiative. The children not only looked fantastic but sounded fantastic singing along to their time table versions of classic rock songs. They all really enjoyed challenge their teachers in times table battles and themselves in the wide variety of activities that they took part in. We now look forward to seeing them continue to work on their tables beating their speed scores and moving up the leadership tables.

Have a "rocking" 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:

Reception:

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



We have had a really positive day today with the children all taking a really enthusiastic part in the Times tables Rock challenges. We would like to remind all parents and children that they can log onto the site at home and earn coins to start adapting their avatars. In order to do this they will have to complete various times table challenges all of which help their mathematical learning.



Attendance and Punctuality



As you may be aware at High Craggs Academy we actively encourage our students to attend school every day and to be punctual. We have a dedicated team in the academy who monitor and support our students to maintain or improve their attendance and punctuality and we have a "97% Plus" challenge throughout the school which encourages each pupil in the school to be aware of their attendance on a weekly basis and offers rewards for those who are above 97% and who have improved significantly over a period of time.

Details of our rewards system are enclosed with this letter as well as the process to support parents and carers where attendance is below expectations. 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.

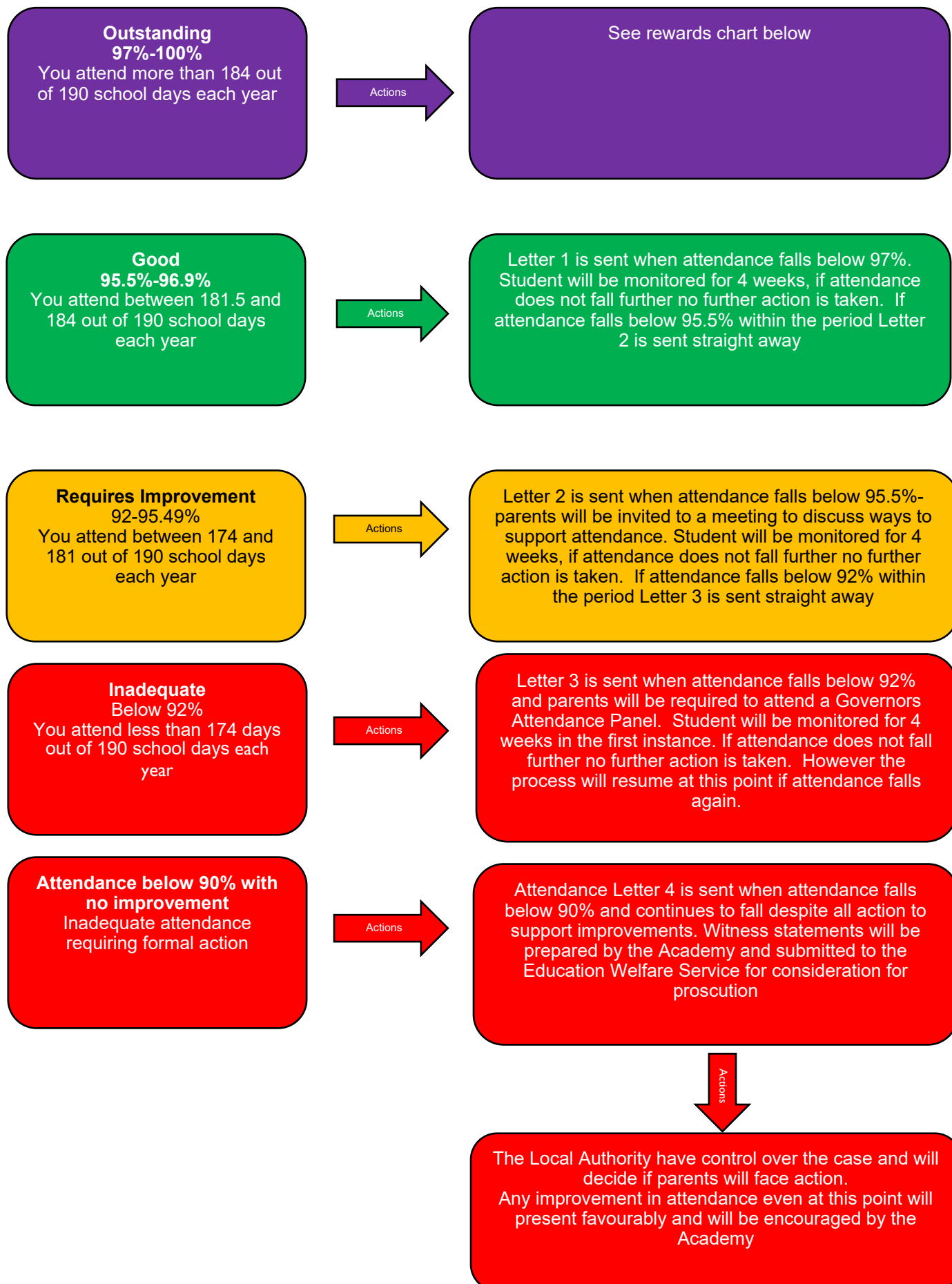
We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that:

- School starts at **08:55am**
- The school gates are open from **08:45am**
- Registers close **30 minutes** after the start of the session
- If your child arrives after the start of the session but before the register closes they will be issued with a late mark.
- After the close of registers the mark will be U which is an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's overall attendance.
- Poor attendance may result in prosecution under Section 444 of The Education Act 1996.

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



Attendance Thresholds



We reward good attendance in a variety of ways:

Class Rewards

Each week, children have their attendance monitored in preparation for Friday's assembly. In the assembly, class attendance percentages will be shared and the class with the highest will have their name put into a draw box. At the end of the year we will make a draw from this box and the winning class will have a class party.

Individual Rewards

Individual children will also be able to receive a variety of rewards. This system has been designed to encourage high attendance however even when a pupil has been absent they will still be able to access the attendance rewards system at some level as we recognise that there needs to be some incentive for improving attendance even after a period of absence, so we have the "Most Improved" attendance rewards as well as the 97% and above rewards.

As a school attendance is really important to us, however we can not improve this on our own. Our pastoral team are really supportive and welcome all parents and carers to contact them if there are any difficulties. There are so many things we can do to help so please keep talking to us.

Attendance	Reward
Class Rewards	
Highest attendance of the term	Class party
100% for term	Class educational visit.
97% Plus for a term	Class party.
Individual Rewards	
100% in a term	Gold badge/ certificate. Name on attendance board and in newsletter.
97+% in a term	Silver badge / certificate. Name on attendance board and in newsletter.
Most Improved Attendance	
Class over a term	Class photo session and poster on attendance board.
Individuals over a half term	Most improved badge.
Individuals over a term	Most improved badge.



Dates For Your Diary

January

3rd—Children start back

8th—Launch of Times Tables Rock Stars

15th—Attendance panel meetings

18th—Year 6 parent and teacher mentor meetings

19th—Year 6 parents and teacher mentor meetings

22nd—Year 2 parent and teacher mentor meetings

25th—Celebration assemblies—09.05—KS2 / 14.45—KS1 / Year 2 parent and teacher mentor meetings

29th—Year 5 residential at Nell Bank



February

2nd—Year 4 BT class assembly

5th—E-safety week

9th—last day of half term—children wear their own clothes and donate £1 to charity

19th—School starts back

22nd—Celebration assemblies—09.05—KS2 / 14.45—KS1

23rd—Year 4 HM class assembly

March

2nd—Year 3 NW residential—Robins Hood Bay

9th—Year 3 NW class assembly / Year 3 NM/KP residential—Robins Hood Bay

21st—Year 5 Rewind to Easter

22nd—Celebration assemblies—09.05—KS2 / 14.45—KS1

23rd—Year 3 NM / KP class assembly

27th—Parent teacher meetings

29th—Easter breakfast



Staff Courses

Monday 8th—Mrs Brooke, Miss Smith, Mrs malik and Miss Kemp—Middle leadership training

Wednesday 10th—Mrs Kemp—EYFS training

Thursday 11th—Mrs Medley and Miss Smith am / Mrs Brooke and Mrs Hooper pm—National curriculum maths training

Friday—Mrs Medley and Mr Taylor—Literacy and girls football training.

