

# High Crags News

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## The last week of last term

We have had a very positive start to the term in all classes and the children have embraced their new themes. The staff have worked hard to ensure that the learning environments in class reflect the new themes and that these add to the children's motivation and excitement.



The children in Year 4 had a really exciting start to their new theme with their residential visit at the end of the week to Ingleborough Hall. Having listened to their reports once they got back on Friday, they had an amazing adventure and loved every minute. We would like to thank all of the staff who organised and took part in the visit, especially Ms Smith; you can now all have the weekend to catch up on your sleep!!!



## This week

This week we're looking forward to welcoming the Year 5 children from Barkerend Primary to our school. We know that they will enjoy catching up with their friends in Year 5.

### Attendance for last week:

Reception: 97.7%

Yr 1: 98%

Yr 2: 97.4%

Yr 3: 93.6%

Yr 4: 99.3%

Yr 5: 95.4%

Yr 6: 95%

Total: 96.6%

### Children with 100% attendance this year:

Reception: 5

Yr 1: 4

Yr 2: 10

Yr 3: 4

Yr 4: 6

Yr 5: 5

Yr 6: 5

Total: 39

**Well done to all of you who have achieved this.**

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## Parents e-safety courses

There has been so much reported in the media recently about the importance of making sure our children are safe when using the internet. It is so easy to think that we know what they are accessing however the people wishing to misuse the internet always seem to be one step ahead. We are therefore holding 2 e-safety workshops for parents during which you will learn all about how to keep your child safe from bullies and groomers etc. This is a really valuable workshop as we often find that the children in school are leaving themselves vulnerable when using the internet at home. The workshops are being held on Monday 25th at 18.00 until 20.00 and Tuesday 26th at 10.00—12.00. Please help us to help our children to be safe at all times.



## National Curriculum Tests

Each year the children in Year 6 take National Curriculum tests and this year they will be sitting them during the week starting Monday 9th May. Whilst these are important tests for the children and the school, we endeavour to make the whole week as relaxed as possible for the children to enable them to do their very best. Please help us with this by supporting your children with their homework this term, making sure they arrive in school on time and having eaten their breakfast. All of the tests are taken during the morning so the afternoons will be spent doing sports and other creative activities. As a school we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of the children the very best. They have been a dedicated and enthusiastic Year 6 and we know that whatever the results they have all worked hard and to the best of their abilities and we thank them for this.



Good luck!



## Dance Challenge

On Thursday 28th April a group of 40 children will be representing the school at a dance competition in Rotherham. The children will travel on a coach to and from the competition and the coach will leave school at 07.30am, arriving back late in the evening. Parents of the children taking part will have received a letter and are welcome to come along and support the children and the school.

As a school I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and staff who regularly support the school in extra-curricular competitions we take part in, particularly Mrs Goodey and Mr Armour who do so with such energy and enthusiasm.

We wish all of the competitors good luck; we know that you will give it your all and we are really proud of the way that you represent the school, thank you.

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## Parking

We would like to remind all parents of our commitment to the safety of the children, parents and staff involved in the school. In order for us to achieve this we need parents and visitors to park responsibly at all times as directed by the highway code. We also ask that you are considerate of the people who live on the approaches to school and that you park responsibly at all times. We know that you will all want to work with the school on this important safety matter and avoid any further escalation by the local Authorities. Thank you for your support.



## Homework

This year in High Craggs we have introduced a new whole school homework system. Whilst we acknowledge it has met with some mixed reactions, we are pleased to report that in every class more children than ever before have brought homework in on a weekly basis which is very important to us. This term however, we are going to be reviewing the current system in order to reflect some of the feedback that we have received. We understand that homework is a very emotive subject and that we will never be able to please everyone. We would like to reassure parents that we are listening to their comments and views and that we are consistently making sure that our school policies and practices are the very best that they can be.



## End of day Collection

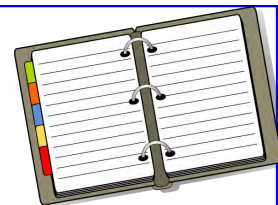
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for being so patient with the changes in the end of day collection arrangements because of the outdoor environment improvements. Phase 1 of these is now complete and we would, therefore like to return to the original arrangements with Year 1 children being collected from their classroom doors at the end of the day. Therefore, the gate off the main playground into the area outside their classrooms will now be opened. The gate to Crag Road from this area however, will remain locked so parents will need to exit the school from the main playground or by using the Fairbank side exit. We would also appreciate all parents supporting us to keep the new environment in pristine condition by not allowing younger children to play on the equipment. Thank you.

The arrangements for the collection of Year 3 children will remain the same as they are at present with both Year 3 and 4 children coming out to parents from the lower hall door.

## Dates For Your Diary

### April

Friday 22nd—Year 5RS visit Barkerend Primary School and one class visits us  
Monday 25th—Parents e-safety evening 18.00—20.00  
Tuesday 26th—Parents e-safety 10.00 – 12.00  
Wednesday 27th—Retest focus reading group  
Thursday 28th—Rotherham dance challenge  
Friday 29th—Year 5BL visit Barkerend Primary School and one class visits us



### May

Monday 2nd—School closed—May Bank holiday  
Tuesday 3rd—Year 1 outdoor learning  
Monday 9th—Year 6 National curriculum tests week  
Monday 16th—Year 6HM visit sewers  
Friday 27th—school finishes for half term.

### June

Wednesday 8th—INSET day—school closed for children  
Thursday 9th—School starts back  
Monday 13th—Year 6 residential week  
Monday 20th—Year 6 girls visit to waterworks

### July

Friday 15th—Reports out to parents  
Monday 18th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher  
Tuesday 19th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher  
Tuesday 19th—Parents' open afternoon—meet your child's new teacher  
Thursday 21st—Last day of school term



## Stars of the Week

The following children were selected by their teacher to receive a certificate this week:

**Reception— Joshua Lester, Ava Davies**

**Year 1— Harry Brook, Priyanka Kullar, Miley Robinson, Ellie Higgins, Liam Mallinson, Saffiya Ali**

**Year 2— Luca Bullock, Pebbles Curtis, Daniel Dent, Keiron Kelly, Zack Robinson, Alexia**

**Skinner, Eden Walsh, Millee Hughes, Finlay Craig**

**Year 3— Paige Harthen, Callum Day, Oliva Wantuch, Zac Hasson, Freddy Farrell, James Freeman**

**Year 5— Mia Mackenzie, Nathan Ashcroft, Jack Whiteley, Georgia Fraser, Emily Whiteley**

**Year 6— Nicolas Batary, Molly Hodgson, Nathan Lisle, Ben Nelson**



### Swimming Gala 12 March

**Reece Brown-Hanslip, Jake Briscoe, Liberty Wheeldon, Ella Carson, Sadie McPhee, Lewis Watmuff, Jake Moore, Connah McGrane, Ethan Faulkner, Jude Barrett, Tia Brook, Chanelle Boot, Lucy Hosker**

### Tag Rugby

**Somie Fawcett, Jessie Hirst, Madison Walsh, Sebastian Koky, George Lownds, Elvis Ndossimao, Dylan Nuttall, Jack Nichols, Lewis Watmuff**

**PE— Jaxon Morrow (KS1), Jacob Lester (KS2)**

**The children who won awards for attendance last week were— Henri Ward—Kookaburras, Reece Brown-Hanslip—Swifts**

