

High Crags News

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Last week

We had a really busy week in school with all the staff taking part in training in coaching skills and we would like to thank Mr Cooper-Hind for joining the staff this week to provide the training.

On Friday we also welcomed a Year 5 class from Barkerend Primary School to our school and one of our Year 5 classes visited their school too. We are hoping that we will be taking part in more work alongside their school in the future once they have also converted to an academy.

This week

We would like to start by welcoming our new School Business Manager, Mrs Ali, to High Crags Academy as she starts with us on Monday 25th April. Mrs Swale has very kindly returned after the holidays to ensure a smooth transition for Mrs Ali and our thanks go to her for this. However, she will be leaving on Friday to officially start her retirement and begin the many adventures that she has planned.



We would also like to congratulate all of the children and families that supported the school events for Sport Relief and the Book Fair. We raised an amazing £950 and £886.



Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed!

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 97%
Yr 1: 96.7%
Yr 2: 96.1%
Yr 3: 89.9%
Yr 4: 96.1%
Yr 5: 94.4%
Yr 6: 96.2%
Total: 95.1%

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!



Year 6 PROM

This year to recognise how hard our Year 6 pupils have worked we have decided to hold a Prom for them as an end of Year celebration. Once the children have completed their



National Curriculum tests they will be planning and organizing the event so more details about it will follow soon. The proposed date is Monday 18th July but once this is confirmed we will let parents know.

Year 1

We would like to inform parents that unfortunately Mr Parker in Year 1 was absent last week due to illness and this has meant that we have placed Mrs Brooke into the class to ensure continuity for the children. Mrs Brooke is an extremely experienced teacher who has worked in the school for over a term now and she understands all of the policies and practices we have in place. We really regret that the class has been disrupted yet again due of circumstances beyond our control. However, we would like to reassure you that as a school we have acted as quickly as we can to ensure stability for the class. Should any parent with a child in this class wish to discuss this situation please contact the school office and an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team can be made.

Dates For Your Diary



April

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



Star of the Week

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

Reception— Rashad Habib, Essa Umar, Aston Thompson, Bethany Hardaker, Joshua Mepham, Jack Greenhalgh

Year 1— Finley Jones, Anika Ali, Ayma Ishaq, Aamna Hussain, Jacob Osborne, Hollie Saunders

Year 2— Harriet Cheale, Miki Budo, Lilly-Mai Henderson, Daniel Baxter, Ahmed Habib, Tianah Tate

Year 3— Callum Davies, Shea Broadley-Jagger, Cameron Stevens, Maddie Fox, Phoebe Reynolds— Coates

Year 4— Alexiya Croquett, Marcela Gaborova, Angela Salu, Ella Parkin, Lucas Cervenak

Year 5— Alfie Siddall, Zara Nawaz, Joshua Day, Jack Clavin

Year 6— Luke Jarvis, Bailey Broadley-Jagger, Eden Smith, Ryan M'Arimi, Mollie Regan

The children who won awards for attendance last week were-

Ruby Courcier—Kingfishers

Gemma Spencer—Woodpeckers

