

High Crags News



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Welcome back

We would like to start by welcoming everyone back to High Crags Academy for the new academic year .

This term our whole school theme is 'The world in Motion' and if you visit the school you will see that our learning environments reflect the work that the children will be doing. Each class has mapped the children's interests, questions and skills with the objectives that they need to cover, meaning that each one is approaching the theme in a very different way.

We are all really looking forward to a fantastic new term, the children all seem very enthusiastic about their learning and have started in a very positive manner, so we are looking forward to great things. Watch this space...

Parent teacher meetings

On Thursday 10th November we will be holding the first parent teacher meetings for this academic year. Individual times to meet the teachers will be sent home to all parents. The aim of this sessions is to discuss how each child has settled into their new class and to give you the opportunity to view the work that they have completed so far.

Once again we look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 56.3% (due to staggered intake this week)

Yr 1: 94.3%

Yr 2: 92.9%

Yr 3: 92.6%

Yr 4: 94.4%

Yr 5: 97%

Yr 6: 98%

Total: 93.3%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception not recorded this week due to staggered intake

Yr 1: 46

Yr 2: 42

Yr 3: 51

Yr 4: 48

Yr 5: 50

Yr 6: 53

Total: 290

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

Assemblies

This year we have made some changes to our assemblies as detailed below:

Class assemblies

Throughout the year we will be inviting parents in to school to attend a class assembly. During this assembly the children will show the audience including their parents what they have been learning in class.

Celebration assemblies

This year we will be holding our celebration assemblies once a month on a Thursday. The assembly for Years 1 and 2 will be held at 09.05am and for Years 3,4,5 and 6 it will be held at 14.45pm. As in the past the parents or carers of children are welcome to attend.



National Curriculum Tests

During the Summer term the children in Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 undertake a variety of tests set by the UK Government. The Year 6 tests take place during the week beginning Monday 8th May whilst the children in Year 1 sit their phonic screening and the Year 2 children take their tests in the month of June.

The results of these national assessments are important to both the children and the school and we are inviting parents with children in these years to attend a meeting that will explain all about them on Tuesday 13th September at 15.30. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting to take individual photographs of the children in October—further details to follow.

This year, in order to avoid any disappointment every child in the school will have [an individual photograph](#) taken during the school day.

Parents wishing to have photographs taken of siblings in school will need to identify this on the letter sent home so that the school can organise for them to be taken together, as well as their individual photograph.

For the individual photographs the children will be given a proof and each family can select the type of photograph pack they wish to have. This is then returned to the school with the correct payment, and the photographs will arrive a few weeks later, but before Christmas.



Coffee Morning and Afternoon tea

On Monday 19th September at 10am we will be holding a coffee morning for all parents to come and meet the Senior Leadership Team. This will give everyone the opportunity in a relaxed and informal setting to ask any questions they might have about the Academy. For those people who can not make the morning we will be repeating the event on Wednesday 21st in the afternoon starting at 14.45.



Years 4, 5 and 6 Residential Visits meeting

On Thursday 22nd September we will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss the planned residential visits for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The meeting will start at 15.30 and it will give parents information about the residential visits due to be held throughout the year and ask any questions that they might have.

We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.



Reading and phonics meeting



On Wednesday 28th September at 18.00 we will be holding a meeting for all parents with children in our new FS2 (Reception) class to talk about how we teach reading and phonics in school. The evening will last for about 1 hour. For parents with young children we will offer a crèche so you can attend. Please let us know if you want to take advantage of this. We look forward to meeting as many parents there as possible.

Harvest Assembly

On Monday 17th October we will be holding our Harvest assembly. During the assembly we will be talking to the children about Harvest and asking them to bring food to put in the hampers we will be donating to the local food bank. As a school we really appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.



Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 19th October we will be holding our annual Halloween Disco for all children in Key stage 2.

More details will follow.

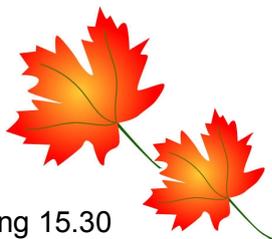


Dates For Your Diary



September

Tuesday 13th—National Curriculum Tests parents meeting 15.30
Wednesday 14th—Under 9's Football 15.15—17.30
Thursday 15th—WCAT photographer in school—pictures for website
Monday 19th—Parents coffee morning—10.00am
Wednesday 21st—Parents afternoon tea—14.45pm / Under 9's Football 15.15—17.30
Thursday 22nd—Parents residential meeting—15.30
Wednesday 28th—FS2 parents reading and phonics meeting
Thursday 29th—Celebration assembly—KS1 09.05 / KS2 14.45 / Under 9's Football 15.15—17.30



October

Friday 7th—Class assembly—Year 6 RS
Monday 17th—Harvest assembly
Wednesday 19th—KS2—Halloween disco
Thursday 20th—Celebration assembly—KS1—09.05am / KS2 -14.45pm
Friday 21st—Class assembly—Year 6 HM—**Last day of 1/2 term**
Monday 31st—**INSET day—school closed**

November

Tuesday 1st—Children start back to school
Wednesday 2nd—Under 11's football—15.15—17.30
Friday 4th—Class assembly—Year 5 BL
Wednesday 9th—Under 11's football—15.15—17.30
Thursday 10th—Parent teacher meetings
Thursday 17th—Under 11's football—15.15—17.30
Friday 18th—Class assembly—Year 5 RH
Monday 21st—Celebration theme starts
Thursday 24th—Celebration assembly KS1—09.05 / KS2—14.45
Friday 25th—Christmas Fair—15.00
Monday 28th—Christingle afternoon—14.00
Wednesday 30th—Under 11's Sports hall athletics—15.15—17.30



December

Thursday 1st—Celebration assembly KS1—09.05 am / KS2—14.45pm
Friday 2nd—Parent's workshop—feedback 14.45—15.15
Monday 5th—Nursery production am / pm
Tuesday 6th—FS2 (Reception) production am/ pm / KS1 dress rehearsal / KS1 multi- skills 15.15—17.30
Wednesday 7th—KS1 performance—14.00pm / KS2 dress rehearsal
Thursday 8th—KS2 performance / KS2 multi-skills—15.15—17.30
Friday 9th—School Christmas Dinner / Parent's workshop—creative learning 14.45pm
Monday 12th—Christmas parties
Thursday 15th—Celebration assembly—KS1—09.05am / KS2—14.45pm
Friday 16th—Last day of term—children wear their own clothes in return for a £1 donation to charity.