

High Crags News



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Last week

We had a really busy week last week with all of the children settled into their new classes and working hard on the new theme "The World in Motion". We also sent home learning logs for the first time, and we hope that you enjoyed talking to your children about the things that they had identified they had learned over the week. Please continue to help us with this by making sure that these learning logs come back into school every Monday, thank you.

This Week

This week we are looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible at the coffee morning and afternoon tea as well as the residential meeting. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their patience at the end of the school day. We understand it has taken us a little longer than usual to send the children home, this is because the teachers are getting used to their new classes and we thank you for your support with this.

Coffee Morning and Afternoon tea

On Monday 19th September at 10am we held a coffee morning for all parents to come and meet the Senior Leadership Team. This gave everyone the opportunity in a relaxed and informal setting to ask any questions they might have about the Academy.



For those people who could not make the morning we will be repeating the event on Wednesday 21st in the afternoon starting at 14.45.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 93.1%
Yr 1: 93.1%
Yr 2: 91.2%
Yr 3: 91.8%
Yr 4: 94%
Yr 5: 95.1%
Yr 6: 96.6%
Total: 93.6%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 45
Yr 1: 35
Yr 2: 36
Yr 3: 43
Yr 4: 39
Yr 5: 40
Yr 6: 43
Total: 281

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

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 and 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.



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 receiving a certificate will be invited to attend.



Water Bottles

Research shows us that drinking water during the day is important. Children will achieve more when both their health and learning needs are met. Ensuring access to water at all times and promoting a regular water intake is a vital role for schools in promoting health and providing a healthy learning Environment because:

- It protects your child's health and contributes towards their well being
- It can help prevent a range of short or long term health problems
- Staying hydrated helps boost mental capacity
- Staying hydrated helps your child concentrate

In the past all of our children have had access to water bottles that stayed in school. This year we will be developing this system by providing a High Craggs Academy water bottle to each child which they can take to and from school each day. Once again we would encourage them to bring water in this bottle and we have access to fresh water for them during the day to refill the bottle when it is empty. Whilst we are waiting for these bottles to arrive the children will be bringing home the smaller bottles that we used last year. Please help us with this by:

- Encouraging your child to bring their water bottle each day
- Only putting water in the bottle for them.
- Naming the bottle—we will provide the first bottle free but after that replacements will have to be purchased

We would like to thank you for your support with this scheme.



Years 3, 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 3, 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.

This year we will be holding a residential visit for all children in Year 3 so this is a really good opportunity for parents to come along and find out exactly what this will entail.



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.



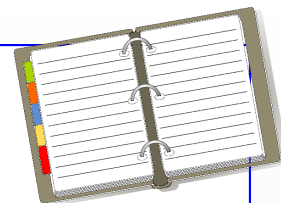
Halloween Disco

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

More details will follow.

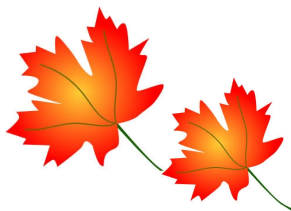


Dates For Your Diary



September

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 £1 donation to charity.