

High Crags News



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Last week

We would like to thank all of the parents that attended the celebration assemblies last week. The feedback we received was really positive. We will continue to hold these assemblies once a month, however in order to accommodate the KS2 children that go swimming on a Thursday afternoon we are swapping the times. KS2, therefore will move to 09.05am and KS1 will move to 14.45pm. Once again we appreciate your support with this.

On Thursday, Year 6 had a great workshop making puppets which links to their theme of creating an ethical circus. Our thanks go to Rev. Taylor for organising this.

This Week

This week we are really looking forward to holding our first class assembly on Friday 7th October at 09.05. All of the parents with children in Year 6RS are invited to come along and watch and we hope that you will be able to make it.

As a school all of our staff work really hard to ensure that we provide the very best education we can for your child. We freely admit that we do not always get it right, however we would like to remind parents that we will always meet to discuss any issues that may arise. We really appreciate the support that all of our parents show the school and hope that we can continue to make sure we all model the behaviour we expect from the children and treat each other with mutual respect. Thank you.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 95.5%

Yr 1: 96.0%

Yr 2: 93.3%

Yr 3: 95.0%

Yr 4: 95.2%

Yr 5: 96.9%

Yr 6: 89.8%

Total: 94.5%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 32

Yr 1: 28

Yr 2: 30

Yr 3: 36

Yr 4: 26

Yr 5: 33

Yr 6: 30

Total: 215

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

Residential visits.

Alongside our commitment to providing high quality school residential trips full of adventures, activities and fun for all, we actively believe that there are incomparable benefits of school residential trips. In order to evidence this belief, we have looked into a wide range of quantitative research on the subject. It is clear that school residential trips can foster improved social interaction and help build classroom relationships.

We have found there are three key outcomes as a result of pupils taking a school residential trip:

- Improved teamwork and communication;
- Enhanced relationships
- Community spirit.

These are all transferrable skills to the classroom that will assist with pupils' learning.

As an academy we are running the following residential visits for our Key Stage 2 children:-

Year 3—Robins Hood Bay— Friday 24th / Friday 31st March 2017 (one class on each date—to be confirmed) - cost £45—payment deadline is Friday 17 February 2017

Year 4—Ingleborough Hall—Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June 2017 - cost £90—payment deadline is Friday 26 May 2017

Year 5—Liverpool—Thursday 12th to Friday 13th January 2017 - cost £50 - payment deadline is Friday 16 December 2016

Year 6— Winmarleigh Hall—Monday—3rd July – Friday 7th July 2017 - cost £50—payment deadline is Friday 9 June 2017

An information pack and medical consent form have already been sent out to all parents in these year groups,

The cost of each visit is shown above. The payment will be set up on Parentpay to enable you to pay in instalments. Please see the office if you need more details about Parentpay or have lost your activation letter.



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 Bradford North Foodbank. As a school we really appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.



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 these 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.



School Uniform

In our academy we wear a uniform to develop a sense of pride in being a member of our community. To start the new year we supported all of our families by providing a free sweatshirt with the new academy logo and in the new colour scheme. At the start of the year the children all looked amazing and it is lovely to see that they still do and that Year 6 are still wearing their blazers and ties with pride. In each class the children are asked to place their sweatshirts in their lockers when they are not wearing them to help keep them safe. Despite doing this we have had a lot of sweatshirts and items of uniform go missing this half term. Where we find them we will reunite the items with their owners if they are named, however, we are unable to do so if they are not. We are therefore asking for your help with this by ensuring that **all** items of your child's uniform are named please. If you find that your child has brought home the wrong sweatshirt please help us by returning it to school so we can give it back to the right child. We really appreciate your support with this.



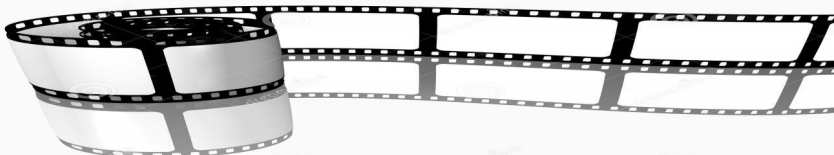
School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting to take individual photographs of the children on Tuesday 4th October.

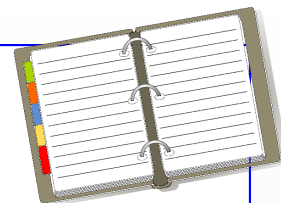
This year, in order to avoid any disappointment every child in the school will have **an individual photograph** taken during the school day.

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 full payment in the envelope provided by **FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER**. Photographs will arrive a few weeks later and definitely before Christmas. Please be aware that the office staff cannot handle money relating to the photograph orders, you must make sure you have the correct amount in the envelope.

The photographer will be holding a family session after school on the Tuesday for any parents wishing to have photographs of siblings or family members together. This session is a drop in session for families from 3.15 to 4.15pm in the Sports Hall.



Dates For Your Diary



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.

Staff Courses

This week the following members of staff are taking part in courses:

Wednesday 5th—Mrs Cornelius—Head teacher's meeting
Thursday 6th—Miss Whitehead / Mr Harvie—NQT meeting
Friday 7th—Teaching assistant training.

