

High Craggs News

Last week

We all hope that you had an amazing half term break and that the rest means that everyone has had a chance to recharge their batteries ready for another very busy half term!



This Week

It does not seem possible that this week we are talking about the Christmas events going on in school. However, they will very soon be upon us and we want to give everyone as much chance to be able to attend; so this newsletter is the bumper Christmas edition! We really do appreciate the support that all our families show the school and hope that you are all able to come along to some, if not all of the events. We know that it means so much to your children. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who work so hard all year but even harder at these times in order that productions, fairs and parties run smoothly so that the children can really enjoy them, thank you.

Poppies

Poppies and poppy merchandise will be on sale this week from Wednesday 2 Nov until Friday 11 Nov. In addition to poppies, items will be available at a cost of 50p and £1.00; pupils in Year 6 will be selling these during the school day at break times.



Attendance for last week:

Reception: 91.3%
Yr 1: 92.4%
Yr 2: 92.7%
Yr 3: 92.1%
Yr 4: 93.4%
Yr 5: 96.1%
Yr 6: 94.0%
Total: 93.1%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 24
Yr 1: 16
Yr 2: 23
Yr 3: 25
Yr 4: 17
Yr 5: 22
Yr 6: 24
Total: 151

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

Christmas Events 2016

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching Christmas, not to worry you, but it is only 34 school days until the end of term! We all know that it is a very busy time of year for everyone so to help you we have created this Christmas section of the newsletter that gives details about all the events going on in school. We have also included all the required permission slips that will enable your child to take part in the events, give us information about numbers of parents attending each event and also give us an indication if you are able to offer your support and help at any event.

To start off the Christmas festivities on Wednesday 23rd November, we will be decorating our school hall ready for the Christmas fair on Friday 25th November. To help us, we would like all children to make a decoration at home and bring it in to school by Monday 21st November and we will then hang it on the tree. This year we would like the children to make angel or star decorations. If you would like their creations returned then please make sure that it is named, **and that you collect it from your child's class on the last day of term**, thank you.

Christmas Fair—Friday 25th November

This year we are holding a traditional Christmas fair after school on Friday 25th November from 15.45 until 18.00. We will really be trying to capture that Christmas feeling with a wide variety of stalls including one for each class where they will be selling the goods that they have made, a tombola stall, a raffle and many others, so come along and buy those last minute presents, or the first presents if you are like me!! If you would like to book a stall they are available for the cost of £5, please phone the school and ask for Mrs Rowley, thank you.

In order to have prizes for the stalls and the raffle we are having a non-uniform day on Friday 18th November, all we ask is that they bring a contribution as outlined below:-

Nursery and 2 Year olds—Christmas items i.e. cards, wrapping paper, tags

Reception—Tinned items

Years 1 and 2—Packet biscuits or cakes

Years 3 and 4—Toiletry items.

Years 5 and 6—Sweets and Chocolate.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support with this.

Christingle Celebration—Monday 28th November

On the afternoon of Monday 28th November we would like to invite all of our parents into school to make a Christingle decoration with your children. The afternoon will start at 14.00 when you can join your child in their class to make their decoration with them and it will end with us all meeting in the main school hall or the bottom music hall to take part in a short carol service. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible.

Nursery production—Monday 5th December

This year, all the children in the Nursery will be joining together for their Christmas production and they would like to invite you to watch it. There will be two performances one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

FS2 (Reception) Production—Tuesday 6th December

This year, all the children in Reception classes will be joining together for their Christmas production and they would like to invite you to watch it. There will be two performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Years 1 and 2) - Wednesday 7th December

The Year 1 and 2 children would like to invite you to watch their Christmas production, which will start at 14.00 in the main school hall. All parents are welcome and the children can be taken home after the performance should you wish, but please let their class teacher know, thank you.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Production (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) - Thursday 8th December

The Key Stage 2 children, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 would like to invite you to watch their Christmas production, which will start at 14.00 in the main school hall. All parents are welcome and the children can also be taken home after the performance, but again please let their class teacher know, thank you.

All the children and staff in school work very hard during these productions and are very proud of the performances. Whilst we welcome all younger brothers and sisters to watch we would ask for your support when they are finding it difficult to stay quiet, by taking them outside for a short while, thank you. We would also like to stress that for health and safety purposes we **can not** allow prams or buggies in the building on these days.

Christmas Dinner—Friday 9th December

On Friday 9th December all the children in Reception and Years 1 to 6 will be taking part in the school Christmas dinner. Please complete the slip below to let us know if your child requires a school dinner or packed lunch on the day. Payment for this at the cost of £1.60 should be made via parent pay in the usual manner, thank you.

Christmas Parties—Monday 12th December

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will all be having their Christmas parties on Monday 12th December. We would really appreciate your support with this and would request that the children bring in contributions towards the food for these events on the day but more details about this will be added to this newsletter nearer the time, thank you.

Christmas Market—Monday 12th December

The children in Key Stage 2 will be visiting a local Christmas market this year on Monday 12th December. Please ensure that they have a suitable packed lunch in a back pack that they can then carry with them on the day that includes several non fizzy drinks. The school will provide packed lunches for any children eligible.

Last day of term—Friday 16th December

We would like to inform parents that we will finish on the Friday 16th December at the normal time for the Christmas holidays.

On behalf of the children and staff of High Craggs Academy I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

I hope that you enjoy the holiday.

The new term starts on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Permission slip 1

I / we will be attending the Christmas Fair.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 2

I / we will be attending the Christingle celebration.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 3

I / we will be attending the Nursery production.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 4

I / we will be attending the Reception class production.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 5

I / we will be attending the Key Stage 1 production starting at 14.00

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 6

I / we will be attending the Key Stage 2 production starting at 14.00

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

Permission slip 7

I give permission for my child _____ to visit the Christmas market.

Signed: _____ **Name (please print):** _____

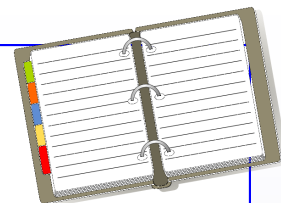
Child's name: _____ **Child's class:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **Mobile number:** _____

All permission slips need to be returned to school by Friday 18th November please.

When	What	Who	Where	Time	What you need to do
Friday 25th November	Christmas Fair	All children and parents	Main school hall	15.45—18.00	Complete permission slip 1 to indicate attendance please
Monday 28th November	Christingle celebration	All children and parents	Throughout school	14.00—15.15	Complete permission slip 2 to indicate attendance please
Monday 5th December	Nursery production	All parents and children in Nursery	Nursery classroom	10.45 am 14.45 pm	Complete permission slip 3 to indicate attendance please
Tuesday 6th December	FS2 production	All parents and children in FS2	FS2 classroom	10.00 am 14.00 pm	Complete permission slip 4 to indicate attendance please
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	All parents and children in KS1	Main school hall	14.00pm	Complete permission slip 5 to indicate attendance please
Thursday 8th December	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	All parents and children in KS2	Main school hall	14.00pm	Complete permission slip 6 to indicate attendance please
Friday 9th December	Christmas dinner	All children in the school	Main school hall	From 11.45 onwards	Order and pay using parent pay please.
Monday 12th December	Christmas parties	All children in FS1 (Nursery) / FS2 and KS1	In their classrooms	FS1— morning and afternoon FS2 and KS1— Afternoon	Please contribute by providing the requested food
Monday 12th December	Christmas market	All children in KS2	Leeds or Manchester	All day	Complete permission slip 7 to indicate attendance please
Friday 16th December	Last day of term	All children		Normal school timings	

Dates For Your Diary



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 5RH/also **non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas fair items**
Monday 21st—Celebration theme starts
Thursday 24th—Celebration assembly KS2—09.05 / KS1—14.45
Friday 25th—Christmas Fair—15.45– 18.00
Monday 28th—Christingle afternoon—14.00
Wednesday 30th—Under 11's Sports hall athletics—15.15—17.30



December

Thursday 1st—Celebration assembly KS2—09.05 am / KS1—14.45pm
Friday 2nd—Parent's workshop—feedback 14.45—15.15
Monday 5th—Nursery production 10.45am /14.45pm
Tuesday 6th—FS2 (Reception) production 10.00am/14.00pm / KS1 dress rehearsal / KS1 multi- skills 15.15—17.30
Wednesday 7th—KS1 (Years 1 & 2) performance—14.00pm / KS2 dress rehearsal
Thursday 8th—KS2 performance at 14.00pm / KS2 multi-skills—15.15—17.30
Friday 9th—School Christmas Dinner / Parent's workshop—creative learning 14.45pm
Monday 12th—Christmas parties / KS2 Christmas market - details to follow
Thursday 15th—Celebration assembly—KS2—09.05am / KS1—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:

Monday 31st October—All staff INSET day
Wednesday 2nd November—Mrs Powell, Mrs Pettitt and Miss Whitehead—maths moderation
Thursday 3rd November—Mrs Connors—Creative curriculum

