

High Crags News

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Last week

Last week was a very calm start to the new half term and the children all demonstrated their desire to continue learning by working hard in each and every class. The week also ended on a high with the Year 5BL class assembly and my thanks go to the children and staff for all their hard work and for the family members who came along to watch; I know they really appreciated your support. Also on Friday some children from Year 6 took the contributions we have collected to the food bank. Once again we would like to thank all of the people who brought in food, we know that it will be gratefully received.



This week

This week we have a really busy week with many different visitors to our academy and with other events like the parent teacher meetings on Thursday. We also have 3 members of staff taking part in Forest School training because this is something we are going to introduce to the school. This is an inspirational process that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self esteem through hands on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. It is a specialised approach that sits within and compliments the wider context of outdoor and woodland education. As an academy we are really looking forward to developing this learning within our future curriculum.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 93.2%
Yr 1: 93.9%
Yr 2: 96.1%
Yr 3: 95.5%
Yr 4: 93.5%
Yr 5: 95.8%
Yr 6: 93.9%
Total: 94.5%

Children with 100% attendance this half of term:

Reception: 22
Yr 1: 13
Yr 2: 23
Yr 3: 21
Yr 4: 14
Yr 5: 20
Yr 6: 23
Total: 136

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

Poppies

Poppies and poppy merchandise will be on sale until Friday 11th November. 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.



On Friday 11th November we will be holding an assembly focused on remembrance for all the pupils in school.



Non-Uniform day.

On Friday 18th November we will be holding a non-uniform day and would like the children to bring in the following items for the privilege of not wearing school uniform:

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.



Bradford Foodbank

On Friday the fifth of November Tia B, Damien, Gareth, Joshua D, Bailey and I went on a trip to the 'Food Bank', with all the food that children from High Craggs Academy had donated for Harvest. The bags of beans, spaghetti, cornflakes and so on filled the seats and most of the floor, spilled all around. In fact, one of the cans of peas rolled all the way down from me to Joshua Day in the first seat. Eventually, we arrived at the Food Bank and grabbed a bag or two each. We met two men, who didn't say their names, and they helped us into the Food Bank. Whilst everyone was inside, I picked up a bag BUT...the bottom of the bag split open and most of the food fell out. I managed to keep most of it in, but a lot of the food came out. So, instead of picking up the food and making it fall out again, I held on to the bag with the remaining food and took that inside. We explored the 1st floor of the Food Bank – Joshua, Gareth and I looked at the first baskets. They were all completely stuffed with soups. One of them was labelled '2019' on the front. Joshua was really puzzled of how they could make a soup last that long. It was soon time to go back to school. Everybody boarded the mini bus and we all set off. During the journey home, we hit 3 bumps and ended up flying. Gareth started chatting about how his hair was so complex and smooth. That was when I rubbed my hand in his hair and said, "Not so smooth now, eh." Once we arrived back to school, we had to go back to class.



Emily Grace Whiteley

Dates For Your Diary

November

Wednesday 9th—Under 11's football—15.15—17.30

Thursday 10th—Parent teacher meetings

There will be refreshments available in the Hall.

If you have not had a time from your child's teacher yet, please let the teacher know.

Tuesday 15th November—KS1 Multi Sports Club starts for Year 1 for selected children (15.15-16.20)

Thursday 17th—Under 11's football—15.15—17.30

Friday 18th—Class assembly—Year 5 RH and non —uniform 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 and 14-45pm

Tuesday 6th—FS2 (Reception) production 10am and 14.00pm / KS1 dress rehearsal / KS1 multi-skills 15.15—17.30 (Year 1)

Wednesday 7th—KS1 performance—14.00pm / KS2 dress rehearsal

Thursday 8th—KS2 performance 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

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 7th—Mrs Powell, Mrs Craven and Mr Cornelius—Forest School training

Tuesday 8th—Mrs Powell, Mrs Craven and Mr Cornelius—Forest School training Mr Taylor and Ms Meredith—Moderation course / Ms Smith and Ms Kemp—middle leaders training / Lunchtime supervisors—behaviour management training / All teachers—attendance training

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Thursday 10th—Mrs Powell, Mrs Craven and Mr Cornelius—Forest School training

Friday 11th—Mrs Powell, Mrs Craven and Mr Cornelius—Forest School training

