

High Crags News

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Last week

Last week for all schools was anti-bullying week and we took this opportunity to have a real focus within school on anti-bullying. We held assemblies and discussed the issues in class, promoting how to ensure that bullying is stamped out within our school and what to do if the children need to discuss any issues. We are also tying this in with reviewing our current behaviour and anti-bullying policy. These are now in draft form ready to be ratified by the governing body and after that we will publish them on our website and send copies to all of our families. We would like to reassure all of our children, parents and carers that we take the issue of bullying very seriously and do everything in our powers to ensure the children in our academy are safe at all times.



This week

This week every class starts a new theme called "Celebrations" that incorporates all of the Christmas preparations as well as other cross curricular learning opportunities. It also signals the fact that we are about to enter a very busy time of year and we hope that you all found the Christmas newsletter edition useful giving you the dates of all the forthcoming events. Please remember that the deadline for the permission slips is this Friday 25th and these are really important to us as they help us know the number of people we expect at each event. Following a recent risk assessment meeting about the KS2 visit to Leeds Christmas market we have taken the decision that this event can not go ahead and so it will be replaced with traditional Christmas parties for all of these children instead.

Attendance for last week:

Reception: 85.1%
Yr 1: 96.4%
Yr 2: 94.8%
Yr 3: 97.5%
Yr 4: 95.9%
Yr 5: 96.9%
Yr 6: 96.0%
Total: 94.7%

Children with 100% attendance from September 2016

Reception: 14
Yr 1: 11
Yr 2: 17
Yr 3: 17
Yr 4: 12
Yr 5: 18
Yr 6: 18
Total: 107

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

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 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.

This year each class will be creating their own stall too. Every child will have made something to sell to their parents/carers on their class stall for the cost of £3. I know that the children are very proud of the things they have made for their parents to buy, so if you can not make it on the day you can purchase their items after the event by sending in £3 in a named envelope, thank you.

In order to have prizes for the stalls and the raffle we had a non-uniform day on Friday 18th November and we asked for contributions. You still have time to donate the following:

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 or Christmas items.

Christingle

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. Please enter through the main reception area and you will be escorted to class (eldest first). You will be asked to sign your attendance in class.



Christmas Decorations

We would like to remind everyone that 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 of the children to make a decoration at home and bring it in to school by Tuesday 22nd of 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 pop in to collect it on the last day** of term, thank you.



Christmas Dinner—Friday 9 December

If your child **NORMALLY HAS A PACKED LUNCH** but would like a Christmas dinner, please complete the attached slip and return by Friday 25 November, so a meal can be ordered.

Name..... Class.....

My child would like a Christmas dinner on Friday 9 December.

Signed.....Parent/Carer

Dates For Your Diary

November

Monday 21st—Celebration theme starts
Thursday 24th—Celebration assembly KS2—09.05 / KS1—14.45
Friday 25th—Christmas Fair—15.45 to 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 10-45 and 14.45
Tuesday 6th—FS2 (Reception) production 10.00 and 14.00. 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—FS and KS1 Christmas parties / KS2 Christmas parties
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 21st—Ms Brooke / Mr Laidler / Mrs Medley—Middle leadership training

Tuesday 22nd—Ms Brooke / Mrs Medley—creative learning

Wednesday 23rd—Mrs Connors—English leaders / Miss Kemp—English moderation / Ms Brooke—moderation am / Mrs Cornelius / Mrs Bowe—Specialist provision

Thursday 24th—Mrs Medley—Year 6 teacher / Ms Smith / Miss Kemp—Middle leaders training

Friday 25th—Support assistant training am

