



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's certainly been cold this week—many thanks to those of you who have encouraged their child to wear trousers to school now.

Can I thank those of you who have got in contact regarding the letter that I sent out concerning the surrounding roads in the mornings. I agree that as the school grows, there is the potential for more of an issue and I am considering the options. Unfortunately, opening the gates up earlier than we do is not an option as our staff are busily preparing for the day ahead. I am considering a trial of the drop off zone in the near future to see whether allowing parents to drop their child off in the morning would help the situation—keep an eye out for a further letter on this, with dates for the trial.

Yesterday, children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a mini-squash festival. They took part fully in all of the activities and proved themselves to be true Craylearners by not giving up and improving throughout the afternoon. Impeccable behaviour shown as well. Well done!

On Tuesday, the netball team, made up of children from Years 5 and 6, competed against Maypole School. Unfortunately, they lost 8-4, however they played very well for their first match. A big thank you to Mrs Drake and Mrs Farrell for organising.

This week, in assembly, we have been celebrating 'Martin Luther King Day'. As you may know, Martin Luther King is an important figure in history, fighting for equality, justice and respect. We used this opportunity to remind children of the importance of demonstrating respect to one another no matter what gender, religion or race we are and we were able to remind children that the Craylands School does not accept bullying, including racial bullying, in any shape or form.

When teaching a Year 6 e-safety session last week, through a discussion on apps that they know of, they informed me of an app called 'omeagle'. After investigating, this app sounds very dangerous—it enables people to speak to complete strangers via a web cam; this obviously poses many risks. Please do check that your child is not using this app.

The school's attendance currently is not quite where I would like to see it. I am aware that there has been a lot of sickness amongst the children of late, however we need to ensure that as much as possible, our children are sent into school. When a child misses a day from school, this can have a detrimental effect on their understanding of any work that they are given when they return. I will be sending out letters at the end of this term to those pupils whose attendance is becoming a concern.

We shall see you all on Tuesday next week as Monday is an INSET day.

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

## Upcoming Events

23/1/17	INSET DAY—children not in school
13/2/17	Half term starts
20/2/17	Term 4 starts
27/2/17	Years 1 & 2 STAR assembly
28/2/17	Years 3 & 4 STAR assembly
1/3/17	Years 5 & 6 STAR assembly
2/3/17	World Book Day
9/3/17	Parents evening
8/5/17- 26/5/17	KS1 SATs tests spread out
8 - 13/5/17	KS2 SATs tests

## Reminders!

I am seeing too many children wearing trainers to school currently—this should not be the case.

I will be asking anyone I see wearing trainers next week to wear plimsolls if they have any or we have spare in their size as trainers are not acceptable.

**MONDAY 23RD JAN IS AN INSET DAY—CHILDREN ARE NOT TO COME INTO SCHOOL.**

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, respect certificate, those chosen to be a WOW writer, SUM DOG results as well as announcing the weekly team winners.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Evie P (Hungry Caterpillar)  
Xhulijeta (Rainbow Fish)  
Matthew W (Elmer Class)  
Archie W (Gruffalo Class)  
Annabelle (Dahl Class)  
Chloe M (Walliams Class)  
Demi-Leigh (Horowitz Class)  
Elvie-May (Morpurgo Class)

### The respect certificates were issued to.....

Luke G (Hungry Caterpillar)  
Molly (Rainbow Fish) Mara (Elmer Class)  
Joe (Gruffalo Class)  
Emily (Dahl Class)  
Leo (Walliams Class)  
Johnny (Horowitz Class)  
Taylor (Morpurgo Class)  
MMS award— Alex (Elmer Class)



### WOW Writers

Max (Elmer Class)  
Daniel (Gruffalo Class)  
Jessica (Dahl Class)  
Harry (Walliams Class)  
Casey (Horowitz Class)  
Eden (Morpurgo Class)



### SUMDOG Class winners were.....



## Dahl

Top 3—Jacob (Dahl), Michael (Elmer) Mark (Elmer)

Achievements  
outside of school

Ella K (Dahl class) got a distinction in her ballet exam.  
Damien (Horowitz) achieved level 7 in gymnastics

### This week's winning team is...

## Dover



Good to be green behaviour  
awards...

Elmer, Dahl, Horowitz &  
Morpurgo

