

The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another cold and chilly week—I am glad to see that the children have been wearing their coats, scarves and hats at break times.

This week, work began on the development of the EYFS outside area. The contractors, Playcubed, have been busily working in the freezing temperatures to ensure that the outside area is big enough and has the range of areas that early years deserves. It is all very exciting. We are hoping that the work will be completed by the end of next week. Many thanks to all parents and carers for your support in the change of end of school time, during this period.

This week, the governors met and approved the reviewed and amended anti-bullying and behaviour policies. Shortly, all staff will be trained in these policies and when this has been completed, I shall issue summaries of them to parents and carers; the pupils will also be informed of the changes that have been made. Please do take time to read the full policies, which I shall endeavour to publish on the school website next week. Look out for a letter and a summary booklet for each policy before half term.

On Monday, some of our staff were trained in 'team teach' during the INSET day. This allows staff to be able to support those pupils who have difficulties with their behaviour, enabling us to use a range of methods to diffuse situations and then if necessary, in situations that may escalate, use appropriate methods to ensure that the child and those around them are safe. You can find more details on this in the revised behaviour policy, when it is published.

The current attendance for the whole school is currently lower than it has been for some time now. I understand that in winter, there can be more illnesses, however I must urge parents and carers to consider what they are doing to their child's education if they are allowing them to stay at home when they could in fact be in school. We only ask for those children who have been sick or have had diarrhoea, to remain off school for 48 hours. Please do try to get your child into school whenever possible. I will be in contact again with those families with whom attendance is poor, before the half term.

There are still some children wearing trainers in school; this is not part of the school uniform at Craylands and I would kindly ask for those wearing trainers to get appropriate school shoes as soon as possible. Thank you.

This term seems to be whizzing past—we only have two weeks left! I would like to encourage the children to keep working as hard as they possibly can. We are almost half way through the academic year but so much more progress can be made. Keep it up!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

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Upcoming Events

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 test spread out
8 - 13/5/17	KS2 SATs tests

Reminders!

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school; they are able to wear jogging bottoms and a long sleeve top for outside games.

- Please remind your child to ensure that they treat others with respect inside and outside of school.

- Revised end of day timings will continue next week:

YR: 3.05 pm

Y1 + Y2: 3.10 pm

Y3: 3.15 pm

Y4: 3.15 pm (via Y1 classroom)

Y5 + Y6: 3.20pm



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!

