



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week here at Craylands, both in and out of the classrooms.

As some of you may have seen, work has finally begun on the new expansion, as we expand to a two form entry school. We have been keeping the KS2 children off the KS2 playground during the latter part of the week whilst equipment has been delivered and the fencing installed. Once the fencing is up, the children will be able to return to using the playground. There will be many compromises to make over the next year, however we will do our very best to ensure that they do not impact on the children's safety or learning. Work on the new kitchen to the front of the building will commence in the next week or two.

On Wednesday this week, 9 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Dartford Soccer 6 Festival. Run just for children in years 3 and 4, the children played against a range of other school teams, in a football festival just for fun. The children who attended were impeccably behaved and put lots of effort into every match that they played. We won some, lost some and probably drew some—as it was all for fun, it doesn't matter!

Next Friday will see a football tournament for the Year 5/6 boys—letters should have been sent out to those invited to play. There will be more matches and competitions throughout the rest of the year, if your child has not been invited to attend this one.

In assembly last week, I was delighted to hear from Mr Dymott that there were many more children using SUMDOG during the week; I can only hope that this will continue as it is part of your child's weekly home learning. Using SUMDOG at home is a great example of how your child can be a Craylearner by extending their own learning.

Some of you may have received letters this week regarding concerns we have about your child's attendance so far this year. We understand that for some of you, this may have been disappointing to receive—we have only been back a couple of weeks, so 1 or 2 days sickness display as a higher percentage on our records. However, I have expressed numerous times, we must improve attendance across the school, so we are being proactive sooner rather than later in tackling any potential attendance issues. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Many thanks to Mr Bollingbroke for covering this week in Mrs Bricher's absence—she should return on Monday.

On Monday we have our MacMillan coffee morning—if anyone has any time over the weekend to make cakes for this and/or can come along, please do so—it is for a very worthwhile cause.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Hiscock Headteacher)

## Upcoming Events

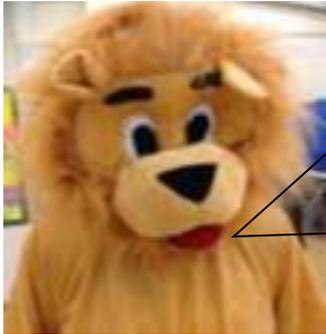
02/10/17 9am	MacMillan Coffee Morning
06/10/17	Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament
12/10	Harvest festival
16/10	Individual sch photos
16/10 7pm	Friends of Craylands (PTA) AGM
17/10 9am	Y1 & Y2 STAR assemblies for parents
18/10 9am	Y3 & Y4 STAR assemblies for parents
19/10 9am	Y5 & Y6 STAR assemblies for parents
20/10	Last day of term
30/10	Pupils return: Term 2
13-17/11	Anti-bullying week
16/11	Parents Evening

## Reminders!

- If you drop your child off for any early morning clubs or booster sessions, please do not expect to speak to staff members without an appointment; staff are often very busy at this time, preparing for lessons and the day ahead.
- Children should not be using the trim trail at the end of the school day.
- Don't forget if you pay for school meals, the price is increasing to £2.49 after half term (30th October 2017)
- There is a drop off box in the porch area for Craylands forms, etc to save queuing at the Office.

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. 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!



Hope (Elmer Class)  
Jamie-Leigh (Funnybones Class)  
Max F-K (Gruffalo Class)  
Violet (Dahl Class)  
Emily (Walliams Class)  
Shannon S (Horowitz Class)  
Damien (Morpurgo Class)

### The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

Faren (Elmer Class)  
Jayden (Funnybones Class)  
Ava (Gruffalo Class)  
Daisy (Dahl Class)  
Annabelle (Walliams Class)  
Jack (Horowitz Class)  
Ilyssa (Morpurgo Class)



### WOW Writers

Olly (Y1E)  
Phoebe (Y1F)  
Ethan (Y2G)  
Sonny (Y3D)  
Christian (Y4W)  
Jadan (Y5H)  
Ruth (Y6M)



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



1st Travis (Y5H) 2nd Jake G (Y6M)  
3rd Ruth (Y6M)

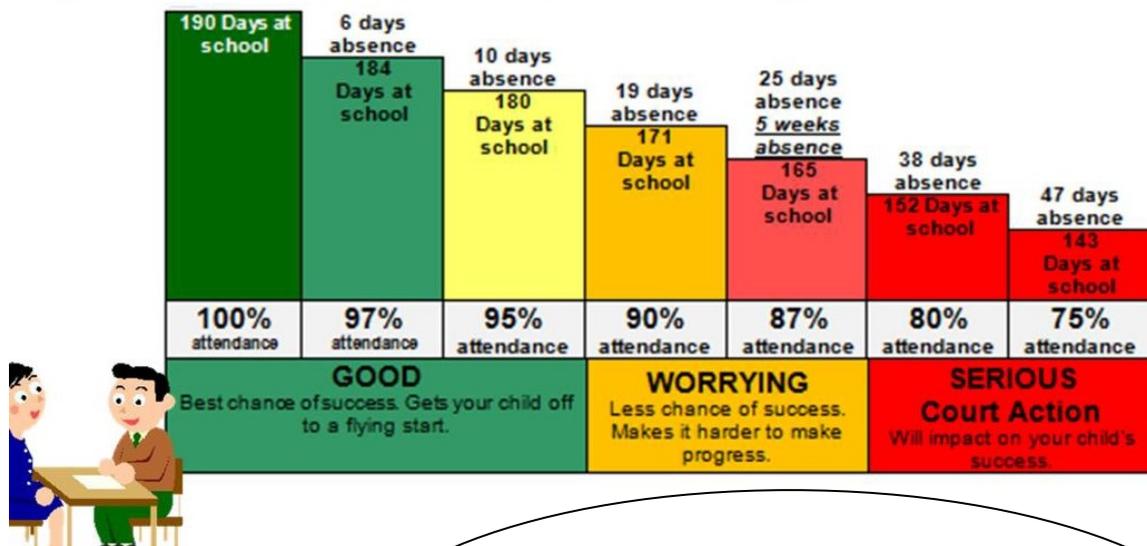
Achievements  
outside of school

This week's  
winning team is...

Rochester



# Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!

Over 95% attendance is good with me!

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance so far this year
Hungry Caterpillar	100%	99.6%
Rainbow Fish	98.3%	96.2%
Elmer	97.0%	97.8%
Funny Bones	97.5%	97.8%
Gruffalo	94.6%	96.0%
Dahl	98.6%	97.3%
Walliams	91.6%	95.3%
Horowitz	98.6%	98.6%
Morpurgo	90.3%	95.4%

WELL DONE TO... all those children in Hungry Caterpillars Class — you have achieved perfect attendance this week - well done!



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?  
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	Ordering numbers 0-20 forwards and backwards Finding missing numbers e.g. 1, 2, ?, 4	Writing simple sentences. Blending/segmenting CVC/CVCC words e.g. c-a-t <a href="http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/">http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/</a>
Gruffalo	Comparing and ordering numbers	Identifying and using adjectives (describing words) and conjunctions (and, or, but)
Dahl	Finding 10 and 100 more/less than a number Counting up and down in 50s. Solving problems involving place value	Using apostrophes for contractions e.g. I haven't I can't I didn't  Identifying main/subordinate clause
Walliams	Ordering numbers Using more than and less than symbols	Using an apostrophe
Horowitz	Roman numerals	Synonyms for adjectives e.g. happy, cheerful, joyful
Morpurgo	Addition and subtraction Long multiplication	Adverbs, adverbial phrases and fronted adverbials

**Useful websites:**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

