



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It certainly feels that Autumn has arrived with lots of leaves being blown around in the wind this week.

Next week, we will be holding our annual harvest festival. Please could you send in any tins or packets of food so that we can create a display in the school hall for our assembly; the food will then be distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks.

I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Miss Meechan and Mr Dymott on the birth of their first child. Baby Emily was born on Monday of this week and the staff of Craylands couldn't be more happier for them both. Mr Dymott will be taking his paternity leave in the week before and after half term, during which Miss Meechan and he will be getting married. Very busy and exciting times for them both and I hope you will join me in wishing them both lots of happiness. We will ensure a suitable supply teacher is arranged for Dahl class in Mr Dymott's absence.

Today, a number of boys from Years 5 and 6 have attended the annual Dartford District Boys Football Tournament; as I write this, I'm not sure how they have done, however I am sure that they will have done their very best and I hope will have scored some goals, maybe even won some games. Well done for representing the school!

May I remind parents that they are not to use the car park at the end of the school day. Anne, one of our site managers, informs me that she has had some disgruntled parents this week who want to park in the car park to collect their children. I'm sure that all parents would like to be able to do this but we simply can not accommodate it; we will only let people in if they have prior arrangements with myself due to health reasons.

On a similar note, I was informed this week of cars which are parked on the side of the roads outside the school, making it difficult for other cars to get past and pedestrians on the road. As the school expands in size, this matter will only worsen if we do not begin to consider how and where we park during drop off and pick up times. Please be considerate of others and only drive to the school if you have to—walking is good exercise and will certainly contribute to lessening the traffic issue.

As you can see, the expansion is underway and the children have coped very well this week with the change to the school environment and to any sounds that have come from the work. The tennis court has now been dug up completely—that happened quickly. Work continues to the front of the school also with digging taking up the next few weeks. Lots of diggers and trucks for all those construction vehicle enthusiasts amongst the children.

As it is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a coat to school; they may also wear jogging bottoms for PE if they are cold.

Enjoy the weekend—Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

## Upcoming Events

12/10	Harvest festival
16/10	Friends of Craylands (PTA) AGM
16/10	School photos
17/10 9am	Years 1 & 2 STAR assemblies for parents
18/10 9 am	Years 3& 4 STAR assemblies for parents
19/10 9am	Years 5 & 6 STAR assemblies for parents
20/10	Last day of term
30/10	Pupils return: Term 2
13/11— 17/11	Anti-bullying week
16/11	Parents Evening

## School Meals!

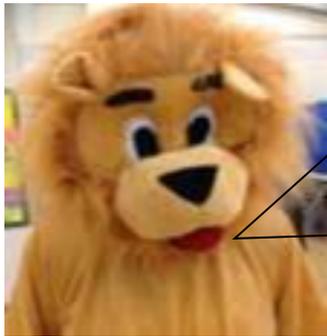
If you pay for school meals, the price will increase to £2.49 wef 30th October. Please pay Sodexo by cash/cheque in a named envelope and place it in the Sodexo box in the porch area. Remember to put the dates you are paying for.

## Reminders!

- Please can we ask that you do not try to speak to your child's teacher in the mornings as they are often very busy at this time, preparing for lessons and the day ahead; home-time is usually a much better time.
- Kindly remember the School Office does not open until 8.30am.

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!



Joe G (Funnybones Class)  
Owen C (Elmer Class)  
Cayden N (Gruffalo Class)  
Kai R (Dahl Class)  
Akshara T (Walliams Class)  
Bobby C (Horowitz Class)  
Johnny T (Morpurgo Class)

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

Jessica (Funnybones Class)  
Poppy (Elmer Class)  
Zach (Gruffalo Class)  
Rhylee (Dahl Class)  
Maddison (Walliams Class)  
Chloe (Horowitz Class)  
Finlay (Morpurgo Class)



### WOW Writers

Tristan (Y1E)  
Laurie (Y1FB)  
Ava R (Y2G)  
Dassia S (Y3D)  
Lila E (Y4W)  
Jack B (Y5H)  
Laurita D (Y6M)



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



1st Travis H, 2nd Benjamin G,  
3rd Jake G

(Jake also came 2nd in the world for Snowboarding!)

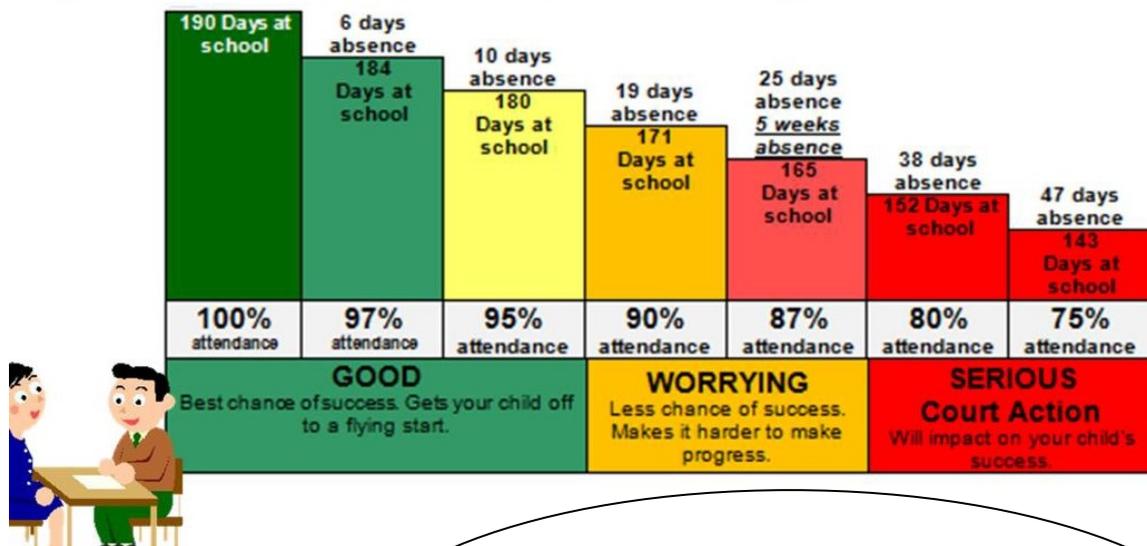
Achievements  
outside of school

This week's  
winning team is...

Leeds



# 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 over the year
Hungry Caterpillar	100%	99.7%
Rainbow Fish	98.6%	97.0%
Elmer	93.4%	97.6%
Funny Bones	96.6%	96.8%
Gruffalo	97.3%	96.3%
Dahl	97.3%	97.3%
Walliams	91.6%	94.5%
Horowitz	97.6%	98.4%
Morpurgo	94.6%	95.2%

WELL DONE TO..... All those children in Hungry Caterpillar Class — you've managed it again — 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	Place value comparing numbers using greater than/less than symbols. (< >)	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	How to use the part-whole model (bar model) to solve addition and subtraction problems.	Using the correct conjunction (and, or, but) to join ideas together and spelling high frequency words
Dahl	Addition and subtraction of a one digit number to a three digit number	Looking at mixed sentences and spelling strategies.
Walliams	Addition of three and four digit numbers.	Features of writing a dialogue and homophones.
Horowitz	Addition using the column method.	Learning prepositions.
Morpurgo	Long division, factors and multiples.	Learning the progressive past and present tense

**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/>

