



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Where did that term go? It only feels like yesterday that we were opening the gates for the academic year.

I'd like to thank our early years children and parents/carers. The children have settled into the school routine fantastically and it has been lovely to speak to many of the new parents on the school gate; we appreciate the support you have provided the school already and look forward to working with you whilst your child moves through the school.

Some of our new parents attended the Friends of Craylands AGM on Monday and were nominated for a position on the committee—a big thank you. The Friends of Craylands have arranged many fantastic events over the past year and although some events will not be able to be held due to the construction work this year, we look forward to any events that are in the pipeline including the Christmas disco (more details to follow I'm sure).

I hope those of you who attended the STAR assemblies this week enjoyed finding out about what your child has been learning this term. I was disappointed not to be able to attend but I have heard that the children did well. We recognise that we may need to get a microphone set up next time so that some of our quieter children can be heard.

Our football team attended the Dartford District football finals this week—again I couldn't attend (it's been a week of meetings and courses for me!). The team were a little deflated when I saw them upon my arrival back at school as they didn't do as well as they would have liked, however I am proud that they made the finals and that they did their best—it is all we can ask of them.

Lots of work has been carried out this term on the expansion—work continues on the new build as well as the kitchen. Noisy work is due to take place next week so that this does not impact on the children's learning. We are hoping that the fencing will be finished with new double gates installed over the half term break.

This week we have issued our new attendance policy which incorporates the introduction of penalty notices issued to those taking children on holiday during term time. It is regretful that we have had to take this action, however we have been left with very little choice considering the amount of requests we have had and the impact it is having on our attendance figures and ultimately on your children's progress and attainment. Can I explain that the school does not have control over the amount of the fine and the adults it is issued to—we have adopted the local authority's policy on this; the fine comes from them—as a school, we inform them of your child's absence and they take action.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break!

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

Upcoming Events

20/10	Last day of term
30/10	Pupils return: Term 2
13/11– 17/11	Anti-bullying week
16/11	Parents Evening

Secondary Transfer!

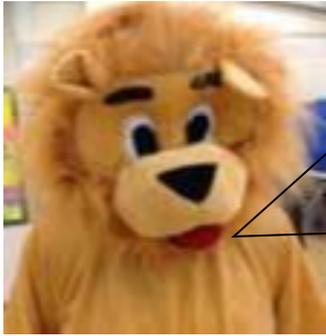
- If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in Sept 2018 the deadline for your secondary school application form is Tuesday 31st October. Please ask if you need help completing it.

Reminders!

- Remember to use SUMDOG and read lots over the half term.
- You are NOT to park in the school car park at the end of the school day please.
- Breakfast club runs between 7.30 and 8.40 - contact West Hill Life Ltd if you are interested on 01322 278677.
- If you pay for school meals, the price is increasing after half term to £2.49 per day, payable to Sodexo.

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!



Taylor H (Hungry Caterpillar)
Eleanor F (Rainbow Fish)
Christopher L (Elmer Class)
Archie S (Funnybones Class)
Michael C (Gruffalo Class)
Poppy A (Dahl Class)
Brooke R (Walliams Class)
Archie-Lee P (Horowitz Class)
Abigail G (Morpurgo Class)

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

James S (Hungry Caterpillars)
Daniel B (Rainbow Fish)
Vihaan T (Elmer Class)
Ben G (Funnybones Class)
Jessica S (Gruffalo Class)
River T (Dahl Class)
Isabel P (Walliams Class)
Jadan S (Horowitz Class)
Laurita (Morpurgo Class)



WOW Writers

Bradley R (Y1E)
Phoebe L (Y1FB)
Zachariah N (Y2G)
Dakota L (Y3D)
Carys L (Y4W)
May B (Y5H)
Demi-L N(Y6M)



This week's winning team is...

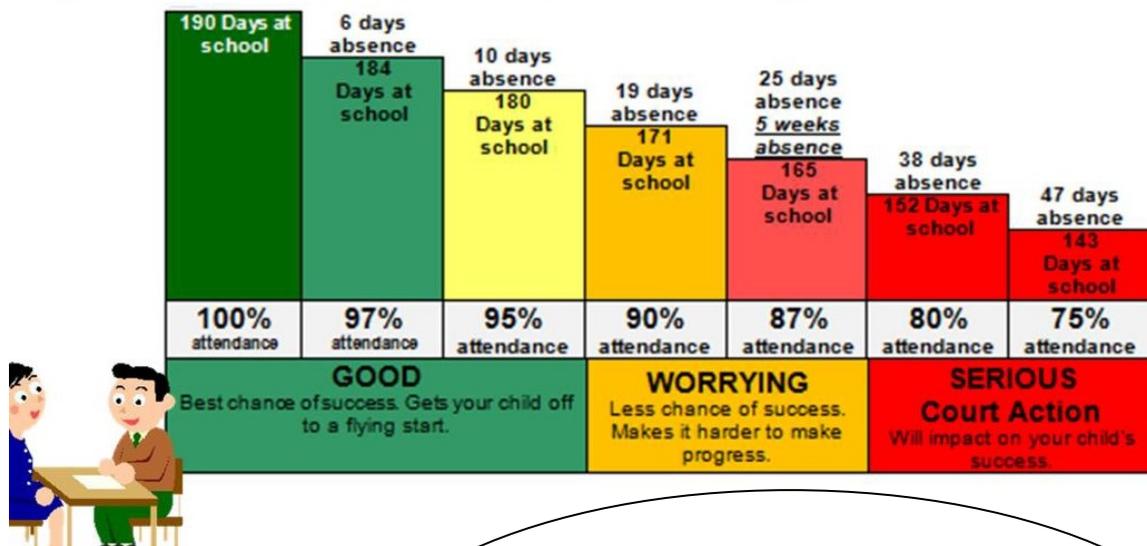
Rochester



Winning team for this term is...

Rochester (for extra play)

Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
100% is what I really want to see!
Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance over the year
Hungry Caterpillar	98.6%	99.6%
Rainbow Fish	93.3%	96.1%
Elmer	97.0%	97.7%
Funnybones	93.1%	95.7%
Gruffalo	99.3%	97.1%
Dahl	98.6%	97.7%
Walliams	97%	95.4%
Horowitz	97%	98.0%
Morpurgo	97.6%	96.4%

WELL DONE TO.....Gruffalo Class for having the highest attendance this week.
Also, well done to Hungry Caterpillars for achieving the highest attendance overall so far.





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, ordering numbers from smallest to largest and ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Writing simple sentences. Spelling high frequency words. Blending/segmenting CVC/CVCC words e.g. c-a-t http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/
Gruffalo	Adding and subtracting ones to a two digit number, adding and subtract 10 and multiples of 10 to a given number	Using capital letters, full stops and question marks correctly in their sentences
Dahl	Addition and subtraction using the column method	Using capital letters for pro-nouns and alternative conjunctions.
Walliams	Understanding the inverse of addition and subtraction	Speech in writing and the 100 spellings
Horowitz	Addition and subtraction using the column method	Learning the verb 'to be' and spelling words with suffix able/ible
Morpurgo	Reasoning challenges and assessments	Learning the progressive past and present tense and the 100 spellings

Useful websites:

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/>

