



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you last night at our first parents/carers evening of the year. Please do ensure that you have listened and taken on board any advice that the teaching staff have provided as this will ensure we are working together to support your child to do the very best that they can.

Thank you to all those who have donated today for Children in Need; a very worthy cause and the children looked great!

Yesterday, I was visited by a fellow headteacher from a local school who was looking at how we teach reading here at Craylands. She highlighted many strong strategies that we use as a school to improve reading, however she provided us with a simple message and that is that if we want our children to become stronger readers, they need to be reading more! We will certainly play our part in this and I hope that you will too at home; please ensure that you do your very best to read with your child every day—if not every day, at least three times per week. Thank you in advance.

Can I also remind you of the other elements of homelearning that we have each week: spelling patterns, times tables and SUMDOG. We noticed last week a huge decline in the number of children using SUMDOG at home—please, if you allow your child access to a computer or ipad at home, encourage them to access it at least once a week to develop their independent maths skills. We will know whether this has happened as we can see in our weekly assemblies, when Mr Dymott announces the results.

Many thanks to all of you who completed a parent survey and/or an anti-bullying survey last night. Early monitoring suggests lots of positive views for the school in terms of what is happening as well as how any bullying incidences are dealt with. I shall endeavour to provide a full report on your views and suggestions as to how we can improve further by the end of this term.

May I please remind parents/carers that dogs are not allowed on the school site; if we see you on site with a dog, we will ask you to leave.

A reminder about the importance of attendance. I have noticed that the overall attendance across the school is dipping slightly. I understand that there have been a number of children ill through sickness, which is unavoidable. Please remind children to wash their hands thoroughly so that we can do all that we can to avoid these germs spreading (we will do so in school also).

A big thank you to those school councillors who attended the Remembrance Sunday service at the Greenhithe British Legion on Sunday; it was a very cold service in the car park but all four girls represented the school well. Thank you.

Wishing you all a great weekend Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

## Upcoming Events

20/11 9am+10am	Prospective EYFS tour and talk
1/12	Year 5/6 mixed futsal tournament
13/12	Christmas lunch for the children
14/12	EY and KS1 nativity (details to follow)
15/12	EY and KS1 nativity (details to follow)
19/12	KS2 carol concert (details to follow)

## Reminders!

- You are NOT to park in the school car park at the end of the school day please.
- Please place your Xmas lunch request forms in the Sodexo Box in the porch area.
- The cost of a school meal has now increased to £2.49 per day. Cheques to Sodexo please.

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!

Two to come next week (YRHC)  
Teddy (YRRF)

Peter M (Elmer Class)

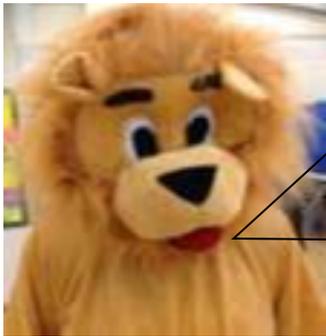
Jayden (Funnybones Class)

Jack (Gruffalo Class)

Isobel D (Dahl Class)

Erin R (Walliams Class)

Travis (Horowitz Class)



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

(HC) Two to come next week, Ema (RF)

Jessica H (Elmer Class)

Melissa G (Funnybones Class)

Matthew W (Gruffalo Class)

Isla H (Dahl Class)

Daisy R (Walliams Class)

Tony D (Horowitz Class)

Demi (Morpurgo Class)



## WOW Writers

Selina B (Y1E)

Evie W (Y1FB)

Max F K (Y2G)

Isobel D (Y3D)

Richard and Annabelle (Y4W)

Tony D (Y5H)

Aiden D (Y6M)



This week's  
winning team is...

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This week's HERO (Here Every day  
Ready On time) Attendance Bear is  
awarded to ...

Walliams Class

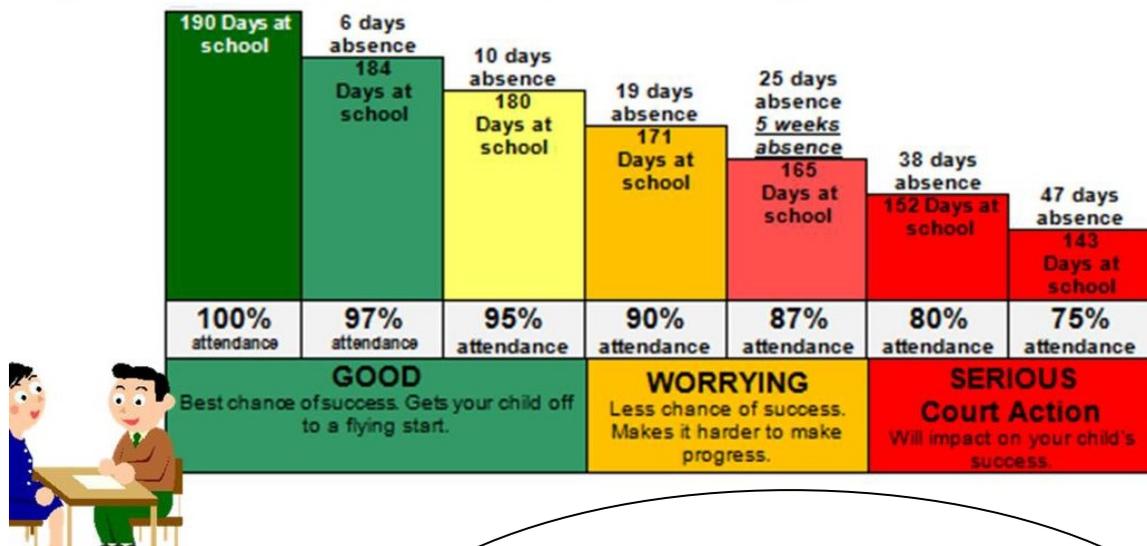


## Achievements outside of school...

Dakota (Dahl class) is Kent Champion in artistic gymnastics, winning gold overall at her latest competition—a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to Sophie S (Y6M) who starred in Paul O'Grady's For The Love of Dogs last week.

# 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	99.0%	99.0%
Rainbow Fish	98.0%	96.0%
Elmer	93.3%	96.9%
Funnybones	93.1%	95.7%
Gruffalo	98.5%	97.3%
Dahl	99.3%	97.7%
Walliams	99.6%	96.3%
Horowitz	98.9%	97.9%
Morpurgo	96.0%	96.4%

WELL DONE TO.....Walliams Class for your good attendance this week!



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	Subtraction of a one digit number from a two digit number using a number line. Solving worded subtraction problems applying mathematical knowledge.	Writing simple sentences. Recognising and spelling high frequency words <a href="http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/">http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/</a>
Gruffalo	Problem solving for addition and subtraction sums. Learning number bonds to 100.	Using basic punctuation in sentences, spelling common exception words and words using the alternative 'i' sound.
Dahl	Subtracting three digit numbers, estimating and checking answers. Solving problems involving addition and subtraction.	Learning the past and present tense of verbs and capital letters for the pronoun 'I'.
Walliams	Multiplying by 10 and 100 using place value knowledge. Dividing by 10.	Learning alternative conjunctions to use in sentences and the correct use of commas.
Horowitz	Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 using place value knowledge. Dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.	Learning relative clauses and subordinating conjunctions.
Morpurgo	Adding and subtracting fraction and solving problems linked to fractions.	Revisiting the progressive past and present tense and Prepositions.



**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/>