



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas, spending lots of time as a family and not indulging in too much food! The staff and I would like to thank all those of you who gave gifts at the end of last term—they are all very much appreciated.

In assembly yesterday, I spoke to the children about new starts in this new year. It is a great opportunity to make changes for the better at this time of the year; the children felt that they could make changes to:

- behaviour—both in and out of class
- learning—by being better Craylearners by taking risks, asking questions and researching
- reading more
- improving handwriting
- learning times tables and spellings
- trying something new

Whilst they can do much of this during the school day, I would like to ask for your support in encouraging the children to complete their weekly homelearning by reading regularly, learning times tables and spellings as well as using SUMDOG to help with their maths—there was a shockingly low 48 pupils using it towards the end of last term—let's try to improve on this please!

I regret to inform you that at the end of term 4, Mrs Cottis will be retiring from her role here at Craylands. She has been a dedicated member of staff whilst working here and will be truly missed by us all. In preparation for this, we have appointed two new staff members who will be working within the School Office. Miss Cobby will be our new admin officer; she started this week and will be shadowing Mrs Cottis until she leaves. Mrs Tremain will be starting in term 4 and will be our new school finance officer. I hope you will join me in making them both feel very welcome to the Craylands community.

Towards the end of last term, there were still many parents using the school car park at the end of the day; I had to go out myself and close the gate to stop this from happening. There are only a couple of parents with permission to use the car park at the end of the day, due to their child's needs. Please do not use the car park at the end of the day—we will continue to try to close the gate so that this does not happen. Thank you for your support in this.

I will be running assessment workshops in the week commencing 15th January—if you want more guidance on how we assess and what the end of term data reports mean, please do try to come along.

Looking forward to working with you all in 2018.

Yours sincerely Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

Upcoming Events

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| 9/1/18 | Swimming lessons start for Y4 pupils |
| 5/2/18 | Years 1 & 2 STAR assemblies
Y1 - 9am
Y2 - 2.50pm |
| 6/2/18 | Years 3 & 4 STAR assemblies: 9am |
| 7/2/18 | Years 5 & 6 STAR assemblies: 9am |

Info and Reminders

- Staff are considering which after school clubs to run; letters will go out next week with a view to starting the week after.
- After-school clubs that require payment will start next week.