



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now over half way through this academic year—where has it gone to?

The children have all started this term with their ST-ART weeks; I have seen and heard from the children about lots of creative activities taking place including the mummification of a child, designing Victorian style toys as well as weaving in the style of a Viking.

Assemblies this week have focussed on children's mental health and well-being; thank you to the parent who sent information about the importance of teaching children happiness—this was and will continue to be a focus also.

Many thanks to those children who have carried out some home learning as part of the tasks and competitions that were set. Mrs Bishop and I sent off the winning entries for the 500 word story competition yesterday and will announce the winners as part of World Book Week next week. Winning entries for the logo design and the science competitions will be announced next week. Please remember that your child should try to take part in home learning that is set—since we have taken away weekly worksheets, they should have much more time at home to focus on these tasks. May I also remind you of the importance of reading regularly with your child, support them in learning their times tables and spellings, encouraging them to use SUMDOG and if they are in Year 1, practise their sounds. Thank you for your support in this.

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the phonics workshop yesterday. We would have liked to have seen more parents attend, especially as it was to inform you about the phonics screening check that Year 1 children will be taking part in, in June. As always, I understand that many of you work during the day, so the slide show has been placed on the school website.

Apologies that the online safety powerpoint wasn't uploaded onto the school website until the end of half term—technical difficulties!

Next week, Mrs Grasby and Mrs Bishop are staying late after school to deliver information sessions on the end of Key Stage SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 parents/carers. I really do hope that as it is in the evening, we will get a good uptake from parents; you may bring your child along if you have issues with child care. The sessions will inform you about what your child will be expected to complete during May and how you can best help them in the lead up and during the actual SATs tests.

Can I please remind you of the importance of attendance for your child (especially for those in Years 2 and 6 between now and the SATs tests). We strive to reach 100% for all of our pupils; as a school, we must have an overall rate of 96%. Term time holidays are not authorised and may result in a penalty fine being issued. Please do not be offended if we ask for evidence when your child is absent for medical reasons—we have a duty to ensure attendance is good across the school and medical evidence allows us to authorise an absence.

We shall see you all next week—every day hopefully!

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

Upcoming Events

27/2/18	SATs information sessions KS1 & KS2
1/3/18	World Book Day—children to dress up as a book character
8/3/18	Parent/carers evening
26/3/18	Yr 1&2 ROAR assembly
27/3/18	Yr 3&4 ROAR assembly
28/3/18	YR 5&6 ROAR assembly
14/5/18	Year 6 SATs week commences (ALL Y6 must be in school every day!)

Info and Reminders!

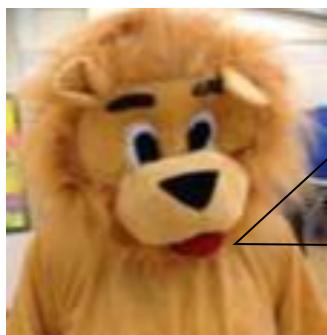
- The cost of a school meal is £2.49 per day, £12.45 a week. Please pay in advance, cash or cheque to Sodexo and place in the black Sodexo box in the porch area.

- Any outstanding dinner money should be paid. If you are struggling please contact May in the kitchen (01322 427660) so that an arrangement can be discussed.

Lenny's letter

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!



Isabel P (YRHC) Hudson G (YRRF)
Daisy T (Elmer Class)
Jenson J (Funnybones Class)
Mark Z (Gruffalo Class)
Rhylee N (Dahl Class)
Annabelle S (Walliams Class)
Ruby S (Horowitz Class)
Bobbie-Ann L (Morpugo Class)

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

Matthew E (HC) Jimmy R (RF)
Charlie R (Elmer Class)
Phoebe L (Funnybones Class)
Harry M (Gruffalo Class)
Rhylee N (Dahl Class)
Jessica A (Walliams Class)
Ella C (Horowitz Class)
Callum K (Morpugo Class)



WOW Writers

Joe F (Y1E)
Poppy C (Y1FB)
Alfie P (Y2G)
Nissi O (Y3D)
Erin R (Y4W)
Travis H (Y5H)
Damien R (Y6M)



SUMDOG Class winners were.....

1st: Ilyssa S, 2nd: Max W, 3rd: Freya S

This week's winning team is...

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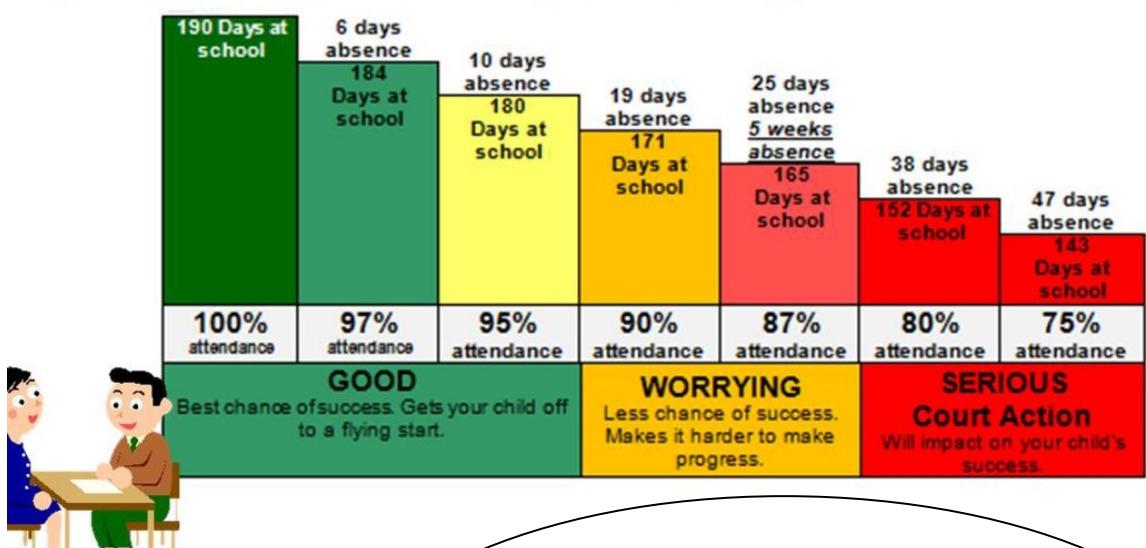


This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to:

Funny Bones Class



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	95.0%	97.3%
Rainbow Fish	95.8%	94.7%
Elmer	94.2%	94.9%
Funnybones	100%	95.6%
Gruffalo	99.3%	97.3%
Dahl	94.8%	96.7%
Walliams	93.1%	95.8%
Horowitz	95.6%	95.5%
Morpurgo	96.7%	95.2%

WELL DONE TO.....Funny Bones Class for their perfect attendance this week, followed closely by Gruffalo Class!



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, what each digit represents up to 50.	Non-fiction index in alphabetical order. Writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and conjunctions. http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-
Gruffalo	Fraction, equal groups and halving.	Expended noun phrases and using the possessive apostrophe.
Dahl	Statistics, pictograms, bar charts and tally charts.	Prefixes 'tele' and 'sub'.
Walliams	Fractions and equivalent fractions.	Adverbials and word classes.
Horowitz	Fractions including addition and subtraction.	Spellings and homophones.
Morpurgo	Measure, problem solving and converting.	Adjectives and subjunctive form.

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/>