



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've come to the end of our first, short week back of this academic year and as I tweeted Wednesday, we are all very proud of how the children have settled back.

I'd like to welcome to the team Miss Whillans, who is teaching in Gruffalo class and Miss Baker who is teaching in Elmer class. We hope that they will both be very happy teaching the wonderful children that we have here at Craylands.

Miss Blamires is now Mrs Johnson after she got married over the summer holidays - congratulations; we wish Mrs Johnson and her husband all the very best for their future together as husband and wife.

As I explained in my letter earlier in the week, the new build has been opened downstairs to allow KS2 to access the new classrooms—it is far from complete however. The upstairs has work left to be completed on it, the surrounding area and the playground need to be completed and there is snagging that needs to be completed. The staff and children have coped fantastically well considering they have yet to have internet capability and display boards—all in the process of being addressed.

In the new building, the cloakrooms are now in the classrooms, which means that we have limited space than perhaps we did in the now KS1 building. I would urge parents to consider the size of the bags that the children are bringing into school; we appreciate that many have new bags bought over the summer and we do not want to stop them from bringing them into school, however if any new bags are purchased, please consider the size of them so we can accommodate them better.

We have noticed at the beginning of the school day that there is greater congestion to the front of the gate due to the larger drop off zone and I have some health and safety concerns. Therefore, as stated in the separate letter sent today, we will trial opening up the area in front of the mobile classrooms before 8.40am. Also, we will consider, when the new build is completed, opening the KS2 playground gate for collection of KS2 children at the end of the day to ease congestion in the KS1 playground; I will update further on this at a later date.

Could I ask that parents and carers please supervise their children at the end of the school day—there were at least 15 children on the field after school on Thursday, with some on the trim trail, some on the tyre park and others in the roped off area on the field. Many thanks.

A big well done to all of the children who have had 100% attendance so far this year; unfortunately, I have already had requests for holidays and some children have been absent. May I remind all parents and carers about the importance of attendance to school, even more so in the early part of the year when they are getting used to their new teacher and learning new skills. By having a holiday or days off, it will undoubtedly impact on their overall progress and attainment this year. Penalty notices will be issued in line with our attendance policy.

We look forward to working with you for the rest of this academic year - I hope to see many of you at the information evening on Wednesday next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hiscock

## Upcoming Events

12/09/18	Information Eve 6.30pm Yr 1&2 talk 6.45pm Yr 3&4 talk 7pm Yr 5& 6 talk
18/09/18	EYFS Phonics Workshop 6.30pm
19/09/18	Year 1/2 Fast Fives tournament
20/09/18	Year 3/4 Soccer Sixes tournament
26/09/18	Boys Football Tournament
1/10/18	INSET DAY—no children in school
19/10/18	End of Autumn Term 1 Assessment reports
19/10/18	End of Term 1
29/10/18	Start of Term 2

## Reminders and Info

- We have planned an INSET day for 1st October—children will not be required to attend school on this day.

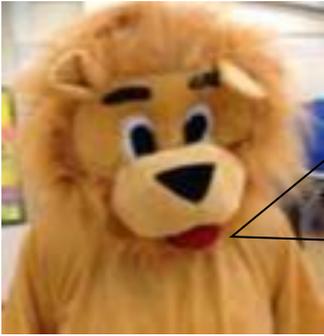
- Please do not allow children to ride scooters or bikes on school pathways or to play on the trim trail at the end of the day.

- Club letters will be sent out next week with a view to starting the week after. Gymnastics has started and does have places available if your child is interested.

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!

Craylearning certificates will be given out from next week.



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

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This week's winning team is...



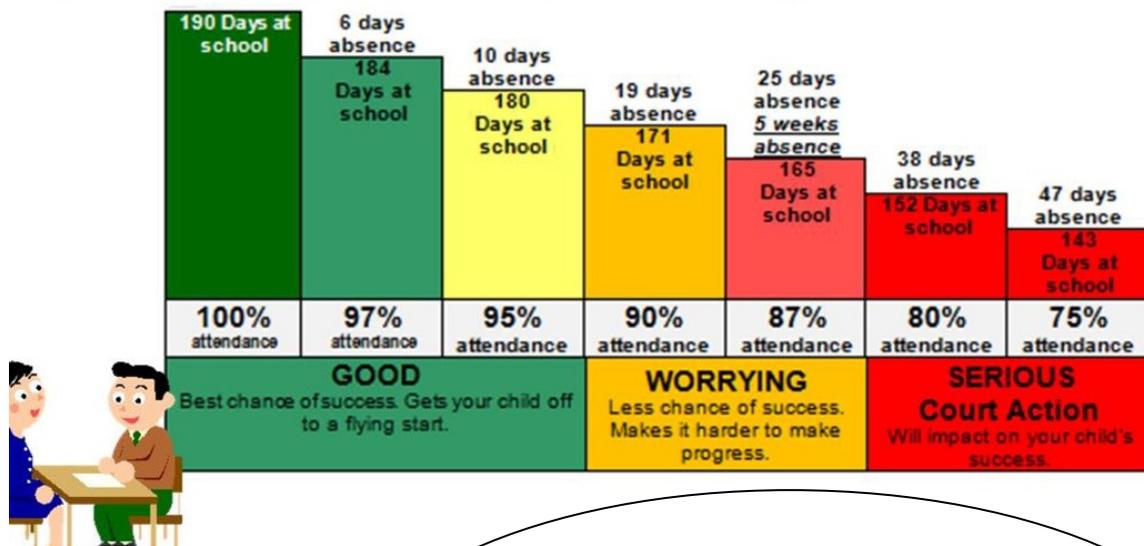
This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

**Class**



Achievements outside of school...George (Morpurgo class) has been chosen to play as a Midfielder in the Dartford District Football Team.

# 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
Elmer	98.33%	98.33%
Stick Man	97.22%	97.22%
Funnybones	89.66%	89.66%
Gruffalo	94.25%	94.25%
Dahl	98.89%	98.89%
Walliams	96.43%	96.43%
Horowitz	96.67%	96.67%
Morpurgo	100.0%	100.0%

WELL DONE TO..... Morpurgo Class for achieving 100% attendance so far!