



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm looking forward to being back in school next week after being absent for some of the week.

This week, I have been updating my first aid training by attending a refresher first aid at work course; this has entailed me recalling how to treat situations such as shock, allergic reactions, cuts and more serious injuries which result in CPR. It is important that as adults, we continue to learn throughout our lives; just like a Craylearner, I have had to listen well, ask questions, risk take and learn from the mistakes I made during the course. It just proves how these skills can be transferred to situations outside of the classroom.

Unfortunately, I have also had to take some time out of school due to a personal matter; something that I never usually do. This meant that I was unable to lead the anti-bullying workshop on Tuesday for which I apologise. Whilst I will not divulge the details, it has made me think about how as a school community, it is important that we look out for each other and if we see someone looking down, ask them if they are OK. In your own families, don't just accept when someone says that they are fine after a stressful time in their lives; keep in touch with them, check on them regularly and just be there for them to talk to. We must take care of our own and other's well being.

Along similar lines, I must protect the well-being of my own staff and urge parents and carers to ensure that they consider how they approach and speak to staff members. I understand that there may be times when as parents and carers you may be unhappy with the school or specific staff for some reason, however, staff have feelings too and would always appreciate being spoken to in a calm manner—it is always best to have difficult conversations away from other parents and off the playground also. Thank you.

I am aware that a letter I sent out recently to some parents/carers regarding attendance may have caused offence due to the tone; this was certainly not intentional and I will look at re-wording the letter. As I have mentioned before, attendance is a high priority in the school and I have a duty to send letters out when a child's attendance drops below 95% - whether these are authorised absences or not. At this point in the school year, this may be a very small number of days.

This week, some children from Years 3 and 4 attended the sports hall athletics competition, competing against other schools. They all tried their very best in events such as javelin, standing long jump and a number of races, coming 6th place out of 12 schools. A big well done to all!

We have been focussing on anti-bullying this week as it has been the national week; the children know that they can use the bully box and the worry box to share any concerns that they may have. The staff have had training in this as part of their staff meeting this week. We will look into rearranging the anti-bullying workshop to parents/carers in the near future.

A big thank you to those of you who donated towards Children in Need today; this is a very worthy cause supporting those children who are less fortunate. I look forward to returning and seeing you all next week.  
Mr Hiscock

## Upcoming Events

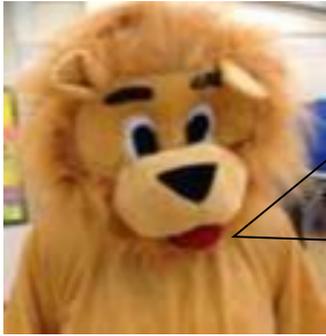
19/11/18	EYFS open morning 9 and 10 am
20/11/18	Dahl Class Assembly
21/11/18	Hot chocolate morning in the allotments (booking necessary)
23/11/18	Non uniform day in return for chocolate or a bottle for tombola
26/11/18	Years 5&6 parents reading morning
27/11/18	Years 3&4 parents reading morning
28/11/18	Year 2 parents reading morning
29/11/18	Year 1 parents reading morning
30/11/18	KS2 official opening event
7/12/18	PTA Xmas discos
12/12/18	Xmas lunch
13/12/18	EYFS nativity (am)
13/12/18	Year 1 Christmas celebration (am)
13/12/18	Year 2 Christmas production (pm)
18/12/18	KS2 Xmas show (eve)
19/12/18	Last day for pupils
03/01/18	Pupils back for T3

## Info and Reminders!

- Please do not park in the drop-off zone in the mornings.
- Please make use of the black box in the porch rather than queuing to pass things to the office.
- There is a donation box for yellow pages in the porch area if you can spare yours for a good cause.

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!



Elmer	Anais R	Dahl	Rocco
Funnybones	James S	Walliams	Lenny B
Gruffalo	Olly O	Horowitz	Jack G
Stickman	Jayden M	Morpurgo	Sienna M

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

Elmer	Oliver J	Dahl	Max W
Funnybones	Matthew E	Walliams	Isabel M
Gruffalo	Jessica H	Horowitz	Brooke R
Stickman	Florrie P	Morpurgo	Archie L P



This week's winning team is...  
**Rochester**



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

**Dahl Class**

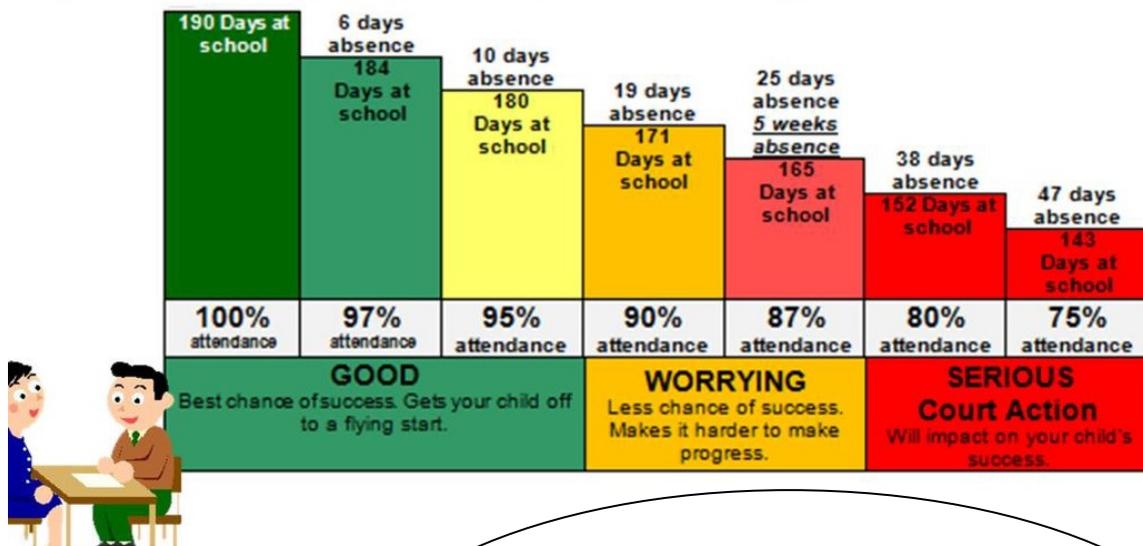


Achievements outside of school...James S achieved his 25m and 50m swimming badges. Well done James your hard work paid off!

Freya S achieved her 600m swimming badge (24 lengths) Well done Freya!

Annabelle S achieved her 800m swim badge (32 lengths!) (Phew - sounds exhausting!)

# 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%	97.6%
Rainbow Fish	98.6%	98.5%
Elmer	98.0%	97.0%
Funnybones	97.5%	97.6%
Gruffalo	97.5%	95.0%
Stickman	99.3%	95.7%
Dahl	100%	97.0%
Walliams	98.6%	95.9%
Horowitz	99.3%	96.7%
Morpurgo	95.1%	95.6%

WELL DONE TO..... Dahl Class for your perfect 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
Rainbow Fish/Hungry Caterpillar	Recognising coins and counting amounts using 1 pence coins.	Learning the phonemes th, ch, sh, ng, nk. Segmenting and blending sounds in words. Learning red words by sight 'no' and 'the'.
Elmer / Funnybones	Addition of two single digit numbers using a number line.	Using adjectives and conjunctions in story writing.
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Subtraction using tens and ones.	Learning homophones their/there And two/to/too
Dahl	Adding 3 digit numbers using the column method,	Learning the differences between nouns, verbs and adjectives.
Walliams	Learning multiplication and division of numbers including x10 and x100.	Looking at adverbs and using them in sentences.
Horowitz	Factors and multiples.	Assessment of all taught SPAG.
Morpurgo	Multiplying fraction.	Learning bullet points and the apostrophe.



**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/>

COME AND SING\*  
WITH THE



# Ebbfleet community voices

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UK SOUL CHOIRS

FREE  
TASTER!

\*WARNING: JOINING THIS CHOIR MAY SERIOUSLY IMPROVE YOUR WELLBEING

The South East's most funky and friendly adult community choir is coming to Ebbfleet Garden City! Performing unique arrangements by artists such as Stevie Wonder and Prince, to Beyonce and Bruno Mars plus many more!

No audition/experience necessary and no need to read music.

Free to try with no obligation.

If you love singing - shower singers especially welcome - come and give it a go!

UK Soul Choirs was established in 2011 and it's branches can be found around London and the South East. As seen at *On Blackheath*, *The Southbank Centre*, supporting *Jocelyn Brown*, *Lemar* and as heard on *BBC Radio 3*, run by industry professionals to create a fun and energetic vocal experience.

Spring/Summer/Winter  
(5 week taster term)

THURSDAYS  
7:30-9pm

Manor Community Primary School  
Keary Rd, Swanscombe DA10 0BU

COMING TO  
**EBBSFLEET**  
1ST NOVEMBER 2018

FEATURED BY



Book your free taster at [sing@kentsoulchoirs.co.uk](mailto:sing@kentsoulchoirs.co.uk)

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[www.kentsoulchoirs.co.uk](http://www.kentsoulchoirs.co.uk)



MAKE NEW FRIENDS / SING GREAT MUSIC!

## Ebbsfleet Flora



Photographer Jason Evans is hosting a series of free photo-workshops for local people. The sessions, usually held outside, will introduce participants to a Hasselblad medium format film camera.

No previous skills are necessary and anyone is welcome to attend. Participants will be asked to choose their favourite plants in the Ebbsfleet Garden City area as subject matter, with a view to making a small publication about the Flora of Ebbsfleet.

Dates TBC

If you would like to take part please email Jason: [jason@thedailynice.com](mailto:jason@thedailynice.com)

## Chalk and Cheese



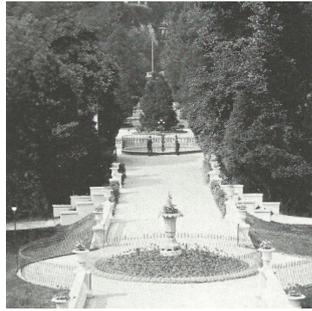
Chalk and Cheese is a group led by artist and cheesemonger Esther Collins.

A group who share their interests, side-careers, and learn new creative skills together. Do you want to try using milk, ink, eggs, clay or vegetables to make cheese, prints, chips, plates and pasta? What can you suggest we learn to make together?

We will meet every other week on Tuesdays. It is free to take part and open to all ages (children please bring an adult). Dates and location TBC.

For more information e mail [estherlouisecollins@gmail.com](mailto:estherlouisecollins@gmail.com) or phone 0779 211 7272

## Area. Art. Archive



Free Art and Archive Workshops in around Ebbsfleet Garden City.

Multi-media artist and archivist Siobhan Schwartzberg is delivering free workshops with residents collating past and present sounds, videos and images resulting an art installation for the Gathering event to be held in March 2019 as well as a living community archive.

The workshops aim to engage with newer residents as well as more established ones, our age range is from 18 to 75.

The workshops will take place in and around, Northfleet, Ebbsfleet and Swanscombe and will involve some walking tours, in which mobility can be taken into consideration.

Dates and locations TBC.

No previous experience required.



### Tales and Tastings

Do you have a tale about food you wish to share?

It could be a family recipe handed down through generations, or perhaps a happy memory which involved making or eating something special. Do you grow your own vegetables? Are you passionate about cooking and baking?

Artist Nicole Mollett is looking for a diverse range of stories from the Ebbsfleet area to turn into drawings and beautifully illustrated texts to form a collection of food stories. The project will involve drawing workshops, and tasting events. Everyone who shares a tale will be able to join a group who help design the final publication. People taking part will be given a copy of the artwork to keep and will be invited to The Gathering to share their tales with the wider community.

Please contact Nicole at [nicole@nicolemollett.co.uk](mailto:nicole@nicolemollett.co.uk) if you want to submit a tale or join in with the free workshops.

For information about any of these projects residents should make contact with the artist directly or contact Laura Bailey, Cultural Development Manager at Ebbsfleet Development Corporation: [laura.bailey@ebbsfleetdc.org.uk](mailto:laura.bailey@ebbsfleetdc.org.uk)