



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you see the snow fall this week? Who knows if we will see it again.

Just a reminder that if the weather does take a turn for the worst, there may be a chance that the school will have to close due to safety reasons. We will do everything that we can to ensure that the school remains open, however if we do decide to close, we will update the school website and you can register on the Kent Schools Closure website using the following link: <https://www.kentclosures.co.uk/>

In Wednesday assemblies, I have begun to read the Demon Headmaster to the KS2 children. I remember this being read to me by my own Headteacher at primary school. I know that some of the children were looking for this in their class libraries, but I may have the only copy. It would be great for families to visit the local library if their child wanted to read ahead in this exciting story.

This week, I was visited by our school improvement advisor and by a local councillor who was unable to visit the opening of the new building. I was able to take them on a tour of the school and discuss with them the strengths of the school and highlight what we are continuing to do to improve standards. I was proud to see the children being respectful to the visitors and sharing what they have been learning with them. It was also great to see science, DT and history lessons taking place across the school—a range of activities covering the curriculum.

There seems to have been quite a bout of sickness this week amongst the children. Please could you ensure that your child knows to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day. If your child has been sick, they should not return to school for 48 hours please—this prevents germs from being spread around. Please do ensure that you have made contact with the Office however to inform them of the reason behind your child's absence.

On a similar note, our attendance this year is better than at this point last year. I'd like to thank you for your support in this and hope that we will end the year at an improved percentage. Please do everything possible to ensure that your child attends regularly. Many thanks.

Although May seems like a long time away, I need to inform Y6 parents and carers that SATs week is between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May—your child MUST be in school during this week. The KS1 SATs take place throughout the month of May so it is important that no holidays are booked for this month. Y1 take their phonics screening in June so it is important for them to be in school in this month. As a reminder, holidays should not be taken during term time.

The PTA quiz is on Friday 8th February—if you haven't entered a team, there is still time. It's always a fun evening!

Finally, it saddens me to inform you that Mrs Drake will be leaving Craylands. Mrs Drake has worked for Craylands for 10 years and is a key member of the parent and pupil support team; she will be very sadly missed. Her final day will be on Thursday 7th February. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her all the very best for her future.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

## Upcoming Events

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 28/1/19 | Healthy lunchbox workshop 3.20pm         |
| 28/1/19 | Year 3 & 4 reading parent/carer morning  |
| 29/1/19 | Year 1 parent/carer reading morning      |
| 30/1/19 | Years 5&6 parent/carer reading morning   |
| 31/1/19 | Year 2 parent/carer reading morning      |
| 7/2/19  | Online safety workshop—details to follow |
| 8/2/19  | PTA Quiz Night (more details to follow)  |
| 14/2/19 | Horowitz Class Assembly 9am              |

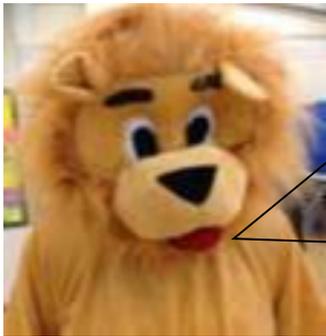
## Reminders!

- Parents are not permitted to use the staff car park to collect their children (UNLESS agreed by the School). Staff and visitors are in and out to meetings and need constant access to our parking spaces. Many thanks

# 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!



Hungry C Tamaya A Stickman Jamie-Leigh R  
Rainbow F Oliver C Dahl Archie M  
Elmer Teddy P Walliams Kazia A-A  
Funnybones Thomas D Horowitz Ryan O  
Gruffalo Bradley R Morpurgo Jack B

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

|            |             |          |           |
|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Hungry C   | Freddy P    | Stickman | Jade S    |
| Rainbow F  | Iola-Anne M | Dahl     | Thomas T  |
| Elmer      | Hayden B    | Walliams | Jessica L |
| Funnybones | Amber FK    | Horowitz | Emily S   |
| Gruffalo   | Lillie B    | Morpurgo | George R  |



**Midday Supervisor Award:** Camren K (Y3D)

This week's winning team is...

**Dover**



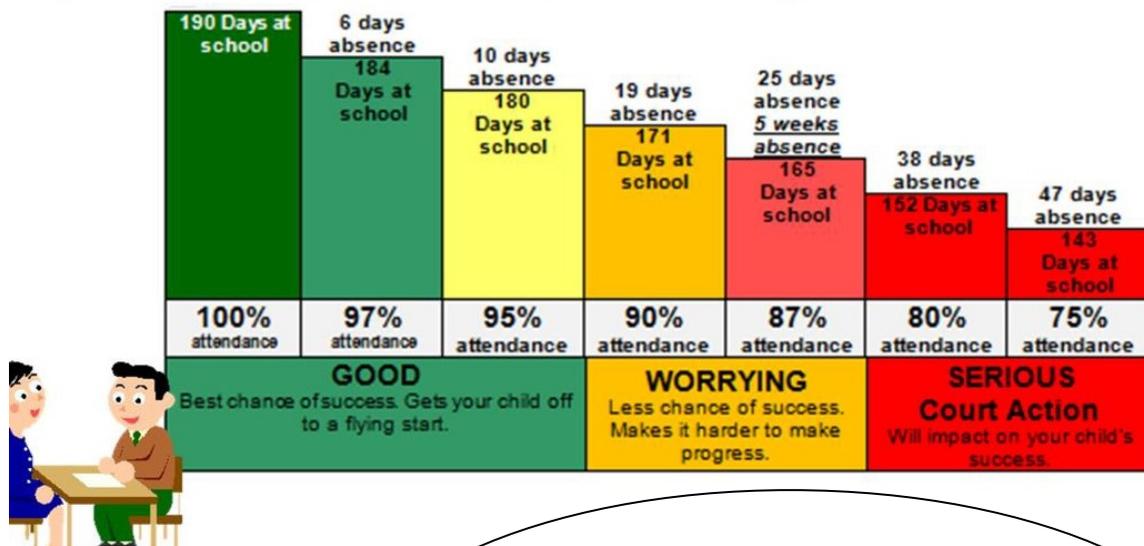
This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

**Walliams Class**



Achievements outside of school...

# 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 | 89.6%                | 95.6%                    |
| Rainbow Fish       | 94.0%                | 95.9%                    |
| Elmer              | 96.3%                | 96.2%                    |
| Funnybones         | 92.0%                | 96.5%                    |
| Gruffalo           | 98.6%                | 95.1%                    |
| Stickman           | 98.6%                | 96.4%                    |
| Dahl               | 97.4%                | 97.5%                    |
| Walliams           | 99.6%                | 96.6%                    |
| Horowitz           | 95.8%                | 96.7%                    |
| Morpurgo           | 93.0%                | 95.2%                    |

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



# PEE activity passport



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 | Counting and comparing numbers using more and less.  | Saying the phonemes ch, sh, ng, th, nk, ay, ee and ar. Sounding words out containing these phonemes. |
| Elmer / Funnybones              | Comparing numbers using greater than and less than.  | Character descriptions using Adjectives, super sentence starters and conjunctions.                   |
| Gruffalo                        | Continuing to understand multiplication and learning about division (sharing into groups). | Using adverbs and alternative conjunctions (but, so, however).                                       |
| Dahl                            | To solve problems involving multiplication and division.                                   | To understand the different features of a letter.  |
| Walliams                        | To learn fractions and apply them to problems.   | To use pronouns, apostrophes for possession and inverted commas.                                     |
| Horowitz                        | To find equivalent fractions.  | Using dashes for extra information.  |
| Morpurgo                        | To solve problems involving percentages.   | To recognise the difference between main and subordinate clauses.                                    |

**Useful websites:**

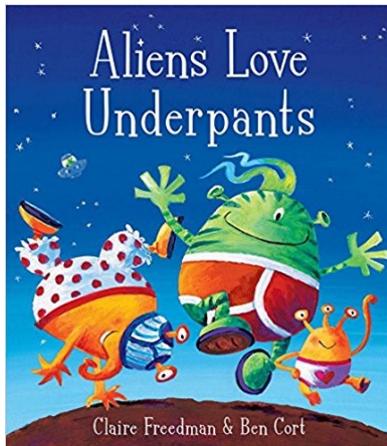
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

# Recommended reads

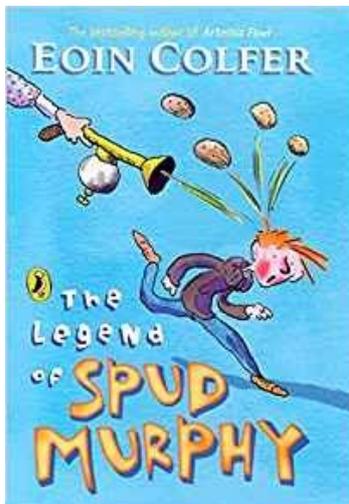


## EYFS recommendation

"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size,

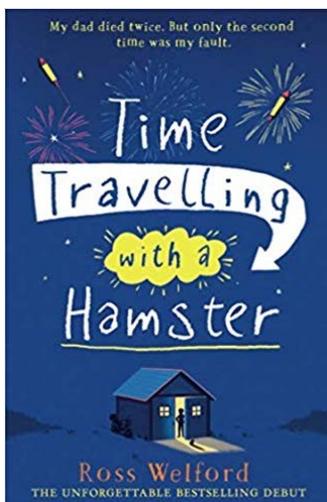
But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."

This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!



## KS1 recommendation

Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! If he's not being teased by his big brother Marty, he has to deal with the terrible, three-headed bundle of cuteness that is his three younger brothers. Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun and you don't want that - just ask Ugly Frank how he got his nickname! Eventually Will and Marty discover a love of books and that Mrs Murphy isn't so bad after all!



## KS2 recommendation

For readers who loved Wonder and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time this extraordinary debut will make you laugh and cry.

A story that crosses time and generations, for adventure-loving readers young and old.

"My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve."

On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.

*Swanscombe Churches Fellowship*  
**THE FOOD CELLAR**



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Members of Swanscombe Churches Fellowship: Christ Apostolic Church. Redeemed Christian Church of God. St Peter & St Paul. Swanscombe Methodist Church.

Donations may be left at these churches.



# Fresh-tival

Your Future Community

# EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY

Saturday 2nd February 2019  
Ebbsfleet Academy 1-4pm

**FREE** FOOD - MUSIC - TALKS - DEMOS - INFO  
FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND TELL  
US WHAT YOU WANT IN THE FUTURE