



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5 of this academic year—we hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine.

This is only a short term; in fact we only have two full weeks, due to the bank holidays and the last day of this term being an INSET day.

In the final weeks of this term, children in Years 2 and 6 will be taking their SATS tests. In the coming weeks, we will be doing everything that we can to support them in reaching their full potential in these tests. Whilst the Year 2 SATS are only used to support the teacher assessment of the children, the Year 6 results are used by secondary schools as a guide to how well the children are achieving and what support may be needed in Year 7. Both the teachers and the children have been working extremely hard this year and should continue to do so to reach their full potential.

As parents/carers of Years 2 and 6, there is one important thing that you can do this term—please do your best to ensure that your child is in school EVERY DAY! If they miss one session of school, they may miss some support that could have been given to them, a helpful hint or tip as well as some revision of elements of learning that they have previously been taught. It is imperative that between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May, the Year 6 children are in school; if they are absent, it may be that they will not be able to take the test at a later date, resulting in no assessment; this wouldn't be fair on them after all the hard work that they have put into their learning. We are aiming for Year 2 to take their assessments on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th, as well as between Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd May.

As I mentioned in my home learning letter this week, we have been slightly disappointed in the number of children who have had nothing written in their reading records or who just simply have not brought them back in after the Easter break. Reading is such an important part of our children's education. I would urge you all to read with your child regularly; I can quite clearly see when working with children myself across the school, who reads regularly at home and who does not. It really does help them in all elements of their education, enabling them to make as much progress as possible. Thank you in anticipation for your support in getting the children to read as much as possible.

A big thank you to the Pupil & Parent Support Team for the eggcellent Easter egg hunt in the allotments on Wednesday.

Another thank you to the few parents/carers who came to dig the allotments over the Easter break; the beds have been de-weeded and we are now looking at trying to get hold of top soil and seeds so we can start planting.

Unfortunately due to a clash with the SATs test, we have had to move the Year 2 reading morning to Wednesday 22nd May; sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Remember to ensure your child is in school every day and on time this term — which class will win the HERO bear?

Enjoy the weekend—Mr Hiscock

Upcoming Events

6/5/19	Bank Holiday Monday
13/5/19 -16/5/19	Year 6 SATS
16/5/19- 22/5/19	Year 2 SATS
17/5	PTA Pamper evening (6.30-10pm)
20/5	Year 1 reading morning /allotment time
22/5	Years 2, 3, 4 reading morning/allotment time
23/5	Years 5 & 6 reading morning/allotment time
23/5/19	End of term 5
24/5/19	INSET day
3/6/19	INSET day
4/6/19	Start of term 6
15/6/19	Summer fair (12-4pm)
23/7/19	Last day of school year

Reminders and Info

- Thank you to all those parents/carers who supported in de-weeding the allotments over the Easter break.

- Tickets sales for the PTA Pamper Evening will start next week.

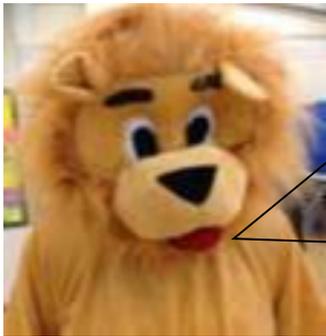
- Don't forget bookings for after school clubs are now done on line at: <https://craylands.parents-eveningsystem.co.uk/>

Then go to Events to book.

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 Eva C Stickman Zachary F
Rainbow F Ashley B Dahl Zachariah N
Elmer Teddy P Walliams Isobel D
Funnybones Eva J Horowitz Christian H
Gruffalo Toby F Morpurgo Ruby S

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

Hungry C	Ishaan	Stickman	Adil H
Rainbow F	Finley S	Dahl	Thomas T
Elmer	Sophie R	Walliams	Daisy F
Funnybones	Grace Z	Horowitz	Ryan P
Gruffalo	Abigaile G	Morpurgo	Ryan G



This week's winning team is...

Leeds



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

Rainbow Fish Class



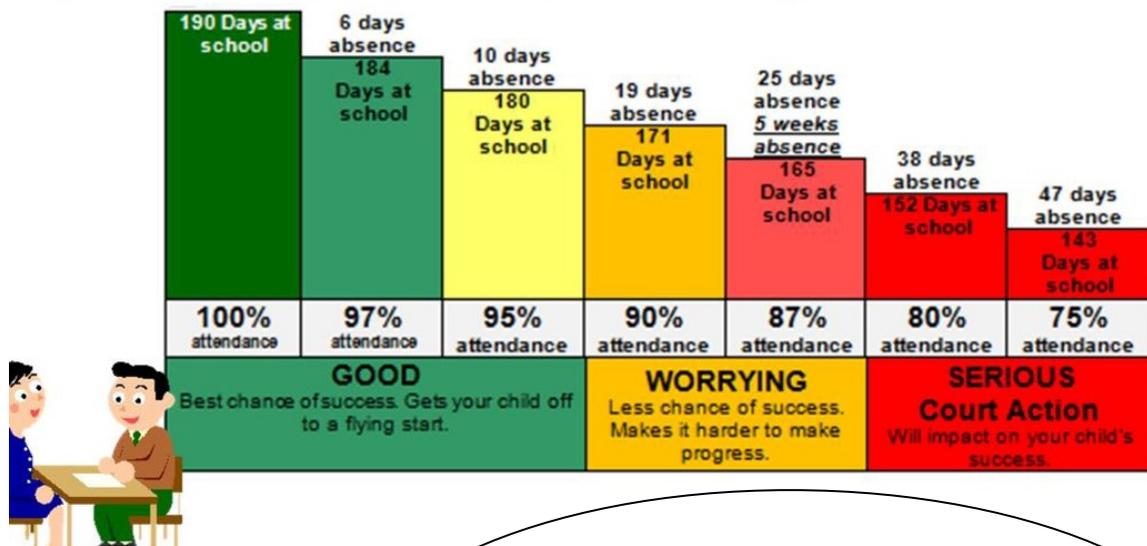
Achievements outside of school...

Poppy A (Y4W) achieved her grade 1 in ballet and silver in a gymnastics competition.

Sadie A (Y1E) came 2nd in a gymnastic competition and received a medal for taking part, as well as a sash for taking part in tap and ballet. Well done girls!

Congratulations to Isobel D (Y4W) for appearing on Channel 4's Extreme Chocolate Makers (available on catch up, episode 1). She had a speaking part too!

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	92.5%	94.4%
Rainbow Fish	100%	95.9%
Elmer	97.5%	95.5%
Funnybones	98.3%	95.2%
Gruffalo	95.8%	94.9%
Stickman	98.3%	96.6%
Dahl	99.6%	97.3%
Walliams	94.8%	95.4%
Horowitz	97.9%	96.8%
Morpurgo	92.9%	94.5%

WELL DONE TO..... Rainbow Fish Class for having perfect attendance this week, followed closely by Dahl 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
Rainbow Fish/Hungry Caterpillar	Counting in 2's from a given number up to 20. Counting forwards and backwards to 20 and writing and recognising numerals to 20.	Writing a simple sentences with words phonetically sounded out and some red words spelt correctly.
Elmer / Funnybones	Comparing length and measures using non-standard measures.	To use the prefix 'un' in words and linking sounds to letter names.
Gruffalo/ Stickman	To understand and be able to tell the time including quarter past, quarter to, o'clock and half past.	Applying suffixes to the end of words including ful, less, ness and ment. To use apostrophes for possession.
Dahl	To add and subtract lengths including centimetres, metres and millimetres.	To embed the use of apostrophe for a range of contractions.
Walliams	To order and round decimals and recognise and write equivalent decimals.	To write in the first person as a character and use the past tense correctly in their writing.
Horowitz	To add and subtract decimals.	To understand and apply subordinate clauses in their writing.
Morpurgo	Understanding statistics and line graphs.	Revision of SPAG and understanding the different tenses including past, present, past progressive and perfect.

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/>

School Run Project



PLEASE CONSIDER OTHER WAYS OF TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Walking to school

Walking is a great way to get to school - it's healthy, free and doesn't create **pollution**. It also reduces **traffic** congestion during the 'school run'.

Walking to school also gives older children **independence**. Once they know their route and can cross roads safely, they can walk by themselves or with friends.

But younger children need to be accompanied by an adult, especially if there are busy roads. If you can't walk your child to school they might be able to join a '**walking bus**'. This is when a group of children walk to school with at least two adults. Even if you can walk your child to school, a walking bus enables you to share the responsibility with other parents and frees up a bit of extra time.

Cycling/Scooter to school

Cycling and using a scooter is another great way to get to school. However, young people should be made aware of road safety.

If your child cycles to school, make sure their bike is in **good working order**, and that they wear a **helmet** and **reflective jacket**. Work out the best route, with the least traffic.

It is great to cycle and scooter when the weather is nicer in the summer terms....bring a lock and lock them in our cycle shelter.

Driving to school

If walking or cycling aren't possible, there are several ways of getting to school by road:

- public transport
- car-sharing
- family car

Driving your child to school with empty seats in your car is the least environmentally-friendly way to get them to school.

Next month is walk to school month/week—we will be encouraging this throughout May!



MCMC

**Manga
Coding
Minecraft
Club**



Learn to code,
take part in a
MINECRAFT
mission or try
your hand at
drawing Manga.

A new weekly club for 11 to 17 year old's
starting on the 2nd April 2019.

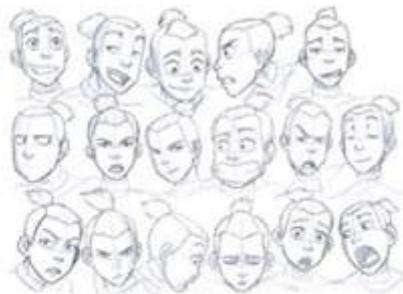
When

Every Tuesday from
5.30pm - 8.30pm



Where

The Old Fire Station
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Times Tables Rockstars

The Friends of Craylands have been 'Rockstars' as they have funded for the school to use the Times Tables Rockstars App. This can be downloaded via the App Store.

This can be downloaded onto ipads and iphones making the use of Times Tables Rockstars even easier...I've just played a game on my phone myself!

Many thanks to the Friends of Craylands!



DAHL vs WALLIAMS

HOROWITZ vs MORPURGO

STICKMAN vs GRUFFALO

Which class will win each battle?
You have until Wednesday next week
to play and help your class win!

Top 3 fastest in the school

Chloe (Morpurgo) 1.15 secs

Matthew C (Morpurgo) 1.20 secs

Mr Hiscock 1.42 secs

56 children now have a baseline speed...play the studio game 10 times to get your speed recorded.