



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2.....we hope that you had an enjoyable half term break.

Can I firstly take the opportunity to thank all those of you who came along to the fireworks evening on the last day of term. It was a fantastic event and the fireworks were great! A huge thank you to all the staff, parent/carers volunteers and the Friends of Craylands for supporting, running stalls and organising the event, as well as tidying up afterwards. I know that the Friends of Craylands sent a letter out earlier in the week apologising to those families we were unable to be let in after 6.45pm—it was due to the large numbers we already had on the school premises and so for health and safety reasons, no more could be admitted. We are already working together to see how we can overcome this issue in the future so everyone can enjoy the great display.

The children have settled back in to routines well and have been working hard in a range of subjects. There have been lots of engaging activities planned by the teachers this week with some of the children learning cookery skills, some creating their own chocolate bars and others visiting the allotment area for some outdoor learning. Thank you to the staff for planning and arranging these engaging lessons for our children.

On Tuesday this week, the school council were visited by the NSPCC. They will be returning to school next week to deliver assemblies to both KS1 and KS2 separately; they will then return to deliver workshops to Years 5 and 6 and finally we will help to raise money for this worthy cause through a dance-a-thon on Friday 15th November. Further details to follow on this. As a result of our work with the NSPCC, we will not hold a separate event for Children in Need this year as the two charities work closely together.

This is a very busy term ahead with lots of activities planned for both the children and you as parents/carers. Please see on the attached pages a list of events that are planned for this term. Further details will follow regarding some of these.

This week, in assembly, I have revisited the idea of 'high expectations' with the children and the sports games value of self-belief. We discussed how important it was to have belief in yourself so that you are willing to take a risk; whether that be when trying a new sport or attempting a difficult question in a maths lesson. We also spoke about the power of the word 'yet'. For example, think about the difference of adding 'yet' to the end of the following sentences:

I can't remember my 8 x tables.  
I can't write in a cursive style.

If we add 'yet' to them and follow this up with how we will address this e.g.

*I can't remember my 8 x tables yet but I will keep using times tables rockstars to get better.*

*I can't write in a cursive style yet but I will keep practising every day.*

Try to encourage your child to use the word 'yet' whenever you hear them speaking this way at home. Many thanks.

Please could I ask those who use the housing development opposite the school to park in at pick up and drop off time to consider how you park; we have received complaints by telephone and complaints being made on social media about the school. I know that parking is an issue but would ask you to consider how you can help to alleviate any complaints being made. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend - Mr Hiscock

## Upcoming Events

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 4/11/19  | New EYFS open morning                          |
| 5/11/19  | NSPCC Assembly                                 |
| 11/11/19 | New EYFS open morning                          |
| 11/11/19 | NSPCC workshops for Years 5 & 6                |
| 12/11/19 | Sportshall athletics Yrs 3/4 invites only      |
| 13/11/19 | Sportshall athletics Yrs 3/4 invites only      |
| 13/11/19 | Parents evening                                |
| 14/11/19 | Year 5 to visit Ebbsfleet pm                   |
| 15/11/19 | NSPCC sponsored event                          |
| 19/11/19 | Maths parents/carers workshops KS1 am + KS2 pm |
| 25/11/19 | Y2 reading morning                             |
| 26/11/19 | Y3/4 reading morning                           |
| 27/11/19 | Y5/6 reading morning                           |
| 28/11/19 | Y1 reading morning                             |

## Reminders and Info

- Please keep the area by the gate opposite Bright Horizons clear at the end of the day to allow key stage 2 pupils to exit safely.

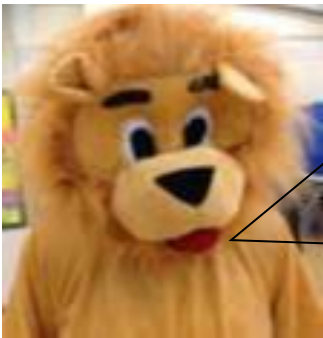
- Please remember to return end of day collection arrangement slips as it is imperative the school is kept up to date with who is/is not permitted to collect your child.

- Thank you for the shoeboxes for Love in a Box— some more would be lovely!

# 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!



|            |           |          |            |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Elmer      | Adam B    | Walliams | Isabelle H |
| Funnybones | Emily A   | Horowitz | Dakota L   |
| Gruffalo   | Lacey S   | Morpurgo | Lila E     |
| Stickman   | Emilie S  |          |            |
| Dahl       | Toby F    |          |            |
| Wilson     | Charlie R |          |            |

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

|            |          |                                  |             |
|------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Elmer      | Chloe J  | Walliams                         | Michael O   |
| Funnybones | Will B   | Horowitz                         | Poppa A     |
| Gruffalo   | Kieren Z | Morpurgo                         | Sidonie K   |
| Stickman   | Isabel P |                                  |             |
| Dahl       | Archie S |                                  |             |
| Wilson     | Selina B | <b>Midday Supervisors Award:</b> | Dan L (Y5H) |



This week's winning team is...

**Rochester**



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

**Stickman Class**



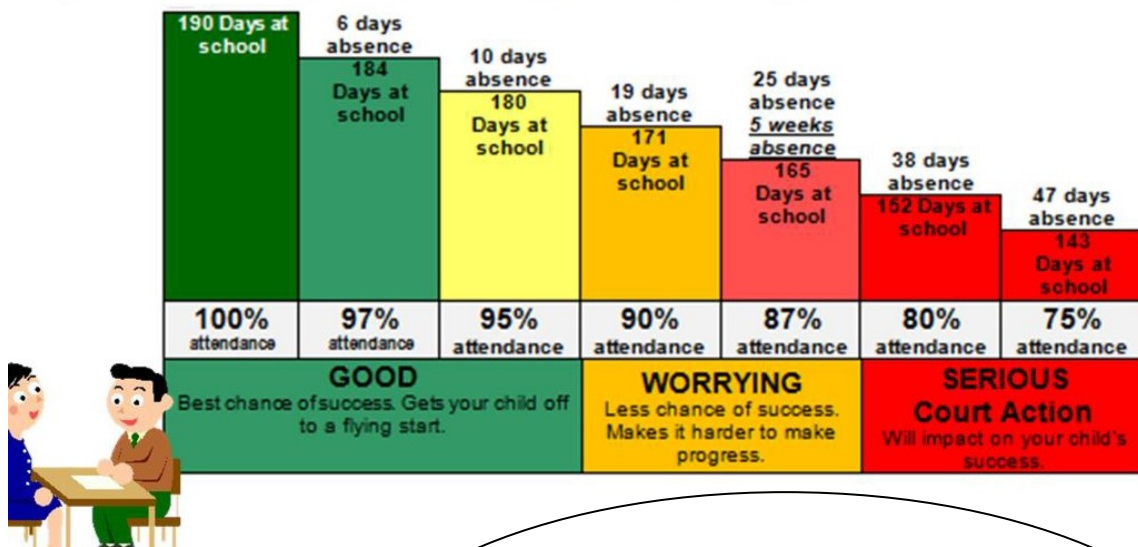
## Achievements outside of school...

A number of girls took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend: Ella (Wilson) came 1st, Phoebe (Wilson) 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Florrie (Wilson) 1st and 3rd and Daisy (Dahl) came second. A big well done girls for all the medals you won!

Finley (Elmer) passed his stage 1 swimming and will now move on to stage 2—well done!

Saphyra (Wilson) awarded a football trophy from Pro future soccers— well done!

# 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 | Number of children off this week | Attendance over the year |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| H Caterpillar | 94.0%                | 3                                | 97.2%                    |
| Rainbow Fish  | 95.0%                | 4                                | 96.4%                    |
| Elmer         | 96.6%                | 4                                | 98.0%                    |
| Funnybones    | 99.5%                | 1                                | 97.3%                    |
| Gruffalo      | 97.5%                | 2                                | 97.8%                    |
| Stickman      | 100%                 | 0                                | 97.7%                    |
| Dahl          | 99.1%                | 1                                | 97.7%                    |
| Wilson        | 89.5%                | 8                                | 95.4%                    |
| Walliams      | 98.3%                | 3                                | 97.1%                    |
| Horowitz      | 90.0%                | 6                                | 95.5%                    |
| Morpurgo      | 96.7%                | 1                                | 97.3%                    |

WELL DONE TO ..... Stickman Class for having perfect attendance this week, followed very closely by Funnybones.



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 | How many are left— subtraction                | Verbs—doing words            |
| Gruffalo/Stickman  | Addition/subtraction across the tens boundary | Noun phrases                 |
| Dahl/Wilson        | Addition and subtraction using formal methods | Immersive activities—no spag |
| Walliams           | Subtraction with 4 digit numbers              | Text features                |
| Horowitz           | Factors                                       | Noun phrases                 |
| Morpurgo           | Simplifying fractions                         | Immersion activities—no spag |

**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/>

# Times Tables Rockstars

DOWNLOAD THE TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS APP ON IPADS  
AND IPHONES—AVAILABLE IN THE APP STORE.



## Battle of the Band Winners

ELMER vs FUNNYBONES  
9121      9535  
FUNNYBONES WINS!!

STICKMAN vs GRUFFALO  
11259      2014  
STICKMAN WINS!!

DAHL vs WILSON  
9559      10717  
WILSON WINS!!

WALLIAMS vs HOROWITZ  
21711      25920  
HOROWITZ WINS!!

HOROWITZ vs MORPURGO  
25920      8233  
HOROWITZ WINS!!

This week's 'Battle  
of the Bands' is  
between...

DAHL vs  
FUNNYBONES

WILSON vs  
ELMER

WALLIAMS vs  
STICKMAN

HOROWITZ vs  
GRUFFALO

MORPURGO vs  
FUNNYBONES





# Parental Engagement Events



Please find listed below all of the events we have planned for terms 2 to encourage you to be part of the school community.

Separate letters will be sent closer to each event, however we wanted to let you know as far ahead as possible what we have planned.

We hope to see many of you at some, if not all of the events.

| Date                                | Event  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> November       | Anti-bullying workshop - day and time tbc  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Parents evening  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Elmer Class parents in to watch RWI sessions 9-9.25am  |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November   | Anti-bullying/Behaviour workshop   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November   | a.m. KS1 parent/carer maths workshop<br>p.m. KS2 parent/carer maths workshop                       |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November    | Year 2 parent/carer reading morning followed by PSHE consultation (approx. 30 mins of your time)   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November   | Year 3/4 parent/carer reading morning followed by PSHE consultation (approx. 30 mins of your time) |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 5/6 parent/carer reading morning followed by PSHE consultation (approx. 30 mins of your time) |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 1 parent/carer reading morning followed by PSHE consultation (approx. 30 mins of your time)   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November  | Choir sing at Bluewater 4.30p.m.   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Bake Off   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Crafts (after school paid for - limited spaces - details to follow)                      |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | KS1 Christmas production p.m.  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | EYFS Christmas production a.m.   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | KS1 Christmas production p.m.  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December    | KS1 Christmas production a.m.  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | KS2 Christmas concert (details to follow)  |