



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you all continue to stay well, keeping indoors and that your families are all safe too. I can't quite believe it's been over a month since we've all seen each other!

## School closure update

Yet again this week there has been lots of speculation regarding when schools will re-open. The simple answer at the moment is that there is still no answer to this. If the news articles are to be believed, it is unlikely they will be open again before June and even then when they do open, this may be for only some of the school. As a school, we have so many things that need to be considered including:

- How do you keep children 2m apart at all times
- How would children be collected and dropped off whilst maintaining social distancing
- Are there any staff in a vulnerable position who can not come in
- Are there any pupils and/or parents considered vulnerable who can not come in

I can completely understand why the government are taking their time with such a decision due to the logistics of ensuring the safety of everyone in school. We all want the children to come back but only when it is safe for everyone to do so. I will of course update you as soon as I know anything more.

## Home learning

I have been busy this week making up more paper based home learning packs for those who are unable to access class dojo and/or have asked for some. Could I ask that even if you are not using class dojo for the children's learning but you have access to it that you perhaps sign up anyway as it is a useful communication tool between you and your child's class teacher as you can send messages to them and they can send messages to you. I know that they are missing certain individuals who they have not made contact with on class dojo yet.

A reminder that whatever you are doing with your child at home to keep them happy and engaged will be enough; only you will know how your child is feeling during this time and can therefore determine what to do with them at home. There are plenty of learning opportunities in gardening, cooking, building, making and playing games amongst many other activities.

## Phone calls home

A reminder that over the next week or two, the class teachers will be ringing home to have a catch up chat. Please use this time to let them know how you all are and whether we can do anything further to help. It would be great if they could say hello to your child as well. A time table went out with Wednesday's letter.

There are some families who I have left messages for over the past few weeks and emailed and have had no response. Please do answer the phone or ring back after messages are left so we can keep in touch. Many thanks.

## FSM vouchers

These are now redeemable in Aldi. Also, the expiry date for the vouchers has been extended by 4 months so there is plenty of time to use them. We have at least 4 families who haven't redeemed them; let me know if you need help with this as it is a shame to lose out on this funding you are entitled to.

A big thank you to all staff who have been in school this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hiscock

## CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to get in contact with us at all, please use the following contact details:

School office  
01322 388230

Pupil premium support team:  
kcox@craylands.kent.sch.uk

SENCO  
ystone@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher  
Headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk

School mobile—only in emergencies/safeguarding  
07541591749

[www.craylands.kent.sch.uk](http://www.craylands.kent.sch.uk)

If a child may be at risk of immediate harm, you should call the integrated front door on:

03000 411111 (office hours)

03000 419191 (out of hours)

Or call the police 999

NSPCC Helpline 0800 800 5000

Child line 0800 11 11

Find up to date safeguarding information at <http://www.craylands.kent.sch.uk/safeguarding-2/>

# Well being and mental health

The reality of this lockdown is challenging and can create anxiety for many. The constant news and information about COVID19 can feel overwhelming. To help support local residents stay well, a multi-agency group has developed a localised hub of information with simple tips and advice. It also provides details of local and national services that could be helpful.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/wellbeing>

**The Kent Together service is a single, convenient point of contact for anyone in Kent who is in urgent need of help during the coronavirus outbreak at [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) and on 03000 41 92 92**

## **Mental health crisis support via text**

A new text service has been launched across Kent and Medway for people of all ages needing mental health support.

As part of the Release the Pressure campaign, the texts are free on all major mobile networks and the service is provided by SHOUT and the Crisis Text Line.

By texting the word "Kent" or "Medway" to 85258, you will start a conversation with one of the many trained and experienced volunteers who can give support at any time, wherever you are. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

You can find out more about the Release the Pressure helpline, the new text service and other community mental health support services by visiting [www.releasethepressure.uk](http://www.releasethepressure.uk)

For more information about how to look after your mental health during the coronavirus pandemic visit

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus/looking-after-your-mental-health>

# Class Dojo



## Frequently asked questions

Do I have to sign up to class dojo?

*Class dojo is just another tool the school is using to engage the children whilst they are at home and you don't have to use it if you do not want to or do not have the technology to do so at home.*

*HOWEVER... We would advise that you create a parent account at least if you can as this will enable you to message your class teacher and for them to message you so that you can keep in contact which is extremely important during this time of absence from school. All of the teachers upload messages in some way, so it may be nice to share these with your children so that they still feel part of the school community.*

Where can I get a code from?

*If you stay logged in, you should not need a code however it is easy to find yourself logged out at times. Every Monday, I will send out a new code for the week. Sometimes this code expires during the week. If this is the case and you need a new code, please email me at [headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk) or use the message tool on the parent class dojo account.*

Do I have to print out all of the worksheets?

*No, not at all. The worksheets uploaded can be used as a template for the tasks; you can answer them on paper, in a book or even verbally—perhaps film your answer to the questions set. Please do not print out everything. Most tasks on class dojo can be completed without printing out anything.*

Also, check out.....

BBC Daily Lessons  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/learn>

Oak National Academy daily lessons  
<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Phonics letters and sounds support  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\\_FbjYUP\\_UtldV2K\\_-niWw/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/featured)

# Contact us

We are still working and will be contactable in the following ways...

School office (open as long as the school is open)

**Mr Hiscock has the school mobile on him at all times—07541 591748**

Pupil premium support team (for any queries related to safeguarding, wellbeing etc)

kcox@craylands.kent.sch.uk

SENCO (for any queries related to special educational needs)

ystone@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher (if you need to make contact with a staff member, ask for advice with work, ask for more information)

Headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk

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07541591749

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Twitter—follow us for updates

@craylands

www.craylands.kent.sch.uk—will be updated regularly

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# Times Tables Rockstars

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



<i>Last week's results...</i>	<i>This week's battles.....</i>
Dahl vs Wilson 23696 vs 7407	Horowitz vs Dahl
Elmer vs Funnybones 3609 vs 10807	Elmer vs Stickman
Morpurgo vs Horowitz 8466 vs 9095	Funnybones vs Gruffalo
Gruffalo vs Stickman 6025 vs 11260	Morpurgo vs Wilson
Walliams vs Wilson 15102 vs 7407	Walliams vs Gruffalo

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<b><u>Elmer</u></b> Finley Alexander R Savana Oliver C	<b><u>Funnybones</u></b> Owen Jude Ishaan	<b><u>Stickman</u></b> Sami Macen Grishiga	<b><u>Gruffalo</u></b> Harrison Lacey Matthew	<b><u>Dahl</u></b> Farren Ben Izzie
<b><u>Wilson</u></b> Tristan Owen Habib	<b><u>Walliams</u></b> Camren Max FK Mark	<b><u>Horowitz</u></b> Ben Dassia Hansiga	<b><u>Morpurgo</u></b> Jacob Daisy Libby	