



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has passed in lockdown; we are all still keeping well at school and hope you all are at home too!

## School closure update

After this weekend, we do hope to be able to have more clarity over the re-opening of schools. It has been another week of rumours and speculation; no one knows whilst I write this when we will be coming back to school, not even the local authority as I spoke to our school improvement adviser yesterday.

I will of course write to you next week depending on what Boris Johnson says over the next few days outlining the plans that the school will be taking to ensure that those children who may return can do so safely. Whilst I will not be able to provide all the details, I can at least let you know our first thoughts.

## Home learning

I have had some worried parents in contact with me again this week and I can only reassure you 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.

Whilst we add work for most subjects, if your child is reading, practising their times tables and their handwriting, these will stand them in good stead for their return. Even if they are not doing these, there will be children up and down the country and throughout the school who may also not be doing this for various reasons and we will of course support as much as possible upon their return.

## Phone calls home

We do hope that those of you who have had phone calls from their class teachers this week have found it worthwhile; we feel that it is so important for the families of the school to have contact with us in this time of absence so that you still feel part of the community. Sadly there were some families who we could not get hold of; whilst it would have been nice for the teachers to speak to the children, I understand that the timing may not have been convenient. I am in the school office every day so if you need anything or your child would like to speak to someone from the school, please do feel to ring on 01322 388230. Wilson, Elmer and Funnybones have their phone calls next week.

## FSM vouchers

The next set of vouchers have been ordered for next week; look out for the codes towards the end of the week/weekend. These will again be for another 3

## VE day

Tomorrow marks the 75th anniversary of VE day and it is a bank holiday. The school will not be open. Please do take some time to discuss with your children why we are commemorating this special occasion and the importance of remembering those who fought for our freedom, just like so many who are working tirelessly now in a different sort of war against Coronavirus. A VE day pack is available here to download <http://www.thenma.org.uk/media/3935/ve-day-ks2-pack.pdf>

As mentioned already, there will be no-one in school on Friday but we will return on Monday. Any emergency issues please either email me or ring the emergency contact number in the contact list.

Have an enjoyable bank holiday 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

School mobile—only in emergencies if the school is closed.

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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



Last week's results...	This week's battles.....
Horowitz vs Dahl 24982 vs 22538	Horowitz vs Stickman
Elmer vs Stickman 2730 vs 37708	Dahl vs Morpurgo
Funnybones vs Gruffalo 11256 vs 13156	Elmer vs Walliams
Morpurgo vs Wilson 13630 vs 12683	Funnybones vs Wilson
Walliams vs Gruffalo 14146 vs 13002	Gruffalo vs Dahl

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<b><u>Elmer</u></b> Finley Alexander R Oscar J Kody Ewen	<b><u>Funnybones</u></b> Owen Ishaan Callum C	<b><u>Stickman</u></b> Macen Sami Emilie	<b><u>Gruffalo</u></b> Eva P Harrison Thomas M	<b><u>Dahl</u></b> Farren Ben Toby
<b><u>Wilson</u></b> Habib Ella W Tristan	<b><u>Walliams</u></b> Luca Max FK Mark	<b><u>Horowitz</u></b> Kai Hanisga Ben	<b><u>Morpurgo</u></b> Isabelle G Jacob Daisy	

**DARTFORD SCHOOLS TOP OF THE ROCKS COMPETITION**  
**WE ARE NOW COMPETING AGAINST ALL SCHOOLS IN**  
**DARTFORD...CAN WE GET IN THE TOP 3?**  
**WE ARE CURRENTLY 2ND—WELL DONE!!!!**