



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a bumpy start to the term and a change to many of our lives again this week. I hope you are all looking after your own mental health and well-being. If there is anything we can do to support you, please do get in contact.

Your concerns

Thank you to those of you who have raised your concerns with me this week over different elements of the guidance we are following. This is key—the guidance has been produced by the government and is being followed nationally; some of the procedures we have in place are out of our hands and we have to follow them to ensure we are doing what we can to combat the virus in school, protecting both children and parents. Perhaps at times my letters are not as clear as I would like them to be but you need to have trust in us that we will do right for the children at Craylands. Just to clarify some points with you:

- The heating IS ON in both buildings
- External doors ARE SHUT during lesson time and MAY be opened during break times to get a 'blast' of fresh air in the rooms
- Windows are not wide open but ajar
- Not all windows will be open; just enough to get some air flow in the classroom.

I have walked the buildings over the past 2 days and the classrooms are an appropriate temperature. I will continue to do this daily to check, closing windows or doors as necessary if the temperature is not warm enough. Children have been told that they can wear their coats if they feel the rooms are colder, however please do not think that we will allow the rooms to be uncomfortable for the children to work in.

On the next page, I have attached the national guidance regarding ventilation so that you are aware of why we are ventilating rooms albeit with windows that are only slightly ajar.

Living with a Vulnerable family members

Please find on the next page, extracts from the updated guidance released by the DfE which clearly states that children should continue to attend school during this new lockdown period.

The current guidance states:

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Term 2 changes

When we initially made the changes for drop off and collection at the end of term 2, we did not know that we would enter into a new lockdown. As a result and to ensure we are keeping as fewer adults on site as possible, we have had to make changes. Thank you for following these and being as adaptable as possible. Also a big thank you for wearing face coverings; this has made many more people feel better, if only a little, about waiting on the school premises.

Important dates

7/11	Christmas card order deadline (PTA)
13/11	Children in need Non uniform for £1 donation
9/11	10 am: Prospective EYFS 2021 zoom meeting
11/11	Poppy donation pots are in classes
17/11	Friends Virtual AGM
25/11	10 am: Prospective EYFS 2021 zoom meeting
1/12	5pm: Prospective EYFS 2021 zoom meeting
2/12	INSET Day—Zoom parent consultations
18/12	End of term 2

PTA Christmas Card order link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool/>

Food bank



The Food Cellar
Foodbank,

St. Peters & St Pauls
Church, Swanscombe

Those interested
need to contact:
Janet Errington
01322 387096

Stay safe over the weekend whatever you are able to do. Mr Hiscock

Ventilation

Once the school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.

This can be achieved by a variety of measures including:

- mechanical ventilation systems – these should be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible, and checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance (if possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if not, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply)
- **natural ventilation – opening windows (in cooler weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation, and opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space). Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air**
- natural ventilation – if necessary external opening doors may also be used (as long as they are not fire doors and where safe to do so)

To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should also be used as appropriate:

- opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts
- **increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused)**
- **providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing. For more information see School uniform**
- rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct drafts

Schools

Schools continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions.

Being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time.

The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can take action to reduce risks still further.

Clinically extremely vulnerable children

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. Schools will need to make appropriate arrangements to enable them to continue their education at home.

Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz 1546 67,611 HOROWITZ WINS!</p> <p>Simon vs Walliams 7019 23149 WALLIAMS WINS!</p> <p>Wilson vs Dahl 5664 10,494 DAHLS WINS!</p> <p>Elmer vs Funnybones 2217 4373 FUNNYBONES WINS!</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 5703 5868 GRUFFALO WINS!</p>	<p>Morpurgo vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Simon vs Elmer</p> <p>Funnybones vs Stickman</p> <p>Dahl vs Horowitz</p> <p>Walliams vs Wilson</p> <p>ALSO COMPETE IN 'ROCK OUT 2020' A NATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION FOR NEXT WEEK. LET'S SEE HOW WE DO AS A SCHOOL AGAINST SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY!</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<p><u>Elmer</u> Olivia C Amelia-Rose Evie G</p>	<p><u>Funnybones</u> Alexander Inika Chika</p>	<p><u>Stickman</u> Finley Towobola Oscar</p>	<p><u>Gruffalo</u> Alexander Chidera Callum</p>	<p><u>Dahl</u> Sami Roman Amelie</p>
<p><u>Wilson</u> Grishiga Archie Eva L</p>	<p><u>Walliams</u> Farren Ben Izzie</p>	<p><u>Simon</u> Tristan Selina Jack</p>	<p><u>Horowitz</u> Camren Ethan Harry</p>	<p><u>Morpurgo</u> Bethany Gideon Hanisga</p>

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, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C		Dahl	Eva
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Teddy
Elmer	Simphiwe	Walliams	Jayden
Funnybones	Chika	Simon	Saphyra
Gruffalo	Will	Horowitz	Lily & Petal
Stickman	Aria	Morpurgo	Joshua S

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

Hungry C		Dahl	Callum
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Sadie
Elmer	Mia Rose	Walliams	Laurie
Funnybones	Enzo	Simon	Lola
Gruffalo	Logan	Horowitz	Demi
Stickman	Harmony	Morpurgo	Sophie



This week's winning team is...

Rochester

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

Horowitz Class



Achievements outside of school...

Thomas G in year 4 completed his NICAS level 1 in Rock Climbing—great work!

Kofo in Walliams class has successfully completed Gym Skills Level no.2—well done!

Ashley (Y2) Will (Y2) and Daniel (Y3) all got graded at Jiu-Jitsu and received their 1st (of 4) stripe on their 2nd belt.—Well done boys.