



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our meet the teacher sessions this week. We will endeavour to send out copies of the presentations for those who could not attend so that you know the information that was shared.

EYFS

Next week, our youngest members of the school will start full days. This means that they should come through the gate in the morning by 8.45am with all of the other children. They will then be collected at the same gate at 3.15pm in the afternoon. Be prepared for them to be very tired as jumping from mornings to a whole day can be tiring for them but they will soon adjust to it.

A big thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the EYFS phonics sessions this week—we hope that you found it useful in understanding how we teach reading at Craylands.

Awards

Last year, Mrs Cox, one of our Assistant Heads, worked extremely hard on developing our approach to anti-bullying in line with the criteria set by the United Against Bullying (UAB) programme. She worked hard on improving our procedures, staff and children's understanding of the different types of bullying and had to submit a wide range of evidence.

I am very pleased to announce that all her hard work managed to secure a 'Silver' award. They stated...

This is not an easy award programme and you should be incredibly proud of what you have achieved! For context, we had 331 schools complete the programme with only 2% achieving Gold, 14% Silver, 71% Bronze and 12% a certificate of participation.

A big thank you to Mrs Cox and to all of the children, staff and parents for helping to achieve this award. We will continue our work on anti-bullying throughout the year.

Each year, Craylands provide lots of sporting opportunities for the children to take part in including football matches, cross country running, Futsal, athletics and a range of sporting clubs. In recognition of this we have been awarded a 'Bronze' Sports Mark Award. A big thank you to Mr Ellen for submitting the evidence and supporting the school in achieving this award.

TTRS

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported their children in playing on Times Tables Rockstars this week as part of their home learning. As a result of my gentle reminder earlier in the week to those who had not played, we had another 83 more children play...that's a great increase and your support is much appreciated. Overall we had 223 children playing on TTRS this week. Let's see if we can beat that next week!

Next week, we look forward to celebrating the school's 20th year anniversary with a range of activities for the children including steel pans, gospel choir, an inflatable assault course and ending with a picnic and the burial of a time capsule that each class will add something to. It promises to be a special week indeed.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

18/9	EYFS in full time
30/9	20th anniversary fayre
w/c 2/10	Harvest festival—send in food items
10/10	Y2 reading morning 8.30 -8.55
11/10	Year 1 & Year 3 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
12/10	Year 4 & Year 5 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
13/10	Year 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
20/10	End of term 1
30/10	Start of term 2
23/11	Parents evening
24/11	INSET Day
27/11	Y2 reading morning 8.30 -8.55
28/11	Year 3 & Year 4 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
29/11	Year 5 & 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
30/11	Y1 reading morning 8.30 a.m.—8.55 a.m.

EYFS Parents/Carers

We would advise that you do not use the drop off zone until your child is old enough to walk in by themselves or they have an older sibling to help them.

Scooters

For the sake of everyone's safety please do not allow your child(ren) to ride their scooters up and down the school paths. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

There will be other events which we will let you know as far in advance as possible when they have been finalised.

18/9	EYFS in full time
w/c 18/9	20th Celebration events week
30/9	20th celebration fayre
2/10	Bring in tins/food items for Harvest Festival
10/10	Year 2 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
11/10	Year 1 & Year 3 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
12/10	Year 4 & Year 5 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
13/10	Year 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
9/11	KS1 anti bullying workshop (times tbc)
16/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop (times tbc)
23/11	Parents evening
24/11	INSET Day
27/11	Year 2 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
28/11	Years 3 & 4 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
29/11	Years 5 & 6 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
30/11	Year 1 reading morning 8.30a.m.—8.55a.m.
6/12	KS1 nativity a.m. (timings tbc) EYFS nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
7/12	EYFS nativity a.m. . (timings tbc) KS1 nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
11/12	Year 3 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
12/12	Year 4 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
13/12	Year 5 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
14/12	Year 6 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.

EYFS NEWS



The children are continuing to transition well into school and embrace new routines; they have coped brilliantly with lunchtimes, begun walking into school independently and experienced an unexpected fire drill! Well done.

Now that half days have come to an end so too have the meet the teacher afternoon appointments. It has been a pleasure to meet with you to discuss your children. You will each be invited in again to talk about your child's learning over the next two terms.

It was lovely to see many of you at the phonics workshops held this week. If you were unable to make it then the following two links will give you access to the powerpoint and all other helpful information

LS-PowerPoint-for-parents-presentation-September-2022.pptx (live.com)
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

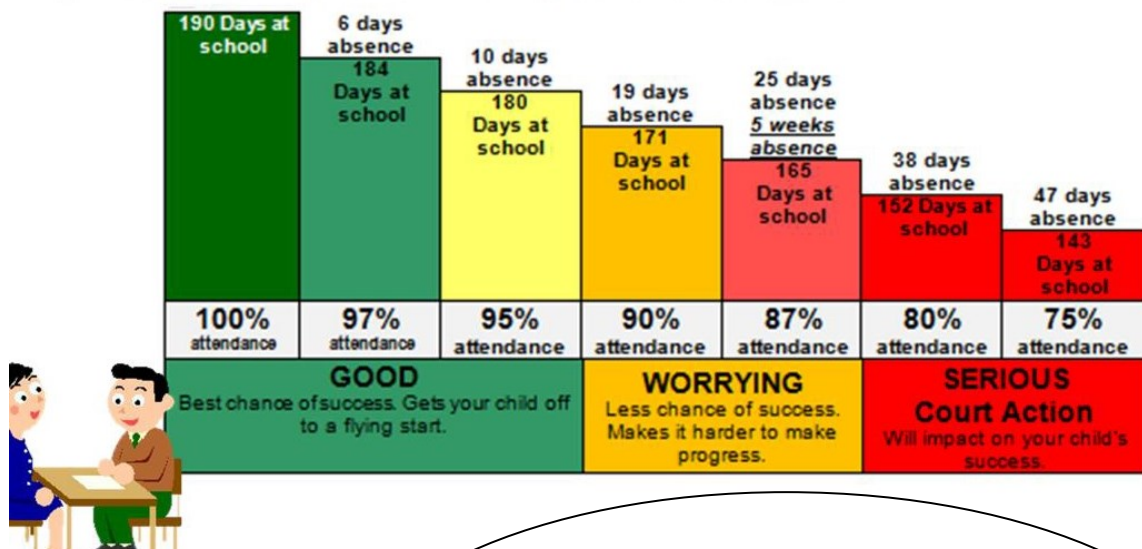
Lastly, your child is bringing home several important items tonight - a letter to inform you of the class they have been placed in, a home learning journal with a task and an overview of the phonemes being taught this term.

Request - please label lunch boxes/bags and water bottles. Many thanks.



Achievements outside of school...

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
Elmer	94.0%	3
Funnybones	98.9%	1
Gruffalo	96.0%	2
Stickman	96.5%	1
Dahl	97.9%	3
Wilson	98.9%	2
Simon	94.1%	5
Walliams	97.0%	1
Fine	98.2%	2
Horowitz	96.0%	2
Morpurgo	92.0%	5

WELL DONE TO.....Funnybones and Wilson Class for having the highest attendance this week!



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?

Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home. Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	Counting to 10 Y1 Autumn Block 1 TS4 Represent objects on Vimeo	
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Write numbers to 100 Y2 Autumn Block 1 TS6 Write numbers to 100 in words on Vimeo	
Dahl/Wilson	Partitioning Y3 Autumn Block 1 TS2 Partition numbers to 100 on Vimeo	Adjectives What are adjectives? - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Numbers to 10,000 Y4 Autumn Block 1 TS5 Represent numbers to 10000 on Vimeo	Pronouns What is a pronoun? - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Power of 10 Y5 Autumn Block 1 TS6 Powers of 10	Adverbials What is a fronted adverbial? - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Rounding Y6 Autumn Block 1 TS7 Round any integer on Vimeo	Semi colons How to use a semi-colon - BBC Bitesize



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 2	How do we know about the Great Fire of London?
Year 3	What happens from the start to the end of a river?
Year 4	What is it like to live on Planet Earth?
Year 5	What happened in Britain after the Romans left? (Anglo Saxons)
Year 6	Does deforestation effect us? (Rainforests and South America)

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 2085 8553 Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 4783 4241 Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 12034 13188 Simon wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 25701 7896 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 20939 18396 Morpurgo wins</p>	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Simon</p> <p>Wilson vs Walliams</p> <p>Horowitz vs Morpurgo</p> <p>Fine vs Rauf</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Accuracy Hoorain	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Accuracy Sebby Enzo Poppy Holly Libby	Stickman Jai Riley Bentley	Gruffalo Dylan Rhiaan Lewis	Dahl Arlind Dylan Theo
Wilson Matthew Elizabeth T Ellie	Simon Jovel Danny Henry	Walliams Alexander Chika Evie G	Horowitz Adam Chidera Zain	Fine Helena Harry Felipe	Morpurgo Eva P Hudson Matthew	Rauf Eniola Heritage Endri

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		Wilson	Hari
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Lola
Elmer	Harvey	Simon	Ronnie L
Funnybones	Conor	Horowitz	Monaco
Gruffalo	Chloe	Fine	Aria
Stickman	Aniya	Morpurgo	Toyosi
Dahl	Aryan	Rauf	Eniola

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Ellie
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Emilija
Elmer	Libby	Simon	Alfie C
Funnybones	Nancy	Fine	Katie
Gruffalo	Dylan	Horowitz	Freddy
Stickman	Riley	Morpurgo	Hayden
Dahl	Riley	Rauf	Grace



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



Funnybones and Wilson Class