



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has certainly arrived at Craylands this week!

The Sleepy Shepherd

What an absolute pleasure it has been to watch our youngest children at Craylands perform in their first production for parents/carers. The Sleepy Shepherd was a lovely story about a shepherd, who on the most special of nights, could not get back to sleep, so witnessed the birth of baby Jesus. The children performed brilliantly, singing the songs well, dancing and knowing when they should get up onto the stage. The confidence that the children exhibited shows how much their confidence has grown since joining us in September. We are very proud of our EYFS children—a job well done! Lots of proud families out there I am sure!

The Little Big Nativity

I do enjoy nativity week as it means I get to see not only EYFS but also all of KS1 displaying their singing, dancing and acting skills. They did such a fantastic job over their performances. Again, it was lovely to see the confidence shining through the performances and I know that you will have enjoyed the performance as much as I did. I must say I think the singing was the best I have heard in years. Well done KS1!

Bluewater Choir: As well as performances in school, the choir performed at Bluewater on Thursday afternoon. As I write this, I am looking forward to hearing what they have planned but I am sure based on previous years it will be well rehearsed and well attended by our parents/carers. Thank you to the children who have been staying late after school to rehearse and to Mr Dymott for putting it all together.

Haslington Care Home: Congratulations to our 10 wonderful singers (Amber, Daniel, Dolly, Gemma, Hudson, James, Janae, Marley, Nathan and Toyosi) who performed Christmas songs and made a lot of elderly residents, and their staff, very happy. Thank you PPST for organising.

Christmas fun and games: Thank you to the PPST for arranging the opportunity for the children to play some Christmas based games and purchase some gifts for their parents/carers. EYFS and KS1 had their opportunity this week and KS2 will have their opportunity next week.

Christmas film nights: These proved very popular this week—the hall was very busy on both evenings. On Monday, Years 1-3 got to watch 'The Grinch' and on Tuesday Years 4-6 watched 'Home Alone'. The children had a hot dog snack and a drink as well. A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands for arranging the event and to the school staff who stayed behind each evening to support and supervise the children. Our children are very lucky to have you all as part of their school!

Christmas events to come: A reminder next week we have the KS2 sing songs at the end of the school day. Weather permitting, these will be held on the KS2 playground so do make sure you wrap up warm. They will last approximately 15 minutes long.

Also next week, on Wednesday, the children will have their Christmas dinner and they can wear Christmas jumpers as well (no donations required for this).

Important dates

11/12	Year 3 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
12/12	Year 4 Xmas sing song 2.45pm
13/12	Christmas Dinner day
13/12	Christmas jumper day
13/12	Year 5 Xmas sing song 2.45pm
14/12	Y3-Y6 Christmas Bazaar
14/12	Year 6 Xmas sing song 2.45pm
15/12	Last day of term 2—normal end of school time
2/1	Children return to school
9/1	2p.m. KS1 parents/carers reading workshop
10/1	9 a.m. KS1 parents/carers reading workshop
12/1	9 a.m. Y2-6 parents/carers Maths workshop
9/2	End of term 3

Car Park

The car park is for STAFF only—please do not park in the spaces as this prevents staff who work here from parking up. You also run the possibility of being blocked in if you park up and it is very inconvenient to ask staff to move their vehicles when they should be working.

Wishing you a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
11/12/23	Year 3 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
12/12/23	Year 4 xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
13/12/23	Christmas Dinner day Christmas jumper day Year 5 xmas sing song 2.45 p.m.
14/12/23	K3-Y6 Xmas Bazaar Year 6 xmas sing song 2.45 p.m.
9/1/24	2 p.m. KS1 reading workshop
10/1/24	9 a.m. KS1 reading workshop
11/1/24	Extra Year 1 reading morning
12/1/24	9 a.m. Y2-6 Maths multiplication workshop
30/1/24	Year 1 and 3 reading morning
31/1/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
1/2/24	Year 6 and 2 reading morning
27/2/24	Extra Year 1 reading morning
12/3/24	Year 1 and 3 reading morning
13/3/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
14/3/24	Year 2 and 6 reading morning
28/3/24	Parents/Carers evening
25/4/24	Extra year 1 reading morning
28/4 – 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
8/5/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
9/5/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
13/5 – 16/5	Year 6 SATS week
11/6/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
12/6/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
13/6/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
26/6/24	1.45 p.m. Year 6 production
27/6/24	6.30 p.m. Year 6 production
w/c 1/7	Multicultural week
5/7/24	Sports day
8/7/24 – 12/7/24	Year 6 residential
12/7/24	End of year reports sent out
15/7/24	Jump up afternoon
16/7/24	Jump up afternoon
17/7/24	Reserve sports day
19/7/24	Last day Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
2.00PM - 4PM

Heritage Community Hall, Graylands Lane,
Swanscombe DA10 0LP

Featuring: MRS BACK TO FRONT

Meet: FATHER CHRISTMAS



£5 per child

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POETRY

Learn one of these poems at home and then recite it for Mr Hiscock on Monday next week.

KS1

The Morning rush

Into the bathroom,
Turn on the tap.
Wash away the sleepiness –
Splish! Splosh! Splash!

Into the bedroom,
Pull on your vest.
Quickly! Quickly!
Get yourself dressed.

Down to the kitchen.
No time to lose.
Gobble up your breakfast.
Put on your shoes.

Back to the bathroom.
Squeeze out the paste.
Brush, brush, brush your teeth.
No time to waste.

Look in the mirror.
Comb your hair.
Hurry, scurry, hurry, scurry
Down the stairs.

Pick your school bag
Up off the floor.
Grab your coat
And out through the door.

John Foster

KS2

The River

The River's a wanderer,
A nomad, a tramp,
He never chooses one place
To set up his camp.

The River's a winder,
Through valley and hill
He twists and he turns,
He just cannot be still.

The River's a hoarder
And he buries down deep
Those little treasures
That he wants to keep.

The River's a baby,
He gurgles and hums,
And sounds like he's happily
Sucking his thumbs.

The River's a singer,
As he dances along,
The countryside echoes
The notes of his song.

The River's a monster,
Hungry and vexed,
He's goggled up trees
And he'll swallow you next.

Valerie Bloom

EYFS NEWS



We would like to say a big well done to all of the children for their super performances this week. Unfortunately, some children were struck down with sickness and were unable to play their part, we missed them and hope that they feel better quickly.

Rainbow Fish Class have ended the week with a local trip to St. Peter and St. Paul's church, we hoped they enjoyed it. Hungry Caterpillars are of course visiting next week on Thursday morning.

We are having a week off of home learning journals, one less thing to do over the weekend!
Reading books are not sent home over the holidays and so this is the last week for these.

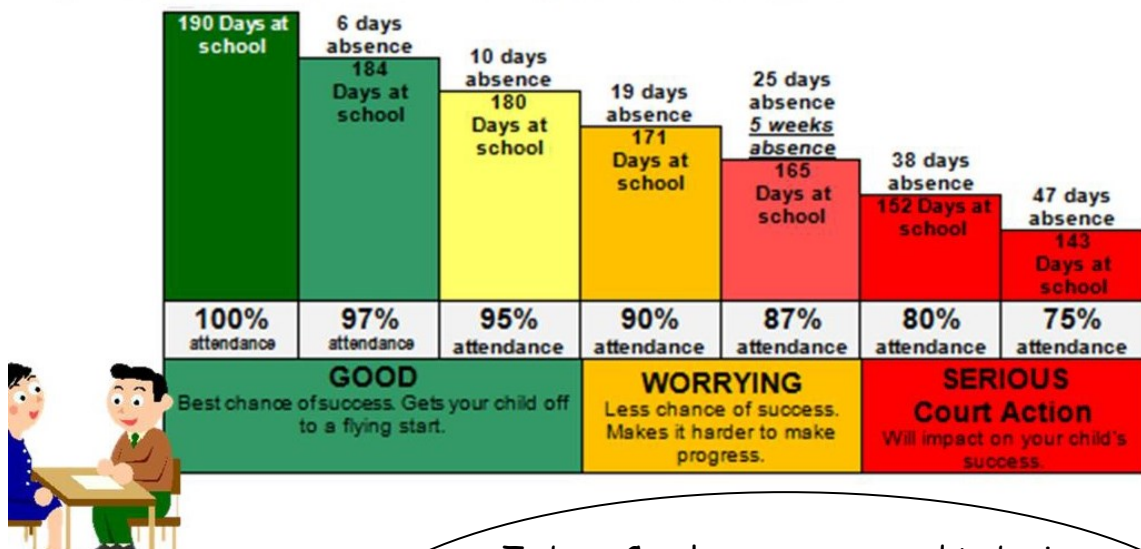
Lastly, we are sending home the NSPCC Talk Pants poster, please take time to look at and talk about this with your child as part of their PSED curriculum learning. Thank you and have a lovely weekend.



Achievements outside of school...

Daniel B (Morpurgo Class) was presented his Chief Scout Silver Award by the Mayor after completing this level for cubs and has now progressed to Scouts. Congratulations Daniel—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

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	95.3%	5
Funnybones	91.3%	5
Gruffalo	91.6%	9
Stickman	93.3%	4
Dahl	98.0%	3
Wilson	90.3%	8
Simon	94.1%	6
Walliams	90.3%	5
Fine	89.6%	6
Horowitz	94.6%	2
Morpurgo	96.3%	3
Rauf	98.0%	3

WELL DONE TO..... Dahl and Rauf Class for having the highest attendance this week

Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 813 10,913 Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 1297 958 Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 23,922 24,407 Simon wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 42,889 36,892 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 13,401 5640 Morpurgo wins!</p>	<p>Year 2 vs Year 3</p> <p>Year 4 vs Year 5 vs Year 6</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Highest coins earned Nahil Amir Ali</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Highest coins earned Poppy Sofia Jasper</p>			<p>Stickman Bentley A'driel Teddy P</p>	<p>Gruffalo Dylan Casey Rhiaan</p>	<p>Wilson Adrian Bertie Ayden</p>
<p>Dahl Eva Blake Theo</p>	<p>Walliams Alexander Harry P Alfie C</p>	<p>Simon Jovel Inika Harrison</p>	<p>Horowitz Safia Alexander Zain</p>	<p>Fine Finley Joseph Callum</p>	<p>Morpurgo Naitik Ranti Reggie M</p>	<p>Rauf Grishiga Heritage Endri</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	Ethan-Andrew	Wilson	Finley
Rainbow Fish	Rico & David L	Walliams	Harry B
Elmer	Whole class	Simon	Grace
Funnybones	Amir	Horowitz	Kayla
Gruffalo	Whole class	Fine	Oliver
Stickman	Jai	Morpurgo	Reggie M
Dahl	Arlind, Nate, Dylan	Rauf	Sophie

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

Hungry C	Hiya	Wilson	Meliyah
Rainbow Fish	Amos & Nancy	Walliams	Faith
Elmer	George	Simon	Jovel
Funnybones	Ben C	Fine	Lily
Gruffalo	Fern	Horowitz	Monaco
Stickman	Whole class	Morpurgo	Nathan
Dahl	Ethan A	Rauf	Isabel



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



Dahl and Rauf Class