



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,
What a busy week it has been!

EYFS Nativity

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, I had the absolute privilege of watching our youngest members of the school perform 'Away in a Manger' as their Christmas nativity. The confidence that our 4 and 5 year olds have astounded me and it was great to see everyone who wanted to be involved taking part. The singing sounded great, the acting of all was super and it was a lovely story told. A big thank you to all of you who took the time to come and watch your children and support them,. A big thank you also to the EYFS team and the other staff members who supported during the performances to make them as special as they

KS1 Nativity

Wednesday and Thursday were busy days for me, as I also got to watch the KS1 performance of 'It's a Miracle'. A more complicated production in comparison to the EYFS production, but again the children astounded me with their timing, acting and the beautiful singing. The children oozed confidence as they either spoke into the microphone or spoke without it—lots of words for some of them to have learnt and they all did so very well indeed. Again, a big thank you to all of you who took the time to come and watch your children and support them. A big thank you also to the KS1 team and the other staff members who supported during the performances to make them as great as they were.

Bluewater Choir

Not only did I get to watch both nativities on Thursday, but I also watched our school choir perform at Bluewater under the guide of a very talented Mr Dymott. I always know when the performance is taken to the next level, as I get tingles down my spine—this happened during 'Let it go' where the vocals were astounding. All of the songs that the children sang and danced to, with various actions, were a pure joy to the ears. They really are a talented bunch and we had lots of positive comments about them. Thank you to all those who came to support at the awkward middle of the day slot; your presence made the event even more special. I think the choir now deserve a well earned rest—although they will all be singing at some point with their classes next week, at our KS2 sing songs.

A big thank you to Mr Dymott who has provided the children with lots of exciting opportunities of late and with hard work and dedication after school from all involved, we thank you.

Christmas Film Nights

We hope that those children who attended the Christmas film nights this week enjoyed the films that they watched and the chips and drink. A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands who organized the event and who supported during the films; thank you also to those staff who stayed behind to supervise and support.

Haslington Care Home

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 choir visited Haslington Care Home to spread some Christmas cheer. Many of the residents joined in with the singalong and some even got up to dance; lots of fun was had by all! Well done to all the children that took part and thank you to the parents who provided transport.

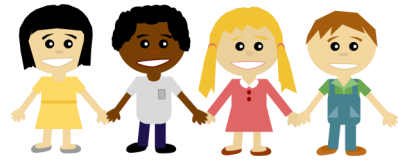
Important dates

16/12	2.50pm Y3 Xmas sing song
17/12	2.50pm Y4 Xmas sing song
18/12	2.50pm Y5 Xmas sing song
18/12	Christmas Dinner and jumper day
19/12	2.50pm Y6 Xmas sing song
20/12	Last day of term
6/1	Children return to school
22/1	Well Being Wednesday session after school
24/1	Y6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
27/1	Elmer reading morning 830-855
28/1	Funnybones reading morning 830-855
29/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830-855
30/1	Stickman reading morning 830-855
31/1	Dahl reading morning 830-855
3/2	Wilson reading morning 830-855
4/2	Walliams reading morning 830-855
5/2	Simon reading morning 830-855
6/2	Y5 reading morning 830-855
7/2	Y6 reading morning 830-855

We have just one week left before the end of term—please do ensure you children are in every day; there is still plenty of learning left to do.

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



WOW! The children have all been amazing this week and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments in the Nativity performances. A big well done!

It has been lovely to see lots of children engage in writing activities in their play recently. A popular activity is always walking around with clip boards writing down lunch choices and of course many this week have written about the elves in class and letters to Santa.

Home learning resumes after having a weekend off. This week the children have a cutting activity to complete to practise their fine motor development followed by a sharing news task for the holiday period at the end of term.

Please be aware that reading books are not sent home over the holidays therefore this is the last week for these.

A letter is coming home tonight regarding a local trip that both classes are taking part in next week, so please make sure you check bags.



Lenny's Den News

This week has focused on the four seasons, the children have worked hard learning the signs for each one. Our bucket time has been fun, the cactus toy in stage 1 was a hit this week and they also loved the floating ball. Stage 2 was building their focus by watching me demonstrate each season using trees, the children did amazingly to stay in their seats and watch as I painted and glued each one, they demonstrated some good vocabulary during stage 2. Stage 3 was taking turns on a 'wintery walk', tissue paper and tin foil created a wintery path for each child to walk down as we sang a winter walk song; very good taking turns and clapping for each other. We loved making sensory bottles this week for each season, lots of fun pouring liquid into the bottles and exploring the different materials to go in each. The children's artwork was based on our bucket time throughout the week, they made their own trees for each season, they followed my modelling brilliantly!

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.

	<u>TERM 2 DATES</u>
16/12	Year 3 xmas sing song 2.50p.m.
17/12	Year 4 xmas sing song 2.50p.m.
18/12	Year 5 xmas sing song 2.50p.m.
18/12	Christmas dinner and jumper day
19/12	Year 6 xmas song song 2.50p.m.
20/12	Last day of term

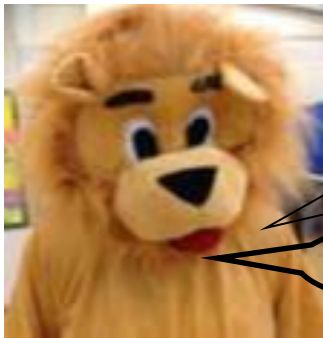
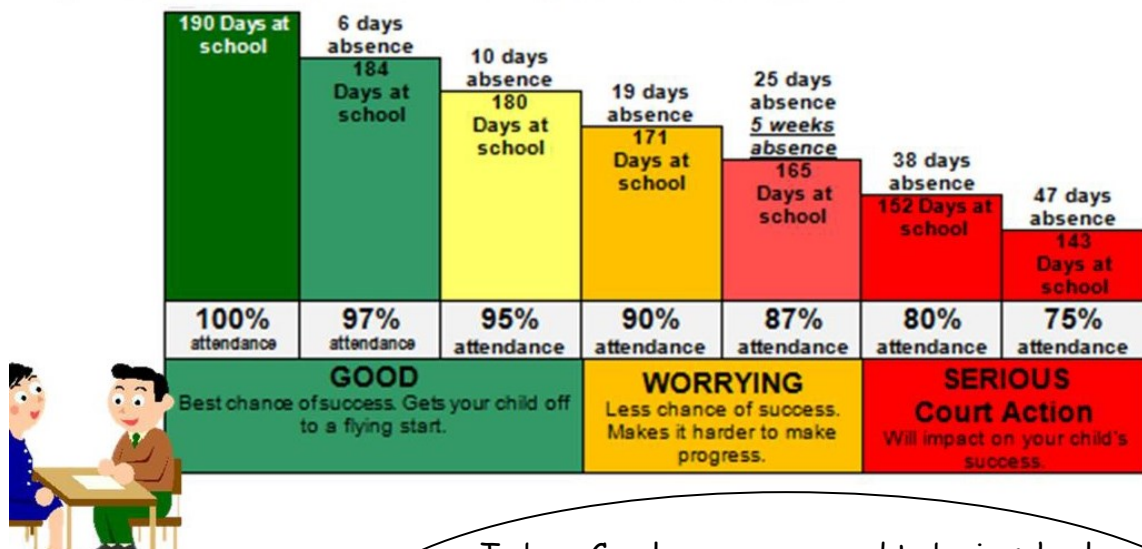
	<u>TERM 3 DATES</u>
22/1	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1– 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL 4P.M. FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC (book on at https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/)
24/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
27/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
28/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
31/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/2	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/2	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
6/2	Year 5 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
7/2	Year 6 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/2	KS1 online safety workshop
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop
14/2	End of term

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
25/2	Year 4 start swimming
5/3	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1— 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL 4P.M. FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
17/3	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
18/3	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
19/3	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
20/3	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
21/3	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
24/3	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
25/3	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
26/3	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
27/3	Year 5 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/3	Year 6 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/4	Parents/Carers evening
4/4	End of term

	<u>TERM 5 DATES</u>
27/4	Year 4 residential leaves
30/4	Year 4 residential returns
7/5	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1— 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL 4P.M. FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
12/5—15/5	KS2 SATS
23/5	End of term

	<u>TERM 6 DATES</u>
2/6	Times Tables check starts for Y4
4/6	Class Photos
6/6	Sports day
9/6—13/6	Year 1 phonics screening check
13/6	Reserve sports day
5/3	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1— 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL 4P.M. FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
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20/6	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
23/6	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
24/6	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
25/6	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
25/6	Y6 production p.m.
26/6	Year 5 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
26/6	Year 6 production evening
27/6	Year 6 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
w/c 30/6	Multicultural week
7/7—11/7	Year 6 residential
11/7	Reports out
14/7 & 15/7	Jump up afternoons
22/7	Last day of term

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!

AT 8.48 WE CLOSE THE GATE - AFTER THAT YOU ARE LATE!

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	97.3%	3
Funnybones	91.0%	6
Gruffalo	97.3%	5
Stickman	94.0%	6
Dahl	93.0%	6
Wilson	91.6%	8
Simon	92.0%	4
Walliams	90.0%	8
Fine	90.6%	11
Horowitz	96.6%	3
Morpurgo	98.4%	2
Ralph	96.1%	4

WELL DONE TO..... Morpurgo Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Boys</p> <p>72,331</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>25,103</p> <p>Boys won!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Simon vs Walliams</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Ronnie Jaime Elizabeth</p>		<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Hiya David Martyna</p>	
	<p>Top 3 boys in the school</p> <p>Alexander R Zain Khalid</p>		<p>Top 3 girls in the school</p> <p>Safia Chloe D Elizabeth T</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!



Lenny's Den	Ohenosa	Wilson	Aniya
Elmer	Whole class	Walliams	Ethan
Funnybones	Whole class	Simon	Vakariz
Gruffalo	Whole class	Horowitz	Nathan
Stickman	Whole class	Fine	Evie G
Dahl	Freddie D	Morpurgo	Ishaan
		Rauf	Oscar

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Casey
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Charlie
Elmer	Muawwiz	Simon	Zayan
Funnybones	Marcu	Fine	George W
Gruffalo	George	Horowitz	Amelia G
Stickman	Amir	Morpurgo	Owen
Dahl	Rowan	Rauf	Jack



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

Morpurgo Class



Achievements outside of school...



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		Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littleandletersandsounds.org.uk)
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Properties of 2d shapes Video on YouTube Sort 2D shapes	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littleandletersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Arrays - multiplication Inverse operations vimeo.com/732395183 Y5 Spring Block 1 T52 Related calculations	Coordinating conjunctions What are coordinating conjunctions? - BBC Bitesize How to use question marks - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Reasoning questions	Direct and indirect speech
Walliams/Simon	Y4 Autumn Block 4 T513 Multiply three numbers on Vimeo Multiplying and dividing by 1	How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize Revision KS2 English SATs paper - Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling - Year 6 Practice - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Fractions	Modal verbs
Horowitz/Fine	Y5 Autumn Block 4 T51 Find fractions equivalent to a unit fraction	What is a modal verb - Definition and examples - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Ratio	Phrases
Morpurgo/Rauf	vimeo.com/774293923 Ratio vimeo.com/774286504	What is an expanded noun phrase? - BBC Bitesize Homophones What are homophones? - BBC Bitesize

What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 2	Great Fire of London
Year 3	Stone Age & Mountains
Year 4	Tectonic plates & Pompeii
Year 5	Anglo Saxons, Vikings & Europe
Year 6	Mayans & South America