



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 7

Fri 20 Dec '24

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy term 2! I think are all ready for a well earned break.

KS2 Christmas Sing Songs

Many thanks to all of you who came to support the children in KS2 and watch them in their festive sing songs at the end of the day each day this week. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and it is a great way for you to see your child in action, in a short but sweet session. All of the children did their very best with the songs—some were more successful than others, but I certainly enjoyed them all.

Friends of Craylands events

We have had some very successful events throughout December and I can not thank the Friends of Craylands enough for all their hard work. They have informed me that they have raised the following:

Christmas fair - £2182.29

Film nights - £580.05

These are great amounts and will contribute towards coach prices for any trips that staff will plan in the future for the children, as well as any other purchases that the school may make and ask the Friends of Craylands for a donation for.

Father Christmas visited this week and with the support of the Friends of Craylands, he was able to deliver a book for each child in the school. Thank you to the Friends for making this possible.

The Friends would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Parent survey

Time has escaped me this term....we have analysed the results from the surveys and they are very positive with 99% of those responding stating that they will recommend the school to another parent/carer.

We will release the full analysis in the new year, alongside the many positive comments we have received. We did have some areas of development, which I will respond to in due course. In particular, we know that school meals need to be paid online and we have been working with PFI for over half a year now on this....we have another meeting in January and I hope to make this a reality soon in 2025.

Goodbye

Sadly, today, we say goodbye to Miss DeSilva, who has been with the school since 2008. We will miss Miss DeSilva very much and thank her for all the support she has provided children at Craylands throughout the years. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Thank you

Thank you to all members of the Craylands community—to SLT, to the teachers, the support staff, office staff, site staff, governors, you as parents/carers and of course the children for the hard work, support and dedication to ensuring we remain 'Happy together, Safe together, Learning together'.

We wish everyone in The Craylands community a very Happy Christmas!

Take care all—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

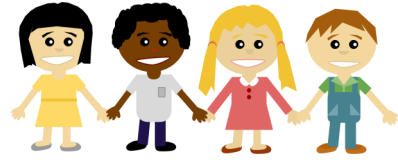
20/12	Last day of term
6/1	Children return to school
22/1	Well Being Wednesday session after school
24/1	Y6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
27/1	Elmer reading morning 830-855
28/1	Funnybones reading morning 830-855
29/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830-855
30/1	Stickman reading morning 830-855
31/1	Dahl reading 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

Please report any child absences to attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Children will return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

We wish you all the best for 2025!

EYFS NEWS



Yet again we are super proud of both the EYFS classes; all adults including Rev. Charlie have commended them for their excellent behaviour whilst on their trip to St Peter and St Paul's Church this week.

A reminder that no reading books will be coming home tonight but please do continue to read lots of stories with your children over the holidays. Home learning books have got a news task to complete.

We do hope that those of you who have been very unwell are recovering and are fully better in time to enjoy the holidays.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank you for your support, kind wishes and gifts this Christmas time and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Lenny's Den News

In Lenny's Den we have had a fun, Christmassy last week of term. The children have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts, including cards, tree decorations and decorating baubles and stockings. We made marshmallow snowmen this week and the children had so much fun, it was a lovely activity to do together! Bucket time stage 2 was a snowstorm, a balloon, funnel, tissue paper and glitter made a much-anticipated, exciting explosion in front of the children. Stage 3 was sorting baubles into big and small.

Thank you to the children for another fabulous term in Lenny's Den and all their hard work, I hope they have a wonderful, well-earned break! Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very Merry Christmas! Looking forward to seeing you all, and some new faces, in the 2025!

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 250p.m.
17/12	Year 4 xmas sing song 250p.m.
18/12	Year 5 xmas sing song 250p.m.
18/12	Christmas dinner and jumper day
19/12	Year 6 xmas song song 250p.m.
20/12	Last day of term

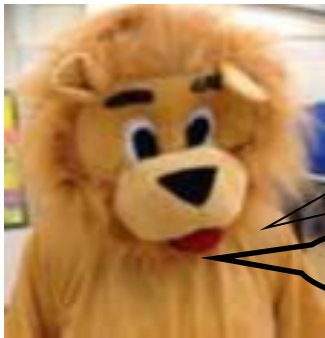
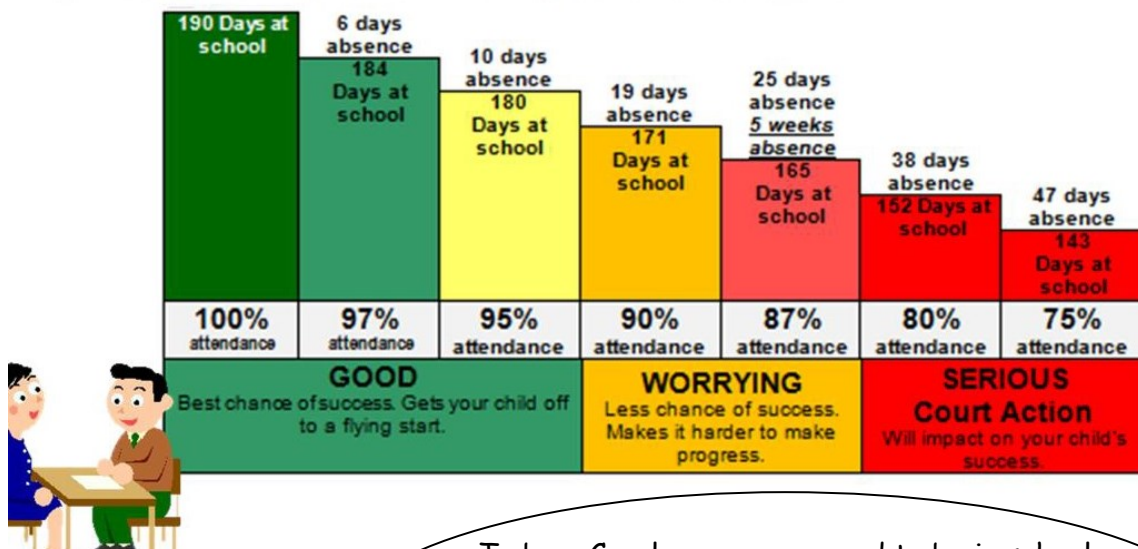
	<u>TERM 3 DATES</u>
22/1	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1– 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL 4P.M. FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
24/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
27/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
28/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 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
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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	92.3%	3
Funnybones	88.2%	5
Gruffalo	89.0%	8
Stickman	91.3%	5
Dahl	84.3%	7
Wilson	81.3%	12
Simon	94.6%	7
Walliams	86.0%	7
Fine	93.6%	7
Horowitz	92.0%	9
Morpurgo	86.8%	9
Ralf	91.2%	7

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 163 352 Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 4938 6503 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Simon vs Walliams 10227 3430 Simon wins!</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz 7715 10090 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 1775 13,527 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>NO TOURNAMENT DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</p>

		<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Nancy Jaime Daniel</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots David Hiya Lewis</p>	<p>Stickman Ben C Thea Hugo</p>	<p>Gruffalo Morire George Sienna</p>	<p>Dahl Khalid Freddie D Henry</p>
<p>Wilson Dylan Gabriel Teddy</p>	<p>Simon Arlind Jack Finley</p>	<p>Walliams Ethan A Ellie Dylan</p>	<p>Horowitz Alexander Angela Sebastian</p>	<p>Fine Ronnie Inika Harry</p>	<p>Morpurgo George Alfie Jude</p>	<p>Rauf Zain Safia Selina</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!



		Wilson	Whole class
		Walliams	Evie Q
Elmer	Archie	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	Leonardo	Horowitz	Whole class
Gruffalo	Idris	Fine	Whole class
Stickman	Ara	Morpurgo	Callum
Dahl	Riaan	Rauf	Zofia

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Liza-Mai
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Nate
Elmer	Kirsty	Simon	Joseph
Funnybones	Ethan-Andrew	Fine	Whole class
Gruffalo	Bonnie	Horowitz	Sebastian
Stickman	Wesley	Morpurgo	Maisy
Dahl	George	Rauf	Evie



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

Simon Class



Achievements outside of school...