



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We seem to be moving through term 3 very quickly with only two weeks left....still plenty of time for lots of learning from the children.

Forest School

Each term, a different year group has the opportunity to visit the school meadow and take part in forest school with our forest school lead Mrs Strudwick. They take part in a number of activities, working together and exploring this environment. A big thank you to Mrs Strudwick for running this in all weathers—especially of late as it has been cold, rainy and windy. Your child may come home a little muddy sometimes, but I can assure you that they thoroughly enjoy their time at forest school.

Young Voices

Today, the children from Year 6 have travelled to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. An annual event, this concert is always a fantastic opportunity for all the children to take part in. Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning the songs and the dance moves ready to join hundreds of other children to perform in front of an audience of family members. Those parents/carers attending, keep an eye out for the Craylands School banner—we will update on Twitter (now known as X) to let you know whereabouts we will be sitting.

Reading mornings

Next week, we invite you in to attend reading mornings with your child. Reading with your child is such an important activity as it supports them but also makes it an enjoyable experience. We know many of you may not be able to attend these sessions so please do ensure that you find some time to read with your child at home and enjoy a book together.

Online safety workshops

Please look out for a letter regarding online safety workshops that will take place on 11th February and 12th February. These workshops will provide guidance to you as parents/carers in regards to online safety and we will allow some time for your child to join you also to discuss the importance of staying safe online.

We have also arranged for a PSCO to attend school on Friday 7th February to lead a workshop for the older children in the school on online safety and how they can keep themselves safe online.

Playtime development

We are interested in developing play during morning and lunch break, something that we have identified on our school development plan. We are looking for more heavy object items that could be used for play such as guttering, planks, tyres, crates or wooden blocks. If you have any such items, we would greatly appreciate any donations.

We would also welcome any donations of dressing up clothing as this is also an area of play that we would like to provide of a break and/or lunchtime—so any old costumes you no longer need at home, please do donate them.

It would be great to be in a position in the summer to see some different areas of play being used.

Important dates

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
11/2	KS1 online safety workshop details tbc
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop details tbc
14/2	End of term 3
24/2	Start of term 4

INSET DAYS

The final 2 INSET days for this year will be on the following days:

Friday 4th April
Tuesday 22nd July

Parent Consultations: Y1E, Y3W, Y5F

If you are unable to attend the rearranged parents/carers appointments please do speak to the class teacher to see if they can do another date.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



We have had another busy week in EYFS; the children have been exploring the concept of capacity through porridge mixing linked to our Goldilocks text and filling a variety of containers with different objects. They have also developed their understanding of composition by using the part part whole model and generalised statements eg 5 is made from 4 and 1, 4 and 1 makes 5.

The children continue to do handwriting everyday in school; it is very important that they are forming letters correctly and use their rhymes to ensure they are going in the right direction.

Handwriting sheets are coming home this weekend for practise and should be completed with adult guidance to make sure pencil grip and formation is correct.

Next week we will be learning about other cultures and focusing on Chinese New Year.

Lastly, remember it is EYFS reading afternoon on Wednesday 29th January at 2.45pm in class.



Lenny's Den News

The children have loved our jungle themed week! Our topic box song was '5 little monkeys' the children were so excited to see the crocodile puppet come and snap up the monkeys. The children focussed really well for bucket time, they watched stage 2, listening to the different instruments and making the sounds for the animals. Stage 3 was taking turns to act out row row row your boat with me, the crocodile puppet then surprised us! Lots of laughter and anticipation! We have had many opportunities to work on our sharing, turn taking and interaction skills this week, the children have engaged in lots of play and games. The jungle tuff tray was a slimy success, there were a variety of animals for the children to work on their imaginative play skills with. A bubble wrap river, tissue paper grass, kitchen roll trees and a slime swamp provided a fun sensory experience. We also made our monkey sensory bottles this week, lots of fun! As always, I am very proud of our Lenny's Den class and their continuous progress.

I would like to invite parents to our reading afternoons this term at 2:45 on Wednesday 29th January and Thursday 6th February. Please wait at the top gate. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to come into Lenny's Den and read a book with your child. I hope to see you then.

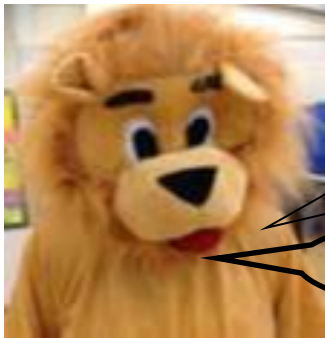
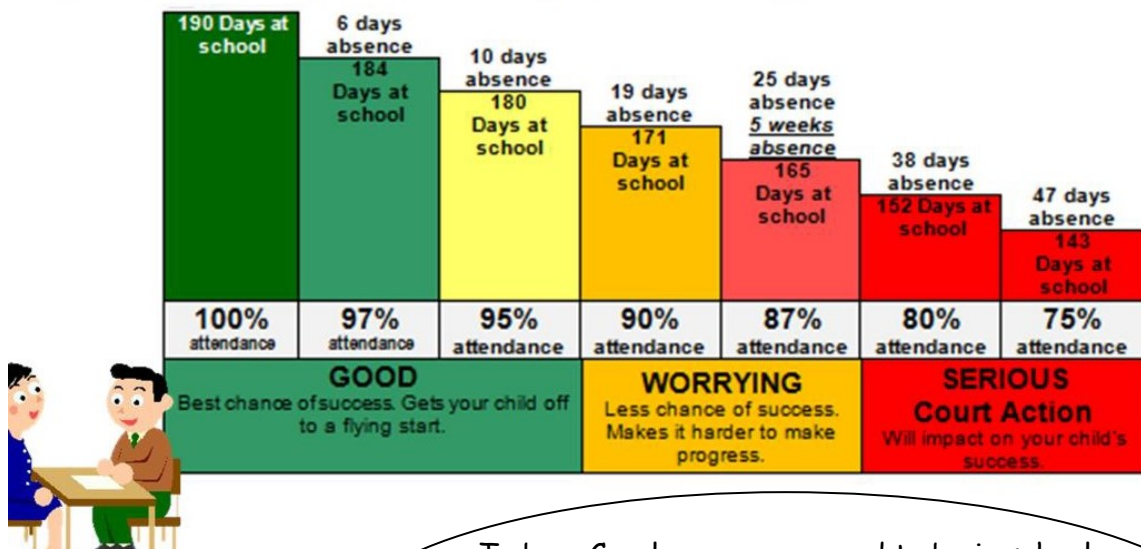
Dates for your diary

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 3 DATES</u>
27/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
28/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/1	Y1E Parent Consultations 9-3.10
29/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Y3W Parent Consultations 9-3.10
31/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Y5F Parent Consultations 9-3.10
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

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	96.0%	2
Funnybones	93.1%	6
Gruffalo	95.5%	5
Stickman	98.6%	2
Dahl	89.3%	5
Wilson	91.2%	5
Simon	94.1%	5
Walliams	98.0%	4
Fine	98.3%	2
Horowitz	99.3%	1
Morpurgo	96.8%	3
Ralph	96.7%	4

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Year 2 boys vs Girls 5307 3884 Boys win!</p> <p>Year 3 boys vs Girls 4947 6305 Girls win!</p> <p>Year 4 boys vs Girls 9584 8390 Boys win!</p> <p>Year 5 boys vs Girls 9873 7816 Boys win!</p> <p>Year 6 boys vs Girls 2528 6735 Girls win!</p>	<p>Girls vs Boys Whole School</p>

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Caleb Sienna Emily	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots David Martyna Dave	Y2 Boys Nahil Amir Benjamin C	Y2 Girls Ottilie Annabelle Madison	Y3 Boys Gabriel Rowan Riaan
Y3 Girls Chloe Sofia Aniya	Y4 Boys Arlind Ethan A Dylan	Y4 Girls Riley Elsie Emilia	Y5 Boys Alexander Harry Kieren	Y5 Girls Evie G-R Angela Tilly	Y6 Boys George Ishaan Jude	Y6 Girls Safia Selena Helena



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 (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Money problems Y2 Spring Block 1 TS10 Two step problems on Vimeo	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	8 x tables Y3 Autumn Block 3 TS12 Multiply by 8	Past and present verbs
Walliams/Simon	Multiplying 3 and 2 digits by 1 digit Y4 Spring Block 1 TS10 Multiply a 3digit number by a 1digit number	Suffixes What are suffixes? - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Adding fractions greater than one Y5 Autumn Block 4 TS11 Add fractions with total greater than 1	Subject verb agreement
Morpurgo/Rauf	Decimals Year 6 Spring Block 3 TS3 Round decimals	Possessive apostrophe How to use possessive apostrophes - BBC Bitesize



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 2	Changes to nursing in the Victorian period
Year 3	Stone Age & Mountains
Year 4	Tectonic plates & Romans
Year 5	Anglo Saxons, Vikings & Europe
Year 6	Exploration (Tudors and the Victorians)

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 Nathaniel Wilson Liza-Mai
Rainbow Fish Sofia Walliams Tiwa
Elmer Lewis Simon Aaditri
Funnybones Caleb Horowitz Rowan
Gruffalo Holly Fine Olivia
Stickman Cody Morpurgo Harrison
Dahl George Rauf Freddy

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

Hungry C	Luna	Wilson	Michael
Rainbow Fish	Ellie	Walliams	Isla S
Elmer	Dave	Simon	Ethan W
Funnybones	Nancy	Fine	Evie G
Gruffalo	Adam	Horowitz	Amelia G
Stickman	Archie E	Morpurgo	Harrison
Dahl	Kennedy	Rauf	Ashley



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

Horowitz Class



Achievements outside of school...