



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of January...it seems to have been a long month but we move ever closer to some warmer weather.

Staff absence

Your child may have reported that there have been different adults covering them this week. The dreaded flu seems to have hit the staff at Craylands in a way we have not seen for quite some time so we have had supply staff or other staff members stepping in when staff have been absent. We hope that everyone can recuperate over the weekend and that we can run at full capacity staff wise next week.

Young Voices

The Year 6 children sang and danced their hearts out last Friday—they even took part in a mini rave with some old school garage tunes (my personal highlight of the evening!) We are very proud of the way in which the children behaved and represented the school throughout the entire event. It was a long evening with the children not getting back to school until just before 11pm but they managed superbly. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to come along to watch and support and to those who did not, but ensured that they were on time and ready to collect at the end of the evening.

Children's mental health week

Next week, the school will be marking children's mental health week.

We will mark children's mental health week through our assemblies next week and through a range of activities that the Well Being Ambassadors have planned which include reading in other classes, a walk in the meadow and taking part in the daily mile every day.

If you would like to help with your child's wellbeing at home, the following links may be of use:

Progressive muscle relaxation—<https://video.link/w/wHPH>

4-7-8 breathing techniques—<https://video.link/w/IMPH>

Cosmic Kids visualisation— <https://video.link/w/TXBKc>

Cosmic Kids Yoga— <https://video.link/w/IRPH>

Place 2 be children's mental health—

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Lateness

A reminder to please do all you can to get the children into school BEFORE 8.48am when the gate closes—they miss valuable learning time when they are not in school on time. There is always early morning work for the children to complete from 8.30am so it is important that they get in as early as they can.

Absence

If your child will not be in school, please contact the office by emailing attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk before 9.30am.

Important dates

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 9am
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop 9am
14/2	End of term 3
24/2	Start of term 4
5/3	Well being session after school
3/4	Parents/Carers evening
4/4	INSET DAY

Wishing anyone in our community celebrating a Happy Chinese New Year!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



The children have really enjoyed all of the learning activities around Chinese New Year. They have listened to the story of the Great Race; for home learning they have to choose an animal from this story to create a mask. We look forward to seeing all the different pieces of art work so that we can display them in class. Remember it should be your child's creation with a little help from you ☐

We are focusing a lot on listening skills and following instructions at the moment; playing games like Simple Simon Says, I went to the shop and I bought _.

You can support your child at home by playing these games and continually engaging your child in to and fro conversations that require attention and clear answers.

Next week we will be reading The Little Red Hen and baking bread.

Lastly, it was lovely to see so many parents able to attend the reading afternoon on Wednesday. A second one is scheduled for next Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm.



Lenny's Den News

This week's topic box was 'Row, row, row your boat gently out to sea...' The children have really enjoyed our underwater theme. Naming sea animals during topic box and carrying out actions. Our daily dance has been an animal freeze and dance song which the children have loved. The water tuff tray had boats to act out the nursery rhyme and sea creatures to catch with the fishing hooks and nets. We had lots of fun for bucket time this week, stage 2 was watching me create a bubbly sea of blue food colouring, water and washing up liquid then using a straw to blow lots of bubbles. For stage 3 the children took turns dropping a tissue paper fish into the bubbly concoction. We have had lots of play opportunities for interaction and sharing, this is something we are continuing to work on. The children loved using celery and paint to print scales onto our fish, we also made octopuses practicing our fine motor and cutting skills. I have been very impressed with the children's focus during these structured group activities!

Thank you to those who could join us for our reading session this week.

Dates for your diary

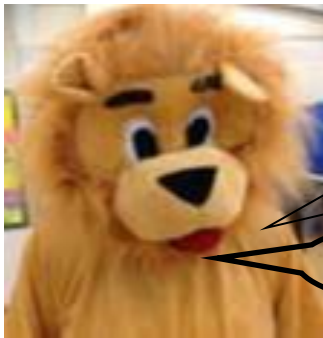
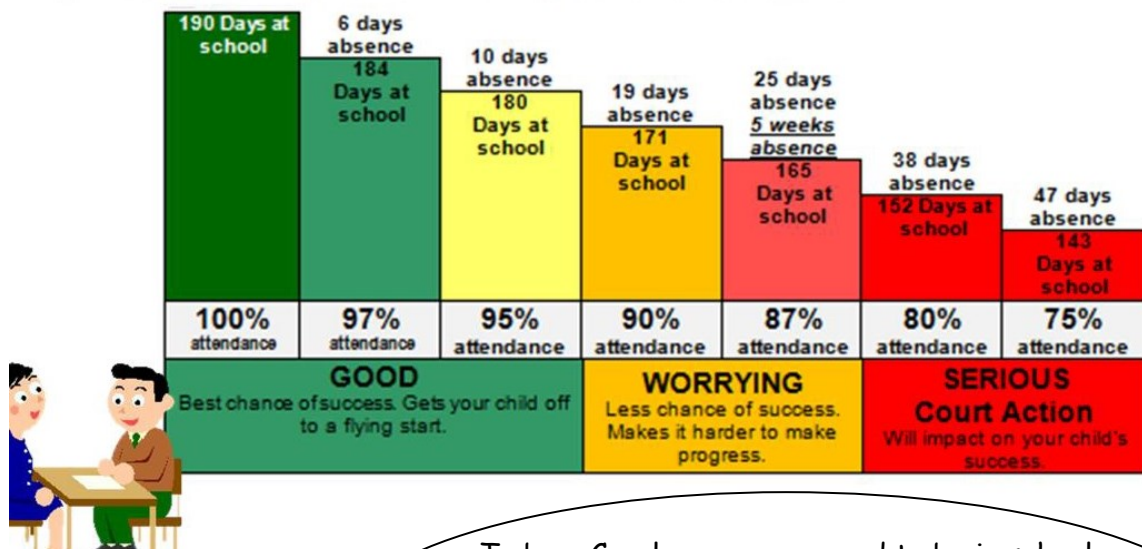
We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

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>
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	INSET day

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	94.6%	3
Funnybones	90.6%	9
Gruffalo	85.6%	11
Stickman	95.3%	3
Dahl	94.3%	4
Wilson	82.7%	9
Simon	99.3%	1
Walliams	94.6%	5
Fine	97.3%	4
Horowitz	96.3%	4
Morpurgo	94.3%	7
Ralph	92.3%	6

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Girls Scored</p> <p>25,411</p> <p>Boys Scored</p> <p>36,094</p> <p>Boys won!</p>	<p>Stickman Vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p>

<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Caleb Sienna Dylan</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>David Franky Martyna</p>
<p>Top Girls</p> <p>Riley (Y4) Chloe (Y3) Safia (Y6)</p>	<p>Top Boys</p> <p>Alexander (Y5) Nahil (y2) Zain (Y6)</p>



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	Recognise equal and unequal groups Y2 Spring Block 2 TS1 Recognise equal groups	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson		
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 mixed numbers Y5 Autumn Block 4 TS13 Add two mixed numbers	Personification What is personification? - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Decimals Year 6 Spring Block 3 TS3 Round decimals	Assessments



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 *Ralph* Wilson Zaynab
Rainbow Fish *Freya* Walliams James
Elmer *Busi* Simon Hayden
Funnybones *Ruby* Horowitz Bella
Gruffalo *Kaden* Fine Alfie
Stickman *Thea* Morpurgo George
Dahl *Kennedy* Rauf Alex

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

Hungry C	<i>Sofia-Rose</i>	Wilson	<i>Kyler</i>
Rainbow Fish	<i>Audrey</i>	Walliams	<i>Jaxon</i>
Elmer	<i>Rico</i>	Simon	<i>David</i>
Funnybones	<i>Louie</i>	Fine	<i>Evie C</i>
Gruffalo	<i>Madison</i>	Horowitz	<i>Grace</i>
Stickman	<i>Hoorain</i>	Morpurgo	<i>Alba</i>
Dahl	<i>Joshua</i>	Rauf	<i>Eva C</i>



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

Simon Class



Achievements outside of school...

Isabelle W competed with her team at the 'Future Cheers UK' southern region competition at the weekend and placed 3rd. Congratulations!

Bentley M has fought his water fears and was awarded batch and a certificate for swimming 5 metres on Wednesday alongside his younger brother Beauden M who was awarded batch and a certificate for swimming 5 and also 10 metres freestyle front crawl.