



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 5

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Mr Hiscock has very kindly let us at the Friends of Craylands use this week's newsletter so we can highlight to you the situation our school charity will be in if we do not get new volunteers to join this year.

There will be NO charity!

The Friends of Craylands are a friendly group of parents and staff who are passionate about raising money for our school and its community. To run the charity we need to have 4 core members on the committee, 3 of which will be leaving at the end of this academic year. Unless we can recruit new volunteers to the below roles in September 2025, and to the charity in general, The Friends of Craylands will be forced to close, resulting in a huge loss to the children at our school!

NO Friends of Craylands will mean **NO** subsidised coach fees, **NO** summer fair, **NO** Christmas fair, **NO** personalised Christmas cards, **NO** discos, **NO** film nights, **NO** quiz nights, **NO** preloved uniform sales, and **NO** smaller events such as ice cream sales during summer months or colour hamper raffles, for example. It would also mean **NO** Christmas treat for every child at the school and there would be **NO** money to fund the Y6 leavers party that Mr Hiscock holds each year for the children! **WE NEED YOU!**

Friends of Craylands Committee Roles we need new volunteers to include:

CHAIR (Currently held by Eleanor who works full time and has 2 children)

- Provides leadership
- Co-ordinates events
- Delegates duties
- Ensures the smooth running of the PTA
- Chairs meetings
- Updates Charity Registration

VICE CHAIR (Currently held by Chloe who works full time and has 2 children)

- Supports and assists the chair in their role
- Acts as a deputy for the chair

TREASURER (Currently held by Sharen who runs her own business and has 3 children)

- Maintains financial records and draws up annual account
- Reports income and expenditure
- Prepares floats for events, counts and banks all monies
- Deals with charity registration

SECRETARY (Currently held by Leonnie who works full time and has twins)

- Prepares meeting agendas and minutes
- Helps to make meeting and event arrangements
- Prepares letters to keep parents informed

If you are interested in making a difference to our school community and joining a friendly team of volunteers please email the **friendsofcraylands@gmail.com** or register your interest through the forms available at the school office. These are not full time roles and you will have the support of the wider Friends of Craylands members in order to perform the roles above. We are looking for volunteers to work alongside the current committee for the remainder of this academic year in order to create a seamless handover.

Thank you, The Friends of Craylands

Important dates

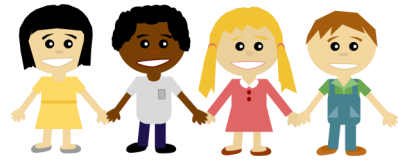
11/2	KS1 online safety workshop 9am
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop 9am
14/2	End of term 3
24/2	Start of term 4
5/3	Well being session after school
17/3	Elmer reading morning
18/3	Funnybones reading morning
19/3	Gruffalo reading morning
20/3	Stickman reading morning
21/3	Dahl reading morning
24/3	Wilson reading morning
25/3	Walliams reading morning
26/3	Simon reading morning
27/3	Y5 reading morning
28/3	Y6 reading morning
3/4	Parents/Carers evening
4/4	INSET DAY
4/4	End of term 4

A plea

When emailing the school about your child please include your child's full name and class so there is no confusion!

Many thanks

EYFS NEWS



The highlight of the week has been baking bread. The children have been fully engaged with the story of The Little Red Hen; they have learnt about windmills, discussed fairness, used new vocabulary and made scientific observations through baking.

As part of Mental Health Week, the children have participated in whole school activities everyday. This has included exercise, singing, reading with older pupils and orienteering in the meadow. The children have an excellent understanding of their own feelings and they are continually developing empathy towards others. Craylearning values permeate all that we do in EYFS and the children know that we try everything, we make mistakes, we learn, we don't give up.

Thank you for completing the home learning craft task. It has been great to celebrate each child's individual work.

Next week is phonics assessment week, therefore reading books will not be issued over the half term only library books.



Lenny's Den News

This week our learning has been all about mini beasts! Our topic box was 'The ants go marching', the children loved the ant stick puppets, the drum for the marching beat and the water spray for rain! Our sensory tuff tray was filled with homemade soil and a collection of mini beats to discover, the children loved digging and using magnifying glasses. Bucket time has been a hit this week! Stage 2 was 'wiggly worms' the children were so excited to see shaving foam worms squirt up into the air, they found it very funny when they landed on me! Stage 3 was a butterfly, each child took turns to stand at the front and use a glittery material as butterfly wings, pretending to fly as we sang the song. The children have really impressed us in our structured group activities this week. We have focussed on printing to make spiders and caterpillars, the children all used PECs at the beginning of the session which was fantastic. The children also loved our group game, taking turns to throw a mini beast dice, each side had a movement we all had to do. Lots of fun!

Thank you to those that joined us for our reading afternoon, the children loved it.

Dates for your diary

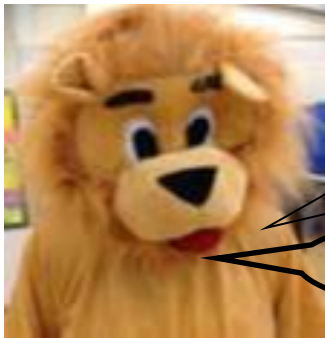
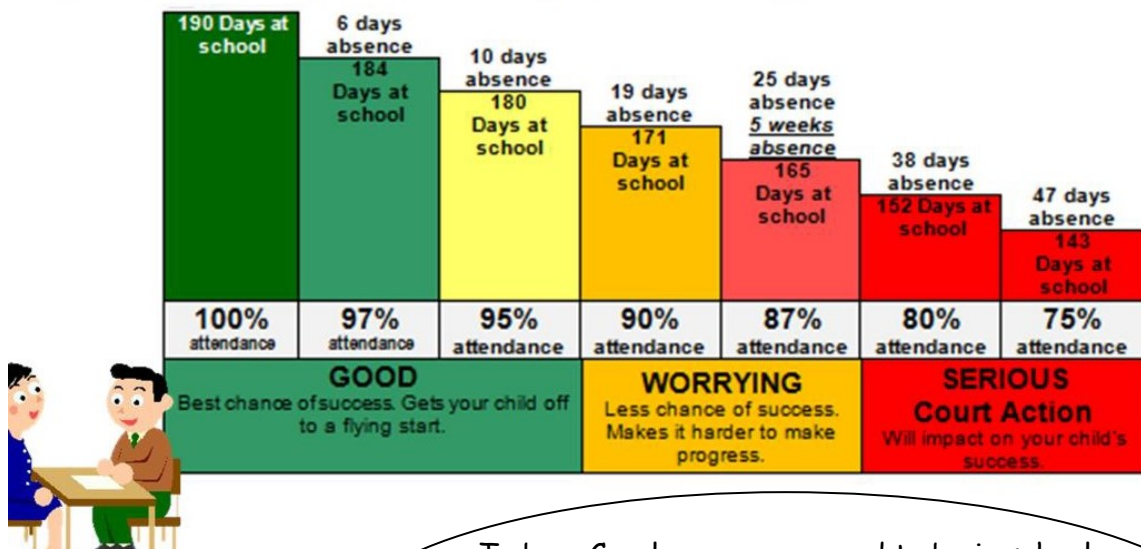
We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

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>
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 FOR A FUN SESSION
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
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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	97.6%	4
Funnybones	96.0%	5
Gruffalo	93.6%	6
Stickman	97.3%	3
Dahl	96.0%	7
Wilson	93.1%	6
Simon	95.8%	3
Walliams	92.3%	8
Fine	95.3%	4
Horowitz	96.0%	2
Morpurgo	98.1%	2
Ralph	93.3%	7

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman Vs Gruffalo 3420 940 Stickman wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 26997 17775 Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 6204 15051 Simon wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 7791 4228 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo 6825 2116 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Dahl</p> <p>Wilson vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Simon vs Fine</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Freya Henri Brodie	Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Ollie Iris Meziyah	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Myra Luna-Grey ShriAnshu	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots David Dave Franky	Stickman Otilie Hugo Amir	Gruffalo Malakai Sienna Jasper	Dahl Riaan Khalid Fern
Wilson Chloe Dylan Gabriel	Simon Riley Arlind Matthew	Walliams Ethan Aryan Dylan	Horowitz Alexander Angela Kieran	Fine Evie Olivia Harry P	Morpurgo Felipe Callum Tristan	Rauf Safia Selina Zain



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	Multiply and divide by 2 Y2 Spring Block 2 TS9 The 2 times table Y2 Spring Block 2 TS10 Divide by 2 on Vimeo	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	2 digit by 1 digit multiplication Y3 Spring Block 1 TS4 Multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number - no exchange on Vimeo	Imperative verbs Writing instructions using imperatives - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Equivalent length Y4 Spring Block 2 TS2 Equivalent lengths (kilometres and metres)	Prefixes What are prefixes? - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Subtracting fractions Y5 Autumn Block 4 TS16 Subtract from a mixed number breaking the whole	Causal conjunctions Conjunctions including 'because' - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Fractions, decimals, percentages Year 6 Spring Block 4 TS5 Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages	Conjunctions What are coordinating conjunctions? - BBC Bitesize What is a subordinating conjunction? - 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 Daisy Wilson Gabriel
Rainbow Fish Louie Walliams Meliyah
Elmer Layla Simon Whole class
Funnybones SriAnshu Horowitz Alexander
Gruffalo Arthur Fine Aran
Stickman Wesley Morpurgo Oskar
Dahl Lenny Rauf Selina

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

Hungry C	Eddie	Wilson	Jace
Rainbow Fish	Maizie-Jane	Walliams	Adrian
Elmer	Muaaz	Simon	Blake
Funnybones	Myra	Fine	Isabelle
Gruffalo	Jasper	Horowitz	Lily
Stickman	Archie L	Morpurgo	Megan
Dahl	Violet	Rauf	Zain



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

Morpurgo Class



Achievements outside of school...