



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 2

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a busy week we have had here at Craylands—lots of activities for the children to enjoy!

World Book Week

World Book Day/Week is always a highlight in the school calendar as it places a well deserved highlight on the importance of reading for pleasure. It gives us an opportunity to think about our favourite books, the characters and the settings within them and the authors that create these amazing stories for us all to immerse ourselves in.

This week, Mrs Roddan, our literacy lead has arranged a number of activities that have really engaged and enthused the children in the world of fiction and non-fiction. On Monday, she arranged for a comic workshop to take place with all of KS2; each year group had the chance to come into the hall and practice creating their own comic book character. From what I saw, we have some amazing artists within the school, who no doubt could create their own comic books. I look forward to seeing some of them on display. This was followed by an online workshop presented by the poet Michael Rosen which focused on stories and illustrations based on how things became to be. Well done to the children who have extended their own learning making mini comics at home based on this theme.

On Tuesday this week, the KS1 building was taken over by pirates! The staff looked absolutely fabulous in their costumes and they decorated the environment in pirate paraphernalia also. Children in EYFS and KS1 had a pirate talk, pirate story telling session and a puppet making session. It all looked like lots of fun for all involved!

On Thursday, the children came in dressed as characters from different books celebrating World Book Day. Lots of effort was put into them and we really appreciate the time and effort that goes into making this day a fun and exciting one for the children. During the day there were secret reading sessions, a quiz as well as book hunts around the meadow for our youngest children in the school.

A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands who ran the Scholastic book fair after school this week; thank you to those parents/carers who came along to buy books and those who purchased one of Lenny's Golden Bars—congratulations if you found a silver or gold ticket this week.

Again a big thank you to Mrs Roddan for leading this week, organising and planning all the fun activities,

Well being session

Thank you to those children who attended the well being session this week; we hope that they enjoyed the activities that the teachers put on this term.

School Uniform

We have still noticed this week that many of the children continue wearing inappropriate footwear. We were hoping that many who were wearing these before half term were waiting for parents/carers to go out and buy new school shoes during the break but sadly many have returned in the same trainers that they were wearing beforehand. A reminder that children should be wearing school shoes and NOT trainers to school please. I would appreciate it if you could ensure that you purchase appropriate shoes for your children as soon as possible.

Important dates

11/3	Y4 residential parents meeting on Teams 5pm
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 (no children in)
22/4	Start of term 5
20/5	3.30pm Meeting for Y5 parents re 11+

EYFS DIARY DATES

Diary Dates -
Reading afternoons-
Wednesday 19th March
at 2.45pm and Wednesday
25th March at
2.45pm

Parent Presentation -
Expected Levels of At-
tainment and Year 1
Transition
Wednesday 2nd April
2.20pm

Parent and Child Num-
ber Workshop -
Thursday 1st May 9am

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



My goodness what an exciting week we have all had! Pirate adventures all day on Tuesday followed by wonderful book characters playing everywhere in class on Thursday. Storytelling, sharing books, pretending, imagining and talking are the vital foundations required for children's literacy development; immersing children in rich language and conversations daily will have a huge impact on their ability to read and write.

Please find some useful links below about 'Chat, Play, Read' from the Literacy Trust.

Activities for 3-4 years | Words for Life

<https://youtu.be/ovNfilgmaPY>

https://youtu.be/C7Izwa_Sl3M?list=PLmmlG7juti-05px4IUrDc_u5KqJ1CFSTr

Coming up next week -

Literacy text is Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French

Numeracy - Representing and finding different ways to make numbers within 10 using 2 parts and 3 parts.

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Lenny's Den News

Our topic box song this week was '5 little ducks', the children really enjoyed the duck props for topic box, they engaged well and counted the ducks. As the week went on there was more and more singing from the children which was wonderful! Our sensory tuff tray was a duck pond, rubber ducks, blue sponges, blue pompoms, lily-pads and water spray bottles; lots to explore and a good opportunity to act out our topic box song. The children enjoyed our structured group activities this week, we created our own ducks ponds using pastels and chalks, the children also stuck 5 ducks onto the ponds they created. We had a counting ducks activity which also used our fine motor skills. The children made duck masks, they decorated and stuck the masks onto lolly sticks, the classroom was filled with quacking! Bucket time was a bubbly pond for stage 2 and the children used a net to catch ducks in stage 3. Finally, some sunshine to enjoy, we have taken this opportunity for lots of outside play this week, turn taking, sharing, interaction and fun!

Reading afternoons this term, if you would like to join us to read with your child that would be wonderful.

Wednesday 19th March 2.45

Tuesday 25th March 2.45

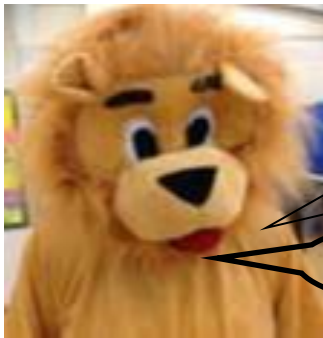
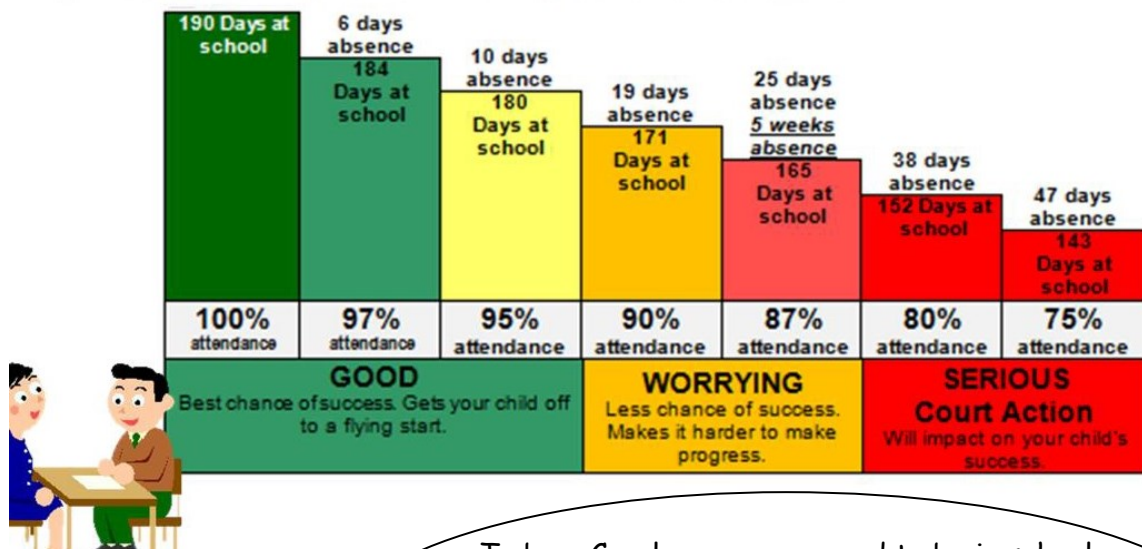
Dates for your diary

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 4 DATES</u>
11/3	5pm: Meeting on Teams re Y4 residential
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
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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 (no pupils)
22/4	Start of T5
	<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 FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
12/5—15/5	KS2 SATS
20/5	Meeting for Y5 parents re 11+ in school
23/5	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	100%	0
Funnybones	100%	0
Gruffalo	97.3%	5
Stickman	98.3%	2
Dahl	96.3%	4
Wilson	92.7%	8
Simon	97.0%	4
Walliams	98.0%	2
Fine	95.0%	4
Horowitz	94.0%	5
Morpurgo	96.2%	5
Ralph	95.3%	5

WELL DONE TO.....Elmer and Funnybones Classes for having perfect attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 6769 404 Stickman wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 3705 10596 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 11377 13604 Simon wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 7346 4342 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo 5908 2862 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>Gruffalo vs Dahl</p> <p>Stickman vs Wilson</p> <p>Simon vs Fine</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

<p>Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Lillie Laila Audrey</p>	<p>Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Rosie Frankie Daniel</p>	<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Myra Millie Caleb</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots David Dave Martyna</p>	<p>Stickman Nahil Amir Otilie</p>	<p>Gruffalo Jasper Sienna Madison</p>	<p>Dahl Riaan Kayleigh-Olive Rocco</p>
<p>Wilson Chloe Dylan Gabriel</p>	<p>Simon Arlind Matthew Riley</p>	<p>Walliams Tiwa Ethan Dylan</p>	<p>Horowitz Alexander Sebastian Angela</p>	<p>Fine Harry Alfie Lauren</p>	<p>Morpurgo Oliver George Tristan</p>	<p>Rauf Safia Selina Kayla</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	Heavier/Lighter Y2 Spring Block 4 TS1 Compare mass on Vimeo	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Converting measures Y3 Spring Block 2 TS8 Add lengths	Direct speech How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Fractions—on a number line Y4 Spring Block 3 TS4 Number lines with mixed numbers on Vimeo	Prefixes What are prefixes? - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Short division Y5 Spring Block 1 TS7 Short division on Vimeo	Semi colons How to use a semi-colon - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Statistics Year 6 Spring Block 6 TS3 Read and interpret pie charts	Revision KS2 English SATs paper - Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling - Year 6 Practice - 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 Nivid Wilson Jace
Rainbow Fish Ralph Walliams Louis
Elmer Carter Simon Poppy
Funnybones Florence Horowitz Thea
Gruffalo Holy Fine George P
Stickman Forrest Morpurgo Fletcher
Dahl Taylor Rauf Kathryn

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

Hungry C	Frankie	Wilson	Aaron
Rainbow Fish	Noah	Walliams	Alexandra
Elmer	Archie	Simon	Elianna
Funnybones	Alex	Fine	George W
Gruffalo	Rosie	Horowitz	Molly P
Stickman	Julia	Morpurgo	Aria
Dahl	Albie	Rauf	Iola



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

Elmer and Funnybones



Achievements outside of school...

Nathan (Y4W) appeared in CBBC's Newsround yesterday—congratulations!

