



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children will be taking part in assessments over the next week or so....we encourage them all to do their best and be a Craylearner!

## Craylearning

Yesterday, we celebrated the Craylearning value of 'Asking questions' with those children chosen by class teachers—a big well done to all those who were chosen.

In assembly, on Wednesday, we discussed how the children can demonstrate the Craylearning skills in their lives. These are some of the suggestions for the remaining skills for the rest of the year.

### Risk Take

- Have a go at work when you are uncertain
- Have a go at answering a question in class
- Try something new
- Work with someone you have never worked with before
- Play a new game
- Join a new club outside of school

### Never worry about making mistakes

- Have a go at work when you are uncertain and don't worry if you get it wrong
- Answer a question and don't worry if you get it wrong
- Remember we learn when we make a mistake
- F.A.I.L. stands for First Attempt In Learning
- Remember the power of YET - I can't do it Yet.

### Enjoy finding things out with others

- Work well with those in your class
- Listen to what others have to say
- Co-operate and share with others
- Support others in the class

### Research using the books and the internet

- Use books to find out about what you are learning in school
- Use the internet to find out about what you are learning in school
- Know how to use the internet safely to research

### Succeed using resources

- Use equipment available to you in lessons eg rulers, Numicon, dictionary
- Use the displays in the classroom
- Use the adults in the class to help you
- Use each other to help you
- Remember that you will be in the learning pit at some point so use resources to help you get out of it.

Who will get a Values certificate later in the year?

**Parents Evening 3/4/25:** Please book to see your child's teacher at:

<https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please note you do NOT need to book an appointment with Mrs Stone unless you feel your child may have additional educational needs.

## Reading mornings

We look forward to seeing many of you at your child's reading morning over the next couple of weeks. They take place in mobile 1—the library.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock!

## Important dates

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+

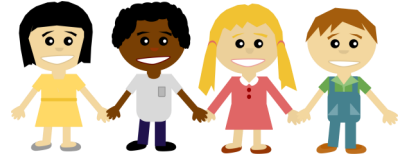
## EYFS DIARY DATES

Reading afternoons-  
Wednesday 19/3/25 at 2.45pm and Tuesday 25/3/25 at 2.45pm

Parent Presentation -  
Expected Levels of At-  
tainment & Y1 Transition  
Wed 2/4/25 2.20pm

Parent and Child Number  
Workshop -  
Thursday 1/5/25 9am

# EYFS NEWS



We are all excited by the runner beans sprouting this week and now the race is on for the tallest! The children are demonstrating good observation skills and understanding of plant life cycles and parts of a flower. Also, this week they have had the opportunity to exercise fine motor strength by peeling carrots, parsnips and onions with an adult whilst talking about healthy foods, safety and hygiene around food and using equipment.

In Numeracy, the children have been exploring how smaller numbers are part of bigger numbers. By using numicon they can see and say for example that 3 and 2 and 5 are parts that make the whole 10. They are also learning to explain their understanding of numbers eg to know that 8 is not part of 5 because it is bigger.

Coming up next week ....

Literacy - The Enormous Turnip

Numeracy - Exploring doubles up to 10, odd numbers and composition.

A polite reminder to please return home learning and reading books on a Wednesday. We have noticed a number of books are coming in late. The timetable in class is packed and Wednesday is allocated to changing books and sharing home learning. Thank you for your help with this.

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

Parent Presentation - Ex-  
pected Levels of Attainment  
and Year 1 Transition  
Wednesday 2nd April 2.20pm

Parent and Child Number  
Workshop -  
Thursday 1st May 9am



## Lenny's Den News

This week we have focussed on polar animals and the cold habitat. Our topic box song was 'Six little penguins', we had lots of counting practice during this, the children enjoyed listening to the song and seeing the penguins disappear as we worked out 1 less each time. Our sensory tuff tray was a snowy scene of different textures, a good opportunity for mark making and to work on fine motor skills. There were a selection of polar animals in the tray, the children enjoyed naming them, burying them in the snow and using them for imaginative play. The children have worked hard on their communication this week, using PECs and communication boards in our structured group activities. We made a penguin silhouette picture, the children enjoyed painting and printing with bubble wrap. Ice painting was a hit this week, a fun sensory experience for all. We also made polar bear faces using paper plates and a range of resources, the children created some beautiful pieces! Bucket time, stage 2, was a snow fountain, glitter and snowflakes blown up in the air by a balloon - lots of anticipation and laughter for this one. Stage 3 the children took turns to use a magnetic fishing rod to catch a penguin, they were very patient waiting their turn.

# Dates for your diary

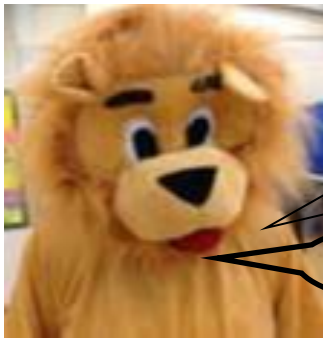
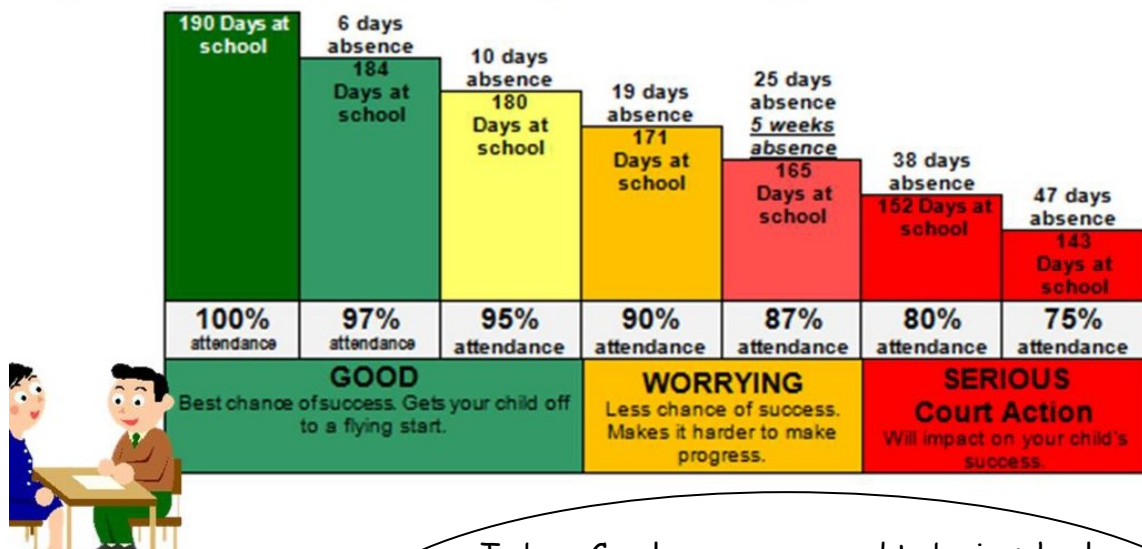
We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

There will be other events which we will let you know as far in advance as possible when they have been finalised.

	<b><u>TERM 4 DATES</u></b>
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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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 (no pupils)
22/4	Start of T5

	<b><u>TERM 5 DATES</u></b>
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	97.6%	3
Funnybones	90.6%	6
Gruffalo	96.6%	2
Stickman	97.3%	3
Dahl	98.6%	3
Wilson	90.3%	8
Simon	96.6%	6
Walliams	97.6%	4
Fine	96.0%	3
Horowitz	98.3%	2
Morpurgo	98.4%	3
Ralph	93.3%	5

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

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Gruffalo vs Dahl 829      6088 Dahl wins!	Year 2
Stickman vs Wilson 13492      15431 Wilson wins!	ns
Simon vs Fine 11700      5646 Simon wins!	Year 3
Walliams vs Horowitz 6886      12485 Horowitz wins!	ns
Morpurgo vs Rauf 1503      5611 Rauf wins!	Year 4
	ns
	Year 5
	ns
	Year 6

<b>Rainbow Fish</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Brody Zya-Jae Audrey	<b>Hungry Caterpillars</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Nivid Luna Daniel	<b>Funnybones</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Myra Ethan-Andrew Luna-Grey	<b>Elmer</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Dave David Ayaan	<b>Stickman</b> Amir Nahil Forrest	<b>Gruffalo</b> Madison Morire Jasper	<b>Dahl</b> Kayleigh-Olive Khalid Henry
<b>Wilson</b> Dylan Gabriel Sofia	<b>Simon</b> Arlind Mia-Rose Matthew	<b>Walliams</b> Dylan Adrian Ethan	<b>Horowitz</b> Alexander Rowan Nathan	<b>Fine</b> Inika Harry Evie G-R	<b>Morpurgo</b> Oliver Tristan Jude	<b>Rauf</b> 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 <a href="http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk">For parents   Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)</a>
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Capacity <a href="#">Y2 Spring Block 4 TS6 Measure in millilitres on Vimeo</a>	Phonics <a href="http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk">For parents   Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)</a>
Dahl/Wilson	Assessment week	Assessment week
Walliams/Simon	Mixed numbers and improper fractions <a href="#">Y4 Spring Block 3 TS7 Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions on Vimeo</a>	Prefixes <a href="#">What are prefixes? - BBC Bitesize</a>
Horowitz/Fine	Solve multiplication and division problems <a href="#">Y5 Spring Block 1 TS11 Solve problems with multiplication and division on Vimeo</a>	Revision <a href="#">KS2 English SATs paper - Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling - Year 6 Practice - BBC Bitesize</a>
Morpurgo/Rauf	Shape <a href="#">Y6 Summer Block 1 TS1 Measure and classify angles</a>	Revision <a href="#">KS2 English SATs paper - Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling - Year 6 Practice - BBC Bitesize</a>



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	Daniel	Wilson	A'Driel
Rainbow Fish	Felicity	Walliams	Demi
Elmer	James	Simon	Iyla
Funnybones	Elizabeth	Horowitz	Rowan
Gruffalo	ON TRIP	Fine	Evie G
Stickman	ON TRIP	Morpurgo	Adam
Dahl	Riley	Rauf	Aiza

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

Hungry C	Sadie	Wilson	Dylan
Rainbow Fish	Isla Rose	Walliams	Raphael
Elmer	Sienna	Simon	Riley
Funnybones	Ronnie	Fine	Evie C, Lauren, Danny,
Gruffalo	ON TRIP	Horowitz	Emilija
Stickman	ON TRIP	Morpurgo	Savana
Dahl	Kayleigh-Olive	Rauf	Kayla



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

**Dahl Class**



## Achievements outside of school...

Ali in Stickman class took part in his first ever grading at kickboxing and was awarded his red stripe belt with a merit pass-grade (only the top 15% of participants are given this grade). Well done Ali!