



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that those members of the community that celebrate Holi, had an enjoyable couple of days over the past weekend.

Year 2 Kent Life

Last Friday, the Year 2 children visited Kent Life as part of their learning on the Victorian period of history. They had a Victorian workshop whilst they were learning about what it would have been like to have been a child in the Victorian times. They also enjoyed seeing the animals and having a ride on the tractor. I have heard nothing but positive things about how engaged and well behaved the children were on the trip so well done to them all. Thank you to the staff who arranged the visit and to those adults who accompanied the children on the day.

School Meal Payments

After months and months of discussions, we are now almost ready to move onto cashless payments for school meals. This system will be up and running for our return after the Easter holidays and a separate letter will be sent out about this in due course. It will be important that any payments that need to be made for this term are done so before this transition over to the cashless system. As a school, we will be taking ownership of taking the money in and chasing anyone who has not paid and so it is important that we start with a clean slate and that all payments are made before the transition.

Reading mornings

Thank you to those who attended reading mornings and the EYFS reading afternoons this week. A reminder that there are more reading mornings next week for the rest of KS2. We look forward to seeing many of you there in mobile 1—the library.

Consultation evening

On Thursday 3rd April you are invited in to meet your child's class teacher at the next parents/carers consultation evening. A letter will have already been sent out about this and I hope you have been able to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher and find out how they are progressing this year. There will be a chance to see some of your child's books this time also. Please book at:

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

A data report will be sent out the day before the parent/carers consultation so that you can see how your child has attained this year; these can then be discussed further in person if you have any questions.

A reminder that you do not have to wait until a parents/carers evening to discuss your child's progress—please do ensure that you book an appointment to see your child's teacher if you ever have any concerns. It is always best to address these as soon as you have them rather than let them wait and build up over time.

Clubs

A reminder that next week is the last week of after school clubs run by teaching staff. We hope that the children have enjoyed taking part in the clubs this term and we look forward to offering new opportunities after Easter for the summer term.

Important dates

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 (no children in school)
4/4	End of term 4 (no children in school)
22/4	Start of term 5
5/5	BANK HOLIDAY
7/5	Wellbeing session
12th— 15th /5	YEAR 6 SATS take place (ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS)
20/5	3.30pm Meeting for Y5 parents re 11+
23/5	End of term 5

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let the School Office know by 9am either by emailing attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk or by calling the School Office.

Many thanks

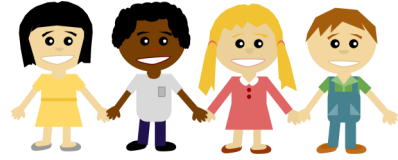
EYFS DIARY DATES

Parent Presentation - Expected Levels of Attainment and Y1 Transition
Wed 2nd April 2.20pm

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

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



It was lovely to have so many parents able to attend the reading afternoon this week. The children get very excited about having their grown up in class. There is a second chance to come next week on Tuesday afternoon.

In Numeracy this week the children have been practising their doubles and explaining what makes a double. We have also introduced the vocabulary of odd and even. A great way to support this at home is to play sharing games between two toys or two people - Can you share 7 grapes between two teddies? Explore and talk.

In Literacy, we have sequenced the story of The Enormous Turnip and added different vocabulary eg the turnip would not 'budge' and 'heave' instead of pull.

Coming up next week -

Literacy text is Oliver's Fruit Salad - we will be making fruit kebabs.

Numeracy - exploring 3D shapes

Please continue to play, chat and read at home to support your child's development.

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Lenny's Den News

This week has been dinosaur themed! The children have had a lot of fun with our sensory swamp tuff tray, fantastic mark making and some enjoyed their socks off and feet in! The children could make the dinosaurs stomp around in the swamp, there were lots of noises and textures to explore. Our topic box song had 3 dinosaurs, one big, one fierce and one hungry. The children had actions to join in with and they really enjoyed the singing. We made shape dinosaurs, practicing our fine motor skills, matching skills and naming shapes. The children made dinosaurs using paper plates and kitchen roll tubes, they focussed well and enjoyed making their own dinosaur. Bucket time stage 2 was a volcano eruption! Lots of anticipation and excitement for this one! Stage 3 was choosing a dinosaur mask and stomping on numbered footprints, the children did well practicing their 1:1 correspondence and waited for their turn. The children have engaged in lots of play, inside and outside, we have seen some lovely interaction this week!

Thank you to those who could join us for the reading afternoon, the children really enjoyed it.

Dates for your diary

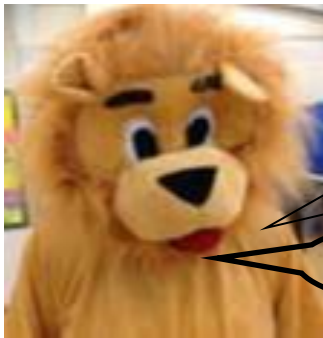
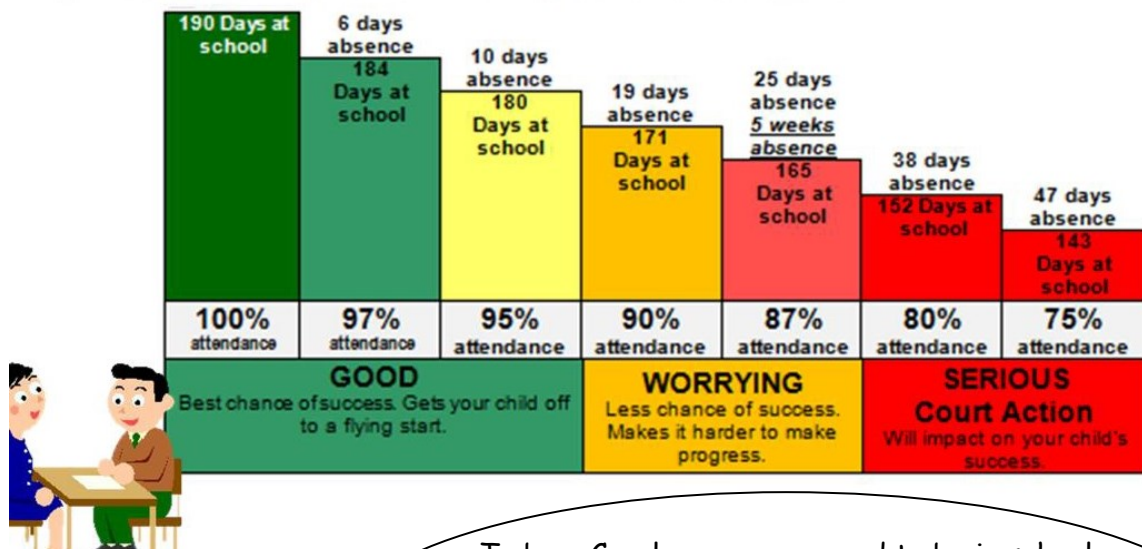
We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

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

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
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 (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	96.6%	3
Funnybones	94.0%	6
Gruffalo	90.6%	9
Stickman	98.6%	2
Dahl	97.0%	2
Wilson	98.6%	2
Simon	96.3%	6
Walliams	96.3%	6
Fine	98.6%	2
Horowitz	98.3%	3
Morpurgo	95.6%	4
Ralph	90.6%	5

WELL DONE TO.....Stickman, Wilson and Fine Classes for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Year 2 7595</p> <p>Year 3 40,780</p> <p>Year 4 17139</p> <p>Year 5 32838</p> <p>Year 6 9988</p> <p>Year 3 WINS!</p>	<p>Boys vs Girls in each class</p>

<p>Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Laila Beauden Grayson</p>	<p>Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Arthur Alice Iris</p>	<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Ronnie Caleb Myra</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots David Archie Dave</p>		<p>Y2 Nahil Amir Julia</p>	
<p>Y3 Khalid Chloe Gabriel</p>		<p>Y4 Arlind Dylan Alexandra</p>		<p>Y5 Alexander Angela Sebastian</p>		<p>Y6 Safia Selina Oliver</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	Capacity Y2 Spring Block 4 TS6 Measure in millilitres on Vimeo	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Fractions Y3 Spring Block 3 TS1 Understand the denominators of unit fractions on Vimeo	Speech How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Assessment week	Assessment week
Horowitz/Fine	Assessment week	Assessment week
Morpurgo/Rauf	Shape Y6 Summer Block 1 TS6 Angles in a triangle missing angles on Vimeo	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 Edie Wilson Roselyn
Rainbow Fish Luna Walliams Ayla

Elmer William Simon Jack

Funnybones Albie Horowitz Nathan G

Gruffalo Mia Fine George P
Stickman Whole class Morpurgo Harmony

Dahl Freddie P Rauf Jack

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

Hungry C	Meziyah	Wilson	Jai
Rainbow Fish	Isabelle	Walliams	Elliot
Elmer	Ayaan	Simon	Emily
Funnybones	Leonardo	Fine	Mae
Gruffalo	Teddy	Horowitz	Enzo
Stickman	Sebi	Morpurgo	Joseph
Dahl	Jake	Rauf	Adam



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

Stickman, Wilson and Fine Classes



Achievements outside of school...

Emily from Funnybones was awarded The Chief Scout Acorn which is the highest award that can be earned in their section at Scouts. Emily met the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress to receive her badge and certificate. Well done Emily!

Congratulations to Thea (Stickman) on her cheerleading achievement. Her team Neon competed at the Future Cheer Spotlight Showdown on Saturday and came 1st place.