



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 5

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been nice to see the sunshine return this week—a sign that spring is here and not too long before summer!

Jewellery

I have noticed over the past couple of weeks that there have been lots of children wearing jewellery in school, particularly necklaces that they are trying to hide under their jumpers. Jewellery is not part of school uniform and necklaces are a health and safety issue as they could be pulled when children are playing or during PE. Please can you ensure that your child is not wearing a necklace to school.

A reminder also that earrings should be small studs which can either be removed for PE lessons or taped over; you should be providing the tape for your child to do this—we can not help to take them out or to tape over them.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

This week in assembly, we marked international day for elimination of racial discrimination by discussing what equality means and how we can ensure that everyone is treated respectfully no matter their ethnicity or skin colour. We discussed what racial discrimination may look like, including:

- saying mean things to someone because of their skin colour;
- excluding someone because of their skin colour;
- making someone feel like they don't belong because of their heritage;
- making fun of someone because of the customs and traditions they practice;
- making fun of someone because of their language or accent;
- stereotyping different cultures;
- treating one person or a group of people unfairly because of their skin colour or where they are from

If you would like to continue this important conversation at home, these resources may be beneficial:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/racism-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/talking-with-children-and-young-people-about-race-and-racism>

Parents/Carers evening

We look forward to seeing many of you at the parents/carers consultations next week on Thursday; a reminder that unfortunately Elmer class will not have their consultations and that these will occur in term 5.

Girls football

A big well done to the girls football team who have made it through to the Dartford Schools Football League finals in May! They won 2-0 last night!

Important dates

3/4	Parents/Carers evening
4/4	INSET DAY
4/4	End of term 4 (no children in school)
22/4	Start of term 5
27-30/4	Y4 residential
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+ in school
23/5	End of term 5
2/6	Term 6 begins
6/6	Sports day KS2 A.M. EYFS/ KS1 P.M.
13/6	Reserve sports day

NO RIDING SCOOTERS ON SITE PLEASE!

Please do not allow children to ride scooters on the school site for health and safety reasons, especially up and down the paths that are being used.
Many thanks

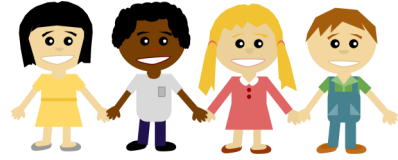
EYFS DIARY DATES

Parent Presentation -
Expected Levels of Attainment and Year 1 Transition
Wed 2nd April 2.20pm

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

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



The children enjoyed making their fruit kebabs this week; they have demonstrated a good understanding of the need for healthy foods and a balanced diet.

The math unit this week focuses on 3D shapes and we have been exploring these through play. We have been encouraging the children to explain the properties of the shapes and sorting them accordingly e.g. can they roll, can they stack, have they got pointy bits. We have introduced mathematical words - vertices, faces as well as the names of shapes.

Again, it was lovely to see so many parents able to attend the reading afternoon on Tuesday.

Coming up -

Next week is short, we will be immersing ourselves in spring craft, continuing with daily phonics and embedding number concepts covered this term.

Remember there is an EYFS parent presentation in the hall on Wednesday 2nd March at 2.20pm. It will explain the end of year profile your child is working towards and effective transition to Year 1.

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Lenny's Den News

Our second week of dinosaurs has been lots of fun! Our topic box was '10 Little Dinosaurs', the children were fantastic at working out how many dinosaurs were left after each round, and we did lots of practice of showing amounts on our fingers. Our tuff tray was a volcano with sand and dinosaurs, the children loves making the dinosaurs stomp around, good opportunities for mark making and making dinosaur footprints. Shoes and socks often came off and feet were in the sand! We have made some volcano art using pipettes and straws, the children really enjoyed this and focussed well. They made a dinosaur picture using printing sponges, lots of fun. We have enjoyed outside play in the some sunshine this week, some lovely interaction and taking turns. Our bucket time stage 2 was dinosaur splat, messy fun! Stage 3 was counting dinosaurs, the children took turns to gather different amounts of dinosaurs.

Thank you to those who could join us for the reading afternoon

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.

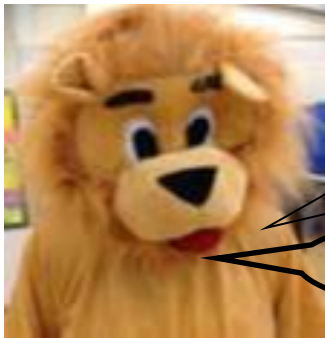
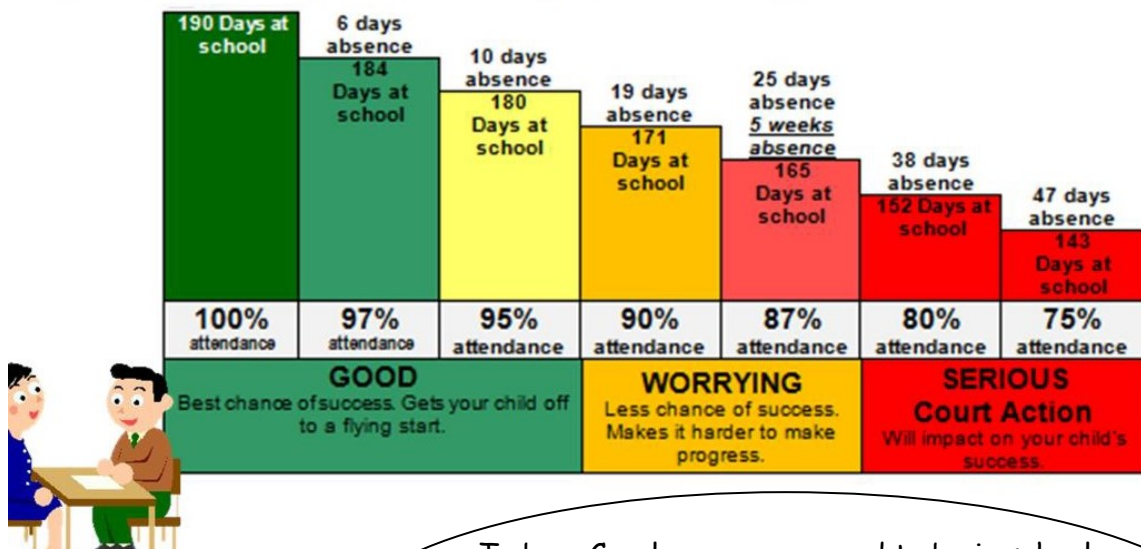
There will be other events which we will let you know as far in advance as possible when they have been finalised.

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
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
12/5–15/5	KS2 SATS
20/5	Meeting for Y5 parents re 11+ in school
23/5	End of term

	<u>TERM 6 DATES</u>
2/6	Times Tables check starts for Y4
4/6	Class Photos
6/6	Sports day
9/6–13/6	Year 1 phonics screening check
13/6	Reserve sports day
5/3	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1– 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL FOR A FUN SESSION—DETAILS TBC
16/6	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
17/6	Funnybones reading morning 830–855—mobile 1
18/6	Gruffalo reading morning 830–855—mobile 1
18/6	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS 1– 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL FOR A FUN SESSION
19/6	Stickman reading morning 830–855—mobile 1

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	95.0%	1
Funnybones	92.0%	4
Gruffalo	94.6%	4
Stickman	96.0%	4
Dahl	93.8%	3
Wilson	91.3%	2
Simon	94.5%	4
Walliams	94.6%	5
Fine	96.0%	7
Horowitz	96.5%	3
Morpurgo	96.1%	4
Ralph	94.3%	4

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Year 2G girls won!</p> <p>Year 2S boys won!</p> <p>Year 3W boys won!</p> <p>Year 3D boys won!</p> <p>Y4S boys won!</p> <p>Y4W boys won!</p> <p>Y5F boys won!</p> <p>Year 5H boys won!</p> <p>Y6M boys won!</p> <p>Y6R Girls won!</p>	<p>Boys vs Girls across the whole school</p> <p>(Please note that points scored after 8p.m. will not count)</p>

<p>Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Grayson Brodie Beauden</p>	<p>Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Soraya Alice Lilly</p>	<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Ronnie Elizabeth Myra</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Dave David Kirsty</p>	<p>Y2 Boys</p> <p>Jasper Amir</p>	<p>Y2 Girls</p> <p>Holly Madison Sienna Julia</p>	<p>Y3 Girls</p> <p>Kayleigh-Olive Ava Sofia Chloe Sofia I Aniya</p>
<p>Y3 boys</p> <p>Riaan Lenny Khalid Dylan Gabriel Jace</p>	<p>Y4 boys</p> <p>Arlind Hayden Hari Dylan Elliot Charlie</p>	<p>Y4 girls</p> <p>Elsie Elianna Poppy Alexandra Tiwa Ellie</p>	<p>Y5 Girls</p> <p>Angela Poppy Olivia Lola Mae</p>	<p>Y5 boys</p> <p>Alexander Kieran Rowan Harry Daniel Ronnie</p>	<p>Y6 Boys</p> <p>Alfie George Oliver Zain Freddy Harrison</p>	<p>Y6 Girls</p> <p>Lilly</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	Addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Unit and non unit fractions Y3 Spring Block 3 TS2 Compare and order unit fractions on Vimeo	Questions How to use question marks - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Subtracting fractions Y4 Spring Block 3 TS13 Subtract two fractions on Vimeo	Contractions Using apostrophes - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine		
Morpurgo/Rauf	Shape Y6 Summer Block 1 TS9 Circles 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 *Maia* Wilson *Marco*
Rainbow Fish Brodie Walliams *Dylan*

Elmer *Verity* Simon *Zayan*

Funnybones *Harrison* Horowitz *Oliver G*

Gruffalo *Malakai* Fine *Jovel*
Stickman *Kit* Morpurgo *Saule*

Dahl *Sienna* Rauf *Jensen*

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

Hungry C	<i>Arthur</i>	Wilson	<i>Chloe</i>
Rainbow Fish	<i>Rosie</i>	Walliams	<i>Ethan</i>
Elmer	<i>Busi</i>	Simon	<i>Mia-Rose</i>
Funnybones	<i>Ada</i>	Fine	<i>Aman</i>
Gruffalo	<i>Poppy</i>	Horowitz	<i>Oliver G</i>
Stickman	<i>Nancy</i>	Morpurgo	<i>Helena</i>
Dahl	<i>Khalid</i>	Rauf	<i>Oscar</i>



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

Horowitz Class



Achievements outside of school...

Ottillie (Y2S) has achieved her Marathon wristband this week having completed 21 Junior Park Runs. Parents are very proud of her—well done Ottillie!