



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 2

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a glorious summery week we have had this week—a glimpse of summer to come hopefully!

Year 4 residential

This week, half of the Year 4 year group attended their residential to Grosvenor Hall in Ashford. Leaving on Sunday and returning on Wednesday afternoon, they had a jam packed itinerary including archery, zip line, bushcraft fire making and the exhilarating leap of faith and 3G swing. I have been informed that they all used their Craylearning skills to take risks and enjoy working with others to complete the activities and support each other. A big thank you to Mrs Stone, Mr Ellen, Mrs John, Mrs Stammer, Miss Lynn and Mrs Strudwick for attending, giving up their family time to spend time to support and look after the children whilst they were away.

Mrs Stone will be in contact with the current Year 3 families soon to discuss any interest in attending next year; we had the lowest number attend this year so we do need to consider whether it is worth continuing with this residential if we do not have enough children attending.

Year 4 who did not go—a message from Mrs Woodham

The last few days have flown by with Year 4 having fun. They have played games, painted and created wonderful artwork for the school play and many have learnt how to weave. The weather has been beautiful, so there has been lots of football and tennis and a fun swimming session and a film on Wednesday. I am very impressed with all of the children who have behaved wonderfully. Well done to all of the Year 4 children who remained at school.

Mrs Woodham

School meals

Please pay for school meals in advance—we have 17 outstanding debts. Your child should not be having a meal unless it has been paid for. Please do your best to pay at the start of each week on our School Gateway system, just type in the amount you wish to pay. Thankyou.

Year 1 trip

Last Friday, I had the absolute privilege of attending the Year 1 trip to Kent Life. The children were impeccably well behaved and enjoyed their time looking around at all the animals and the houses from the past. They also took part in a workshop, learning about vegetables that grow at this time of year, chopping them up, grating, peeling and then with adult help, making soup out of them. I hope that they enjoyed the soup when they got home—it smelt delicious.

KS2 SATS

A reminder that during SATs week (w/c 12th May) it is imperative that ALL Year 6 children are in school EVERY DAY and that they arrive on time also.

Wishing you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend— Mr Hiscock

Important dates

5/5	BANK HOLIDAY
7/5	Wellbeing session
8/5	VE day celebrations- wear red, white and blue colours
12th— 15th /5	YEAR 6 SATS take place (ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS)
16th May	Friends of Craylands disco
20/5	3.30pm Meeting for Y5 parents re 11+
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
7/7— 11/7	Year 6 Isle of Wight residential

VE Day

We will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May by inviting the children to wear red, white and blue on the day. We will be hosting a gathering at lunch and playing some WW2 music and encouraging the children to take part in a bit of dancing from the era.

EYFS NEWS



So, the caterpillars are growing nicely and the children have been excited to check in on them every morning and report back. We have discussed and recorded the life-cycle of a butterfly and written short sentences about caterpillars for Literacy.

We are concentrating on teen numbers and the ability to count on in number work as well as continually developing number talk and number sense in all contexts.

Hot weather guidance

- Provide a named water bottle every day - do not be alarmed if bottles appear to be nearly full when coming home, it does not mean your child has not hydrated as we re-fill them in the day as necessary. We ensure the children are drinking plenty.
- Apply suncream before school, there are good all-day creams on the market. If you wish suncream to be reapplied then your child should be able to do this themselves with some supervision. Please provide cream with a name on it and we will store it in class.
- Provide a named sun hat.

We manage the amount of time children spend outside if temperatures are very high and we teach the children about sun safety.

It was good to see such good attendance at the Number Workshop on Thursday. The children were excited to be in the hall with you and we hope it was useful.

DAIRY DATES - Parent Stay and Play Afternoons will be open for electronic bookings very shortly, keep an eye out for an email from the office.

The dates are as follows

Tuesday 10th June, Thursday 19th June, Tuesday 24th June

1.45pm - 3.15pm

There will be 10 spaces available per class per session.



Lenny's Den News

We have had a fun, sunshine filled week this week. Our 'All about me' topic started this week so our topic box song was 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. We enjoyed singing and joining in with the actions, the children did really well using visuals to show each body part in the song. Our tuff tray was blank faces with lots of different objects such as, buttons, pompoms etc to create the facial features, the children enjoyed making faces and showing different emotions, they also listened to the sound buttons and did lots of talking for this. We had a group playdough game to play, the children did really well taking turns to roll the body part dice, whatever it landed on we used playdough on our people playdough mats to show that body part, the children did amazingly with this activity. Bucket time was 'baby bath' for stage 2, the children watched as I washed a baby doll, we said the body parts and sang a washing song. Stage 3 was Mr Potato Head, the children took turns to choose a body part to add to the potato. The children have focussed and engaged in all learning really well. We have had lots of fun in the sun, the children have loved some running games, bubbles, the sand pit and water tray, some lovely interaction and taking turns.

As the weather is hopefully getting better and better please do send a hat in for the children, we do like to get out in the sunshine.

Dates for your diary

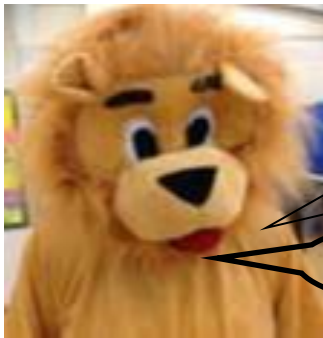
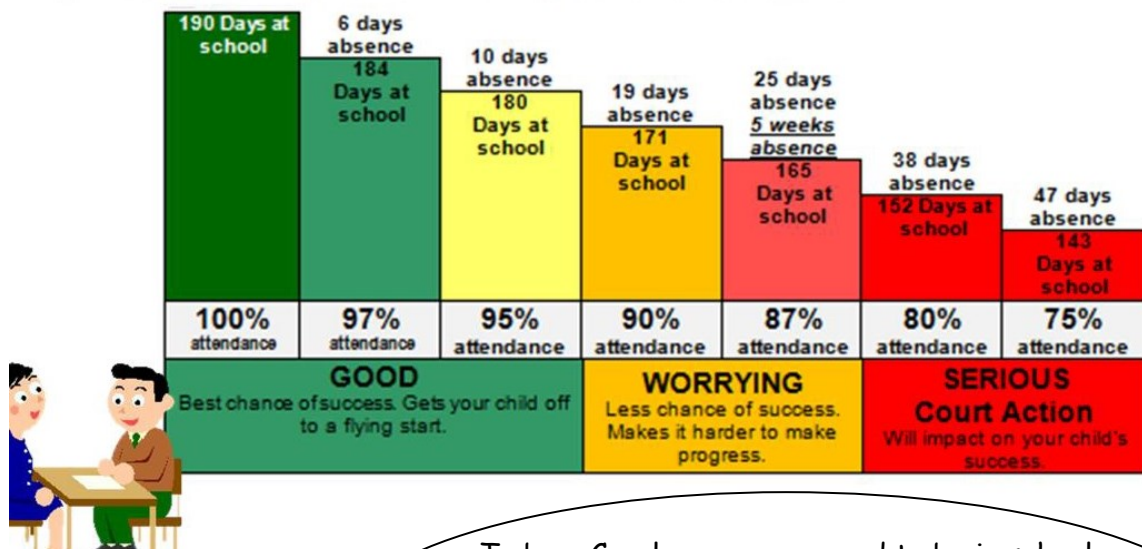
We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

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

	<u>TERM 5 DATES</u>
7/5	WELL BEING SESSION—YEARS R – 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL FOR A FUN SESSION. Book at https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk
8/5	VE day celebrations—children to wear red, white and blue to school
12/5—15/5	KS2 SATS
16/5	Friends of Craylands Disco
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 R – 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL FOR A FUN SESSION Book at
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 R – 6 INVITED TO STAY IN SCHOOL UNTIL FOR A FUN SESSION Book at
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	93.3%	5
Funnybones	94.0%	4
Gruffalo	99.3%	1
Stickman	92.0%	6
Dahl	98.6%	2
Wilson	98.2%	3
Simon	92.3%	7
Walliams	98.3%	3
Fine	97.2%	6
Horowitz	96.2%	4
Morpurgo	98.1%	2
Ralph	95.3%	4

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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 4552 748 Stickman wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 12477 8801 Dahl wins!</p> <p>Williams vs Simon 5006 4380 Williams wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 5647 1621 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo 6102 858 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Dahl</p> <p>Wilson vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Simon vs Morpurgo</p> <p>Williams vs Horowitz</p> <p>Fine vs Rauf</p>

<p>Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Soraya Daniel Liam</p>	<p>Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Sofia Beauden Brodie</p>	<p>Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Ethan-Andrew Elizabeth Louie</p>	<p>Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Franky Dave</p>	<p>Stickman Amir Nahil Ottilie</p>	<p>Gruffalo Madison Sienna Morire</p>	<p>Dahl Khalid Rowan Riaan</p>
<p>Wilson Gabriel Jace Sofia</p>	<p>Williams Alexandra Dylan Nate</p>	<p>Simon Theo Arlind Elsie</p>	<p>Horowitz Nathan Alexander Rowan</p>	<p>Fine Inika Olivia Joshua</p>	<p>Rauf Safia Selina Zain</p>	<p>Morpurgo Oliver Tristan Alfie</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	Fining halves, quarters, thirds Y2 Summer Block 1 TS6 Find a quarter on Vimeo Y2 Summer Block 1 TS8 Find a third on Vimeo	Phonics For parents Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Capacity Y3 Spring Block 4 TS7 Measure capaci-	Apostrophes Using apostrophes - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Residential	Residential
Horowitz/Fine		
Morpurgo/Rauf	Revision KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize	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	Around the world
Year 3	Ancient Greeks
Year 4	Ancient Egyptians
Year 5	Coasts & Europe
Year 6	Swanscombe now and then

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	<i>Sofia-Rose & Ralph</i>	Wilson	Casey
Rainbow Fish	Reian	Walliams	Whole class
Elmer	<i>Rico</i>	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	<i>Millie</i>	Horowitz	Tyler
Gruffalo	<i>Theo</i>	Fine	Joshua
Stickman	<i>Mylah</i>	Morpurgo	Felippe
Dahl	<i>Freddie D</i>	Rauf	Olivia

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

Hungry C	<i>Iris</i>	Wilson	Aaron
Rainbow Fish	<i>Grayson</i>	Walliams	Whole class
Elmer	<i>Whole class</i>	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	<i>Sienna</i>	Fine	Daniel
Gruffalo	<i>Harvey</i>	Horowitz	Pedro
Stickman	<i>Ben T</i>	Morpurgo	Daisy
Dahl	<i>Briony</i>	Rauf	Freddy



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

Gruffalo Class



Achievements outside of school...



Park Fitness
Active Now
BOOTCAMP
 Wednesdays
 3 pm- 4 pm
 Penn Green Park,
 Northfleet, Gravesend
 DA11 8FH
FREE FOR ALL TO ENJOY
 Book via the GCLL App,
 online at gcll.co.uk or
 just turn up.
 Running weekly from 28th April- 26th September 2025
FREE GROUP EXERCISE
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Get together
Get active

Gravesham Borough Council
 Ebbsfleet Garden City
 GCLL
 Swanscombe

- **Park Tennis**, every Sunday 10-11am at Castle Hill tennis courts starting 11th May – open to people of all ages and abilities, children need to be supervised by an adult.

- **Park Fitness**, boot camp sessions open to all abilities aged 16+, every Wednesday 3-4pm at Penn Green Park, Springhead, starting next Weds 30th May.



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 Running weekly from 28th April- 26th September

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Yoga	Wednesday	10- 11 am	St Gregory's Open Space
Bootcamp	Wednesday	3-4 pm	Penn Green Park da118fh
Stretch & Tone	Thursday	9.45- 10.45 am	Gravesend Promenade
Tai Chi	Friday	11- 12 pm	Woodlands Park

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