



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that we are not in school next Friday due to an INSET day; I can not believe we are near the end of term 1 already!

Harvest

On 13th October, we will be celebrating Harvest with an assembly. Each year, we ask for any kind donations you may be able to give so that we can send them to those who are in need. Please could we ask that if you have any tins of food or packets of food (non-perishable items), could you please start to send them into school on Monday. Thank you in advance for any donations you may be able to provide.

Governors

This week, we have our first governors meeting of the year. Our governors are currently:

CHAIR: Miss Kerner

VICE CHAIR: Mrs Callanan

STAFF: Mrs Scarborough

PARENT: Miss Espline

LA GOVERNOR: Mrs Adetokumbo

CO-OPTED: Mrs Chandler

Mr Akinwale

Ms Tony-Fadipe

We are looking to recruit another 3 governors to the full governing body. Do you know someone who has an interest in the school and would like to make a difference to the children's school life?

We can not take parents of children at the school but we can take other family members, friends or work colleagues. If you know someone who would be interested, please email admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk with their details and we will get in touch with them.

Black History Month

We have begun to mark Black History Month in our assemblies this week. We have been listening to music from black artists and we focused on black authors including Malorie Blackman, Dapo Adeola and Sharna Jackson; we also discussed the importance of representation in the books that we read.

We will hopefully be asking the Friends of Craylands for a donation towards some more books for classes to ensure we have representation in the books that the children can read.

Thank you to all of you who have attended a reading morning over the past couple of weeks; the children really do appreciate your time with them.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

16/10	Last day of term
17/10	INSET DAY—no children in school
27/10	INSET DAY—no children in school
28/10	Children return for term 2
10/11	EYFS SEPT 2026 IN-TAKE TOURS
12/11	EYFS/ KS1 (Including Lenny's Den) anti bullying workshop
13/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop
14/11	Children in need—own clothes day
17/11	EYFS SEPT 2026 IN-TAKE TOURS
19/11	Well being session during school time
27/11	Parents/carers evening
1/12	Elmer reading morning (including members of Lenny's den) 830—855—mobile 1
2/12	Funnybones (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/12	Gruffalo (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/12	Stickman (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/12	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
8/12	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1

Emotional wellbeing workshop

Thank you to the many of you who attended this workshop; if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 1 DATES</u>
17/10	Last day of term—INSET DAY NO CHILDREN
	<u>TERM 2 DATES</u>
27/10	INSET DAY
28/10	Children return to school
10/11	NEW EYFS INTAKE OPEN MORNING 915 OR 1030
12/11	KS1 anti bullying workshop
13/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop
14/11	Children in Need—own clothes day
17/11	NEW EYFS INTAKE OPEN MORNING 915 OR 1030
19/11	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—315p.m.
27/11	Parents/carers evening
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2/12	Funnybones (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/12	Gruffalo (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/12	Stickman (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/12	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
8/12	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
9/12	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/12	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/12	KS1 Xmas sing song a.m. EYFS Xmas performance p.m.
11/12	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/12	EYFS Xmas performance a.m. KS1 Xmas sing song p.m.
12/12	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
15/12	Y3 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
16/12	Y4 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
17/12	Y5 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
18/12	Y6 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time
Dates to be confirmed: Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day, Christmas film nights, Christmas fair	

EYFS NEWS



The children are really enjoying sharing their home learning books with each other and with adults. They love looking back at their experiences with pride. This is an excellent learning vehicle to engage the children in meaningful conversations and to develop language skills.

Phonemes coming up in the final week are h b f l. After half term we will assess the children on all of the phonemes taught in Autumn Term 1. As always please support at home by saying the sound for each letter learnt so far, play initial sound games and check out these websites -

For parents | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Balloon Phonics: [Three-Letter Words CVC Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://topmarks.co.uk)

Phonics - [letter sounds - Early years English - BBC Bitesize](http://bbc.com)

The children are learning how to subitise in number lessons and noticing arrangements of numbers; we say "don't count say the amount" eg recognising the number dots on a dice without having to count them.

Home Learning is a sound search activity. Lastly, clarification that whilst home Learning books may come back completed before Wednesday we would ask that reading books do not come in before then. You need to read the school reading book as much as possible up to Wednesday please. Many thanks.



Lenny's Den News

This week we have been learning about sea creatures. The children have been joining in using Makaton signs. Everyone enjoyed our Under the Sea sensory story - especially the whale that sprayed water on us all! We also sang our own topic song, taking turns to choose which sea creature and action to use next. In our class maths we have been focusing on positional language, completing lots of challenges together.



Online reading books...

<https://youtu.be/H6Iw3gmX39Y> - Hair Love

<https://youtu.be/cng5mdBv3WM>—We're going to find a monster

<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>—Ruby's worry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7mOn6fdiVo>—Our Skin

Throughout October, we will be recognising Black History Month at Craylands.

Please find some links below to videos you may wish to use to continue the important discussions related to Black History, race and racism.

EYFS/KS1

[Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[Song celebrating black history](#)

[Coming to England by Floella Benjamin](#)

[Mae Jemison video](#)

KS2

Windrush generation—[What is the Windrush Generation? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black British Stories - BBC Teach](#)

[Rosa Parks - BBC Teach](#)

[Harriet Tubman - BBC Teach](#)

[KS2: Pablo Fanque - The greatest Victorian showman - BBC Teach](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Horrible Histories - Top 5: Black History Month with Oti Mabuse](#)

[Black Britons who changed the world](#)

[Black women you should know about](#)

[Black men who made history in Britain](#)

[Inspirational Black Women](#)

Race and Racism

Understanding race—Sesame Street—

https://youtu.be/Dk_HYAiS26I?si=g48I2UwaUsa_jtIB

A kids book about racism—<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>

What is racism for children— https://youtu.be/_uz5BcMzqZs?si=9MIEpbMatgox7OKw

Blue Peter—how you can help to stop racism—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-advice-for-helping-to-stop-racism>

ADHD

AWARENESS MONTH



North East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding ADHD in Children

20/11/2025 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have **questions about ADHD?** Maybe your child has received a **diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child?**

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below** or **scan the QR code:**



[Attention, Concentration, Hyperactivity and Impulsivity in Children | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

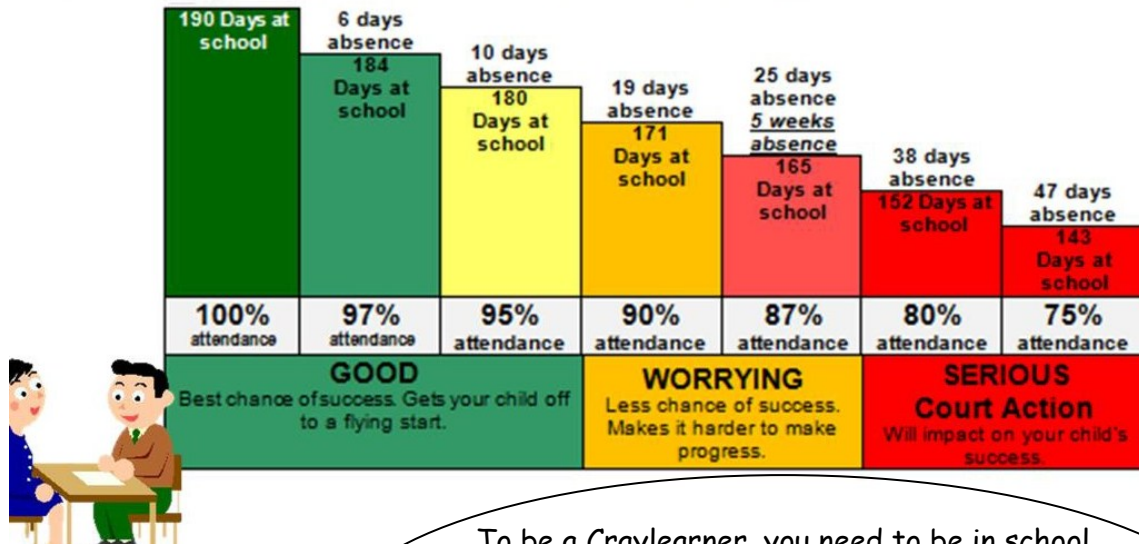
EWTanESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



www.nelft.nhs.uk

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!

HERO bear is looking for the classes in KS1 and KS2 with the best attendance—he will give recognition to the top class each term.

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week	No of times class has won HERO this term
Elmer	93.6%	3	
Funnybones	99.3%	2	2
Gruffalo	97.2%	2	
Stickman	97.9%	3	
Dahl	91.7%	4	
Wilson	91.7%	5	1
Simon	96.9%	4	1
Walliams	97.5%	1	
Fine	92.3%	7	
Horowitz	94.1%	4	
Morpurgo	97.6%	4	1
Rauf	88.2%	9	



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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Dahl: 3, 283 Wilson: 13, 589 Simon: 30, 047 Walliams:: 23, 128 SIMON WINS!</p> <p>Horowitz: 1499 Fine: 1087 Rauf: 5837 Morpurgo: 5214 Rauf wins!</p>	<h2>Teachers vs All Students!</h2>

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Arthur Maliha Frankie	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Ralph Felicity Sofia-Rose	Stickman Top 3 players on Numbots David Lewis James	Gruffalo Top 3 players on Numbots Mokolade Elizabeth Sara	Dahl Jessica Sofija Kieran
Wilson Ottilie Conor Morire	Walliams Chloe Dylan Casey	Simon Khalid Riaan Sienna	Horowitz Aryan Alexandra Dylan	Fine Tommy Arlind Riley	Morpurgo Joshua Harry Olivia	Rauf Alexander Nathan Kieran

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		Wilson	Idris
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Aniya
Elmer	Ralph	Simon	Paisley
Funnybones	Capri	Horowitz	Raph
Lenny's Den	Aurora	Fine	David
Gruffalo	Harrison	Morpurgo	George W
Stickman	David	Rauf	Tyler
Dahl	Madison		

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Mia
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Jaxon
Elmer	Luna C	Simon	Sienna
Funnybones	Zya-Jae	Fine	Matthew
Gruffalo	Sara	Horowitz	Demi
Stickman	Kirsty	Morpurgo	Mia-Rose
Dahl	Milana	Rauf	Henry



Achievements outside of school...