



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a 'sunny' term 5—we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

Behaviour changes

This week, you have been sent information regarding some minor changes to our behaviour management at Craylands, which we hope will provide you with greater communication when a child's behaviour does not meet our expectations and also to let you know when your child is doing really well with behaviour. We have already this week been sending out communications to parents/carers as to when a detention has been issued as well as continuing on a Wednesday to send out positive messages for those doing really well with behaviour.

We do hope that as parents/carers you will support the school when a detention is issued for poor behaviour and we will not see an increase in challenges to any sanctions that we are issuing.

Skip2BFit

On Wednesday, we had John from Skip2BFit delivering skipping workshops for the children across the school. The difference in the skipping ropes that the children were using to ordinary skipping ropes is that these have a counter on them, so count the number of skips that the children complete in 2 minutes. As a school, we have purchased 2 class sets of these skipping ropes and we hope over the coming term to get the children skipping at least once per week to see if they can beat and improve on their previous score.

We have given out certificates for the highest scoring children on Wednesday as well as those who really improved between their first and second skips. We will be providing an opportunity for parent/carers to purchase skipping ropes for their child shortly (or you can purchase from the School Office) so they can practise at home and at breaks/lunches. IF your child does bring one into school, please ensure that you name them.

Year 4 residential

On Sunday, a much smaller number than usual of Y4 children will be heading off to Ashford on their residential accompanied by Mr Hiscock, Mr Ellen, Mrs Lynn and Mrs Strudwick. The remaining children will be supervised in school by Mrs Woodham and Mrs Hazel; they will come off timetable to have some creative and fun sessions in school. We do hope that the children challenge themselves and show that they are Craylearners by taking risks with all of the activities that they will be taking part in.

We have already been asked about the residential for next year. We will be sending out letters of interest shortly to the current Y3 cohort. I must state however that if we do not manage to get at least 30 children attending next year, we will not be running the residential as the logistics of taking staff for any number of children smaller than that has proved challenging for the lower number of children we have going this year.

Workshps

Thank you to those of you who attended the year 1 phonics and year 6 sats workshops this week; we hope that you found them of use.

Important dates

26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential returns
6/5	Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon in school
11/5-14/5	KS2 SATS test
22/5	End of Term 5
1/6	Start of term 6
1/6	Times tables check for year 4 starts
5/6	Sports day More details to follow
8/6	Y1 phonics screener check starts
12/6	Reserve sports day
15/6	Elmer reading morning 830-855
16/6	Funnybones reading morning 830-855
17/6	Gruffalo reading morning 830-855
18/6	Stickman reading morning 830-855
19/6	Dahl reading morning 830-855

SMART WATCHES

A reminder that NO SMART WATCHES which can take photos, access the internet, send messages, receive messages, make or receive calls should be worn by children in school. This is a safeguarding risk and any watches like this will be removed and given back at the end of the day.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 5 DATES</u>
26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential returns
6/5	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
11/5–14/5	KS2 SATS
22/5	End of term

	<u>TERM 6 DATES</u>
1/6	START OF TERM
1/6	Times Tables check starts for Y4
5/6	Sports day
8/6–12/6	Year 1 phonics screening check
12/6	Reserve sports day
15/6	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
16/6	Funnybones reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
17/6	Gruffalo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
17/6	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
18/6	Stickman reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
19/6	Dahl reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
22/6	Wilson reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
23/6	Walliams reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
24/6	Simon reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
24/6	Y6 production p.m.
25/6	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
25/6	Year 6 production evening
26/6	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
w/c 29/6	Multicultural week
6/7–10/7	Year 6 residential
10/7	Reports out
13/7	Year 6 reports out
13/7 & 14/7	Jump up afternoons
21/7	Last day of term Early Finish EYFS & Y1 1:25p.m. Y2 & Y3–1.30P.M. Y4 & y5–1.35p.m.
21/7	Y6 leavers assembly 1.45 p.m.

EYFS NEWS



Welcome back! We do believe all of the children have grown this holiday and are looking bright and healthy ready for the Summer Term.

Our topic is now called 'How many Legs?' and is a very popular one with the children as we spend the term exploring mini-beasts and researching facts about them.

We are currently excited about the baby caterpillars that have arrived in class and are busy munching their food and wriggling around for the children to observe up close.

Number focus is on teen numbers and ensuring that children are counting forwards and backwards correctly and securing their number bonds within 10 amongst other skills.

Little Wandle phonics continues daily; practising blending with increased fluency is our shared goal.

A reminder that Rainbow Fish PE day is on a Tuesday and Hungry Caterpillars is on a Wednesday.

Also, we will hold a reading afternoon in week 4 this term on Tuesday 12th at 2.45pm.

We look forward to the new term ahead.



Lenny's Den News

Welcome back to Term 5! It may be a short term, but we plan to pack in lots of exciting activities — including a trip to the zoo.

This term our topic is "How Many Legs?", where we will be exploring insects and mini-beasts. We'll be learning about a range of animals: their size, shape, colour, habitats, and what they look like. The children will have opportunities to write, build words, and label different insects, as well as enjoy a variety of arts and crafts linked to our theme. We will also be reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction books to support our learning.

In Lenny's Den, we will continue to focus on phonics and work on our individualised maths targets. We'll also be spending plenty of time outdoors, enjoying the sunshine, watering plants, and helping to grow a variety of crops.

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p>	<p>I would really encourage Year 5 parents/carers to ensure that their children are playing on TTRS more...numbers were quite low each week of last term.</p>

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots
<p>Violet</p> <p>Freya</p> <p>Rhea</p>	<p>Chandelle</p> <p>Ellie</p> <p>Eisha</p>	<p>Ollie</p> <p>Freya</p> <p>Meziyah</p>	<p>Saida</p> <p>Tommy</p>

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>

Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate and R.O.A.R. certificates.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C	Amelia	Wilson	Harrison
Rainbow Fish	Frankie	Walliams	Jack
Elmer	Saida	Simon	Kayleigh-Olive
Funnybones	Maia	Horowitz	Alexandra
Lenny's Den	Teddy	Fine	Harriet
Gruffalo	Luna-Grey	Morpurgo	Aman
Stickman	Muawwiz	Rauf	Alexander
Dahl	Judah		

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

Hungry C	Franklin
Rainbow Fish	Bonnie



Well done to all those children who earned 12 recognition points this week and received a recognition certificate!



Achievements outside of school...

Otilie has raised £300 for the Ellenor charity by taking part in their mini marathon challenge, running 2.9km. The family are very proud of Otilie's running journey and commitment.

Over Easter we went to north Wales and Ollie (FB Class) set himself the challenge of climbing Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), which he completed.

He climbed to an altitude of 1085m, walking 11.5 miles up and down the llanberis pass in 8.5hours!! He is very proud of his achievement and gained his navigator, explorer and photography badges at Beavers in completing it.

Well done to you both!