



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder to ensure children are wearing correct uniform and correct PE kits; any reasonable adjustments must be approved by a member of senior leadership.

### Children in need

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last Friday; we raised an impressive £538.12 which is a vast improvement on what we raised last year so thank you all.

### Christmas Events

As we are now at the half way mark of this term, we think about the events leading up to Christmas. Please see below events planned:

- Friday 28th November—Christmas tree goes up—children can bring in home made decorations to add to the tree from 1st December
- Wednesday 3rd December—Y5-6 Christmas film club
- Thursday 4th December—Y3-4 Christmas film club
- Thursday 4th December—choir sing at Bluewater 4.30pm-6pm
- Friday 5th December—Y1-2 Christmas film club
- Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Xmas sing song a.m.  
EYFS Xmas performance p.m.
- Thursday 11th December EYFS Christmas performance a.m.  
KS1 Christmas sing song p.m.
- Monday 15th December 2.50p.m. (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 3 Christmas sing song
- Tuesday 16th December 2.50p.m. (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 4 Christmas sing song
- Wednesday 17th December 2.50p.m. (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 5 Christmas sing song
- Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner day/ Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18th December 2.50 p.m. (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 6 Christmas sing song

### Parents evening

We have parents evening on Thursday 27th November. The day before this, we will send out a data report for Autumn term so you can find out about your child's attainment, effort and behaviour—these can then be discussed during the parents evening appointments. We do hope that you will be able to attend and find out more about how your child is doing.

### Clubs

This week has been the last week of clubs run by teaching staff; this is due to parents evening next week and the Christmas film nights the week after. This is a week earlier than planned but I hope you appreciate the reasoning behind this. Mr Dymott will need to rehearse with the choir at times and will send this out; multi-skills and pro future will continue as normal as these are run externally.

### Important dates

27/11	Parents/carers evening
1/12	PTA Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale
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
3/12	Year 5 & 6 film night
4/12	Stickman (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830-855-mobile 1
4/12	Year 3 & 4 film night
5/12	Dahl reading morning 830-855-mobile 1
5/12	Year 1 & 2 film night
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 performance a.m. EYFS 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

### Pinnacle Xmas competition

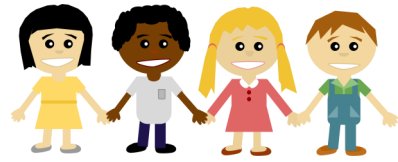
Please see the attached poster regarding the Christmas card competition—there are always great prizes so please do get your children to enter.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 2 DATES</u></b>
27/11	Parents/carers evening
1/12	Elmer reading morning (including members of Lenny's den) 830–855–mobile 1
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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.
17/12	Christmas dinner—Christmas jumpers can be worn
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time

# EYFS NEWS



The children have had fun zooming to the moon all week in a pretend box rocket! This role play links to the text 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. It has provoked lots of discussion around what the children might take to the moon with them, this included lots of snacks, special teddies and of course family.

Maths continues to focus on the composition of whole numbers; the children are learning in a range of abstract ways that parts make up a whole e.g. two wings are part of an owl, or a beak is part of an owl. This learning then transfers to the fact that whole numbers are made up of smaller numbers e.g. 3 is a part and 1 is a part the whole is 4.

Completing jigsaw puzzles with your child at home is a good way to reinforce this concept.

Home learning this week is to share some news and of course carry on reading please.



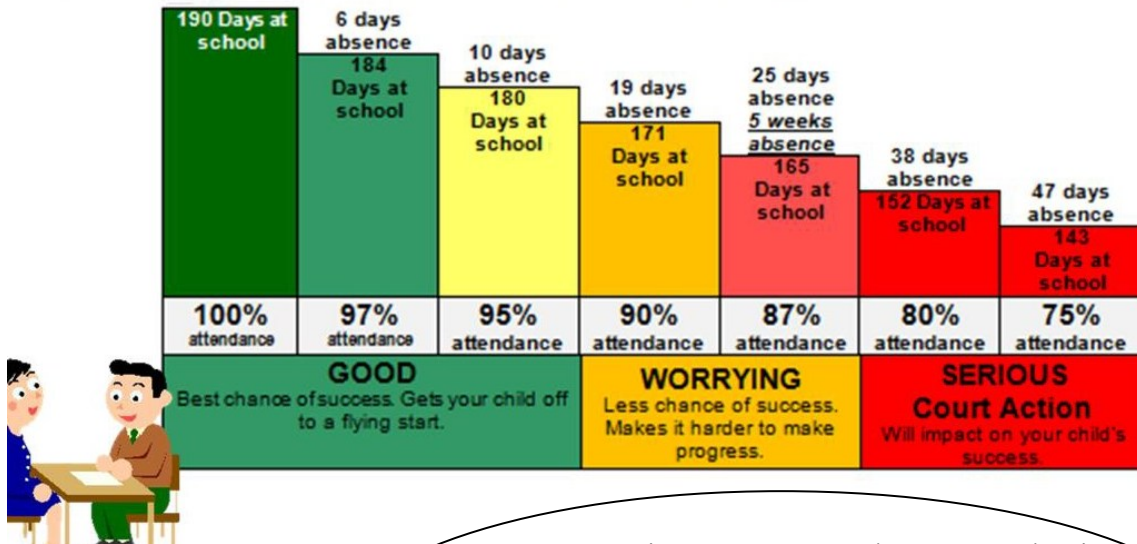
## Lenny's Den News

This week in Lenny's Den we have been learning about the summer season. We've learnt a song all about the seasons and completed lots of activities linked to summer. We have made giant ice lollies, puffy paint sundaes, rainbow cotton-wool stamping, and sandcastle art.

We have continued to improve our handwriting, working hard on our pencil control and practising every day. This week we also took part in our first in-class guided reading session, while one group read with an adult and shared a great book, the other group completed a maths activity, and then we swapped so everyone had a turn.

Even though it has been very chilly this week, we have ventured outside for PE and Forest School, wrapping up warm and keeping active!

# 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	94.3%	5	
Funnybones	89.6%	8	3
Gruffalo	94.8%	5	
Stickman	94.3%	4	
Dahl	94.1%	5	
Wilson	98.2%	3	3
Simon	94.8%	4	2
Walliams	92.1%	5	
Fine	96.0%	4	
Horowitz	98.6%	3	1
Morpurgo	87.6%	5	1
Rauf	93.0%	5	



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

**Horowitz Class**

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Year 3 8305	Dahl vs Wilson
Year 4 53583	Walliams vs Simon
Year 5 2402	Fine vs Horowitz
Year 6 28221	Morpurgo vs Rauf

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	<u>Stickman</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Gruffalo</u> Top 3 players on Numbots
Emily Hunter Amelia	Chandelle Albus Dexter	Arthur Harlow Louie	Ralph Sofia Daniel	David Frankie Hiya	Elizabeth Nancy Unity

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ottilie Sofija Ara	Dylan Chloe A'Driel	Raph Aryan Ali	Alexander Evie G Joshua

# 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    Zara    Wilson    Archie E  
Rainbow Fish    Ellie    Walliams    Charlie  
Elmer    Sofia    Simon    Noah,  
Thibishna  
Funnybones    Laila    Horowitz    Tiwa  
Lenny's Den    Jahmiel    Fine    Riley  
Gruffalo    Avery-Lee    Morpurgo    Evie C  
Stickman    Logan    Rauf    Kieren  
Dahl    Ben C

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

Hungry C    Violet    Wilson    Thea  
Rainbow Fish    Estelle    Walliams    A'driel  
Elmer    Felicity    Simon    Albie  
Funnybones    Ronnie    Fine    Ethan  
Gruffalo    Alex    Horowitz    Adrian  
Stickman    Whitney    Morpurgo    Bailey  
Dahl    Jasper    Rauf    Amelia



## Achievements outside of school...

PINNACLE GROUP

# Christmas CARD COMPETITION

THIS YEARS THEME:

THE

## 'ELFIE SELFIE'

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH  
YOURSELF AS AN 'ELF' TAKING A  
CHRISTMAS SELFIE SURROUNDED WITH  
ALL OF YOUR FAVOURIT TOYS, SNOW, AND  
THE NORTH POLE WORKSHOP,  
(AND MAYBE SANTA IN THE BACKGROUND  
WATCHING YOU)

ALL ENTRIES TO BE HANDED IN BY:-

FRIDAY

28

NOVEMBER

2025

INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF:





## **PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE**

**We'd like to hold a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale this year on 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**If you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers in good condition that you'd like to donate, please drop them into the school office!**

**All proceeds will go to Friends of Craylands PTA to support the school!**

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS & OFFER  
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

# MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM  
8am - 6pm

AGES  
4-14

## CHRISTMAS CAMP 2025

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DISCOUNTS AND OFFERS

### INFLATABLE FOOT DARTS



### AXE THROWING



### NERF GAMES



### INFLATABLE FUN



DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS 🎨 AND  
SPORTS 🏀 AVAILABLE EACH DAY

**VISIT THE WEBSITE  
FOR DATES & LOCATIONS**

Ofsted  
Registered

**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**  
**WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET**  
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

ALL OUR  
STAFF ARE



# SPREAD CHEER WITH OUR CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SERVICE!



**SUPPORT DARTFORD SCOUTS!**

WE'RE OFFERING CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS STRESS-FREE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HELPING OUR SCOUTS ATTEND THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN POLAND 2027.

SIMPLY BRING YOUR PRESENTS AND PAPER AND WE'LL DO THE REST - LEAVE A DONATION WHEN YOU COLLECT.

**30  
NOV  
3-5 PM**

**7  
DEC  
2-5 PM**

**14  
DEC  
2-5 PM**

**3rd Dartford Scout Hall, Broomhill Road, Dartford  
OR**

**Stone Scout Hall, Birch Place, Stone**

Dartford District Scout Council Charity No: 303367