



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you last night at parents/carers evening; we hope that you found the discussions useful. Any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

## Lateness

I have noticed a big increase in the number of children who are arriving after the gates have closed. A reminder that the gates close at 8.48 and after that the children are late. Very often, we leave the gate open a little beyond this time as there are still lots of people arriving.

I would encourage you to ensure that you leave for school with enough time in the morning please; excuses such as snow that we have seen in the past couple of weeks are not acceptable. Those children that are in by 8.30 are getting an extra 15 minutes of learning opportunity as there is always work for them to do when they arrive. If a child arrives past 8.48am and even later, they are effectively missing learning time and it is detrimental to their progress.

I really hope to see a marked improvement in those of you who are arriving late. Please do consider the impact it is having on your child arriving in the middle of a lesson or an assembly and ensure that they are in school on time.

## 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
- Friday 5th December—Y1-2 Christmas film club
- Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Xmas sing song 9.15 am  
EYFS Xmas performance 2.15 pm
- Thursday 11th December EYFS Christmas performance 9.30am  
KS1 Christmas sing song 2.15 pm
- Monday 15th December 2.50pm (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 3 Christmas sing song
- Tuesday 16th December 2.50pm (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 4 Christmas sing song
- Wednesday 17th December 2.50pm (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 5 Christmas sing song
- Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Dinner day/ Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18th December 2.50 pm (on KS2 playground if dry) - Year 6 Christmas sing song

## Choir singing at Bluewater

On Thursday 4th December, the choir, led by Mr Dymott will be singing at Bluewater between 4.30pm and 5.30pm outside where the new Next will be opening in 2026. We hope many of you will come and join us for a festive sing song.

## Important dates

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 9.15 am EYFS performance 2.15pm
11/12	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/12	EYFS Xmas performance 9.30am KS1 Xmas sing song 2.15pm
12/12	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1

## Reading mornings

Reading mornings are over the next 2 weeks, in mobile 1. Come through the gate with your children and go straight there on your day.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

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11/12	EYFS Xmas performance 9.30a.m. KS1 Xmas sing song 2.15p.m.
12/12	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
15/12	Y3 XMAS SING SONG 2.45p.m.
16/12	Y4 XMAS SING SONG 2.45p.m.
17/12	Y5 XMAS SING SONG 2.45p.m.
18/12	Y6 XMAS SING SONG 2.45p.m.
17/12	Christmas dinner—Christmas jumpers can be worn
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time

# EYFS NEWS



This week we have begun learning songs for the Christmas production called 'A Present for the Baby'; the children are all enjoying this and joining in with lots of enthusiasm and excitement. Noise and fun seems to be the theme for the week as the children have also explored and played with a range of new instruments in the classroom to accompany the story text 'Peace At Last'. We have discussed the different sounds and the pitch of each instrument.

In phonics there have been a lot of digraphs to learn recently - ng nk sh th ch qu. These can be a challenge to learn and see within words so please do reinforce at home when you can.

A reminder to send named plimsolls in if you have not already done so, many thanks.



## Lenny's Den News

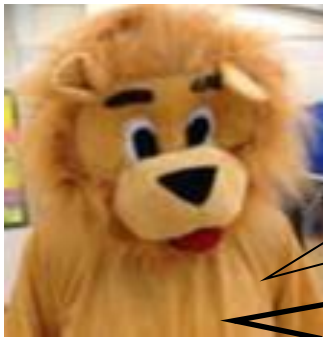
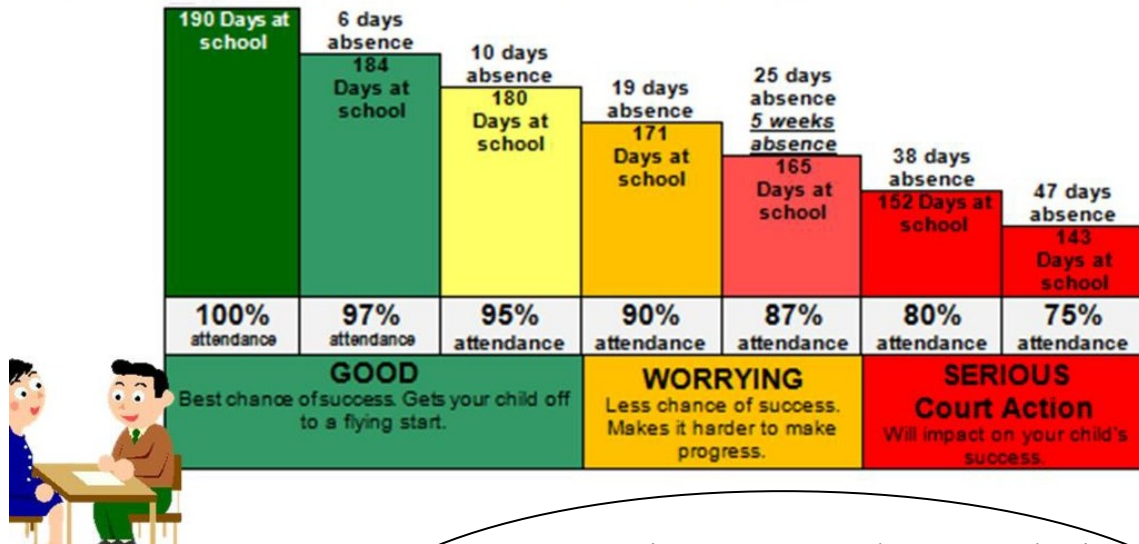
Another busy week in Lenny Den has seen us continuing our seasons theme. We've been working hard on our phonics, reading our books, and learning about positions. The bear has been behind, inside, under, and on top so many times this week!

During group activities we created crazy crabs, puffy-paint ice creams, flower-filled trees, sponge-printed butterflies, and egg-carton caterpillars. The children have especially loved exploring our kinetic sand and have enjoyed making sandcastles out of the many colours we have available.

But the real highlight for all has been using the parachute, each child held on really tight as we lifted it into the air to try and keep the ball on top, you could hear the giggles for miles. We finished off with all the children sitting underneath making the most of this sensory experience.

Enjoy your weekend!

# 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	88.3%	6	
Funnybones	89.3%	7	3
Gruffalo	94.1%	6	
Stickman	94.6%	3	
Dahl	90.3%	6	
Wilson	97.8%	1	4
Simon	92.0%	7	2
Walliams	92.1%	4	
Fine	96.3%	4	
Horowitz	93.1%	5	
Morpurgo	91.6%	8	1
Rauf	88.6%	9	



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

**Wilson Class**

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Dahl vs Wilson 3059 11243 Wilson won!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 45568 1678 Walliams won!</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz 1247 840 Fine won!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 2145 7154 Rauf won!</p>	<p>Wilson vs Simon</p> <p>Dahl vs Walliams</p> <p>Fine vs Rauf</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</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	<u>Stickman</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Gruffalo</u> Top 3 players on Numbots
Hudson Emily Alicja	Chandelle Albus Josiah	David Muuz Hiya	Ralph Sofia-Rose Nivid	David Frankie Hiya	Emily Dylan Unity

<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>
Sofija Darwin Milana	Conor Otilie Mia	Violet Sienna Freddie	Dylan A'driel Casey	Nate Aryan Ellie	Riley Hayden Hari	Olivia Joshua Daniel	Alexan- der Tapiwa Grace

# 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    Rhea    Wilson    Roxanne  
Rainbow Fish    Eisha    Walliams    Harry  
Elmer    Liam    Simon    Taylor  
Funnybones    Isabelle    Horowitz    James  
Lenny's Den    Santi    Fine    Peggie  
Gruffalo    Elizabeth    Morpurgo    Faith  
Stickman    Nosagie    Rauf    Tapiwa  
Dahl    Mylah

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

Hungry C    Noah    Wilson    Nahil  
Rainbow Fish    Josiah    Walliams    Jace  
Elmer    Lilly K    Simon    Sofia  
Funnybones    Maliha    Fine    Iyla  
Gruffalo    Florence    Horowitz    Elliot  
Stickman    Ayaan    Morpurgo    Nathan  
Dahl    Sofia M    Rauf    Emilja



## Achievements outside of school...

Luna-Grey (Y2) achieved level 1 award in gymnastics Meapa Club—well done!

HAVE YOU BEEN  
INSPIRED ?

GIRLS, IT'S TIME TO SHINE!



GIRL  
POWER

PLAY FOOTBALL

COME JOIN OUR  
WILDCATS  
FROM AGE 5 - 15

**15TH NOVEMBER START**

**BRING A FRIEND AND MAKE NEW ONES**

**BROOMFIELD PARK DA10 0AD 12:30 - 13:30**

**CONTACT COACH GEMMA - 07526 243665  
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