The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who have been able to attend the reading mornings this week; we continue to host reading mornings for the remainder of KS2 next week.

Surveys

Many thanks to the 72 parents who completed the parent/carers survey last week. The survey is now closed. Perhaps not as many responses as we usually get so the data is not necessarily a true reflection of the whole school's views. We have looked at these alongside the many positive comments that we received at parents evening and will give feedback on the suggestions for areas of development across the school, which we always find useful in making positive changes. We will send out the results before the end of term.

Concerns

A reminder that if you ever have any concerns regarding school then you should follow the guidelines below:

1) Speak to your child's class teacher if possible about your concerns
2) Make contact with either Mrs Stone or Mrs Cox with your concern
3) Make contact with the headteacher when you have exhausted speaking to other staff members.

I am always happy to speak to you as parents/carers however there are some circumstances where it is better for you to talk directly to the class teacher. There needs to be steps before it reaches the headteacher as it can not really go anywhere else after me apart from a formal complaint to the governors if you are unhappy with my response.

A reminder that all communications should be respectful at all times please. Thank you.

Christmas film events

The Friends of Craylands continue to be busy putting on events for the children. The children were invited to attend film evenings this week On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 watched Home Alone; on Thursday Years 3 and 4 watched Home Alone; and tonight Years 1 and 2 will be watching Arthur Christmas. Some great film choices and we hope that they have enjoyed them.

Choir

Yesterday, the choir, led by Mr Dymott sang amazingly at Bluewater and really put us in the festive spirit. Thank you to all those who came to watch and support and to the children for all the additional hours that they have been rehearsing for. Thank you as always to Mr Dymott for arranging.

EYFS/KS1 Xmas

Next week, the children in EYFS will hold their nativity and the KS1 children will be singing some Christmas songs to parents/carers. Both performances will be no longer than 30 minutes. Tickets can be booked at: https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

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 9.15am EYFS performance 2.15pm
11/12	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/12	EYFS Xmas performance 9.30 a.m. KS1 Xmas sing song 2.15pm
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 24.5p.m.
17/12	Christmas dinner Christmas jumpers can be worn that day
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time
5/1	Children return to school

Film Nights

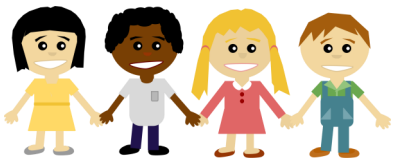
A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands for organising the film nights this week—a great success! Thank you to the parents and staff who helped out each night.

Dates for your diary

	TERM 2 DATES
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 9.15 a.m. EYFS Xmas performance 2.15 p.m.
11/12	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/12	EYFS Xmas performance 9.30 a.m. KS1 Xmas sing song 2.15 p.m.
12/12	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
15/12 16/12 17/12 18/12	Y3 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m. Y4 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m. Y5 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m. Y6 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
17/12	Christmas dinner—Christmas jumpers can be worn
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time

	TERM 3 DATES
5/1	Start of Term 3
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—315p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
2/2	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/2	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/2	Year 5 & 6 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/2	KS1 online safety workshop
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop
13/2	End of term

EYFS NEWS



The children have been working really hard, practicing for their production of A Present for the Baby. Alongside this they have continued with phonics, explored numberlines, shared the book Dear Santa and of course talked about their own Christmas wishes.

Also, two visitors named Elvis and Elsa have arrived in class; they tend to hide in the classrooms everyday, often in very peculiar places! They are our mischievous elves whom the children are excited to talk and write about.

Thank you for sending in plimsolls at short notice, if they can all be in by Monday 8th ready for our dress rehearsal that would be great.

There are no new phonemes being taught this term. We will now be completing Little Wandle assessments to see how well the children have retained this term's new phonemes and are blending them together. Do go over sounds at home please and practise reading the following tricky words - go she of the has

The next two weeks are very busy and exciting in school (and at home too!) so pleased do ensure your child gets a good nights sleep .

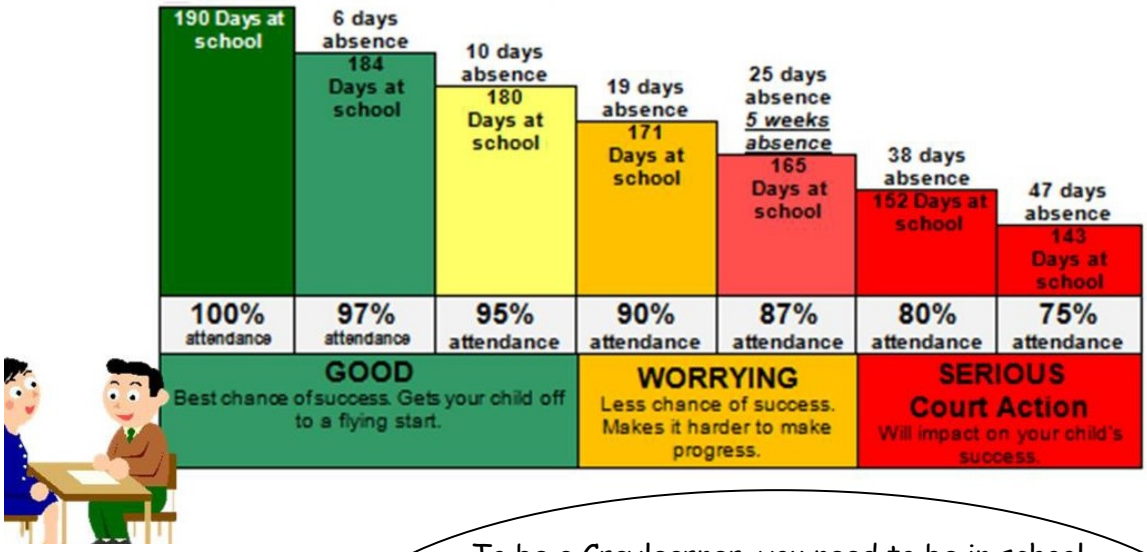
Lenny's Den News

Lenny's Den has had a very busy week — Christmas has officially started! We've decorated the classroom to make it feel wonderfully festive, and the children have been busy creating lots of Christmas crafts in the lead-up to the big day.

They have enjoyed using our freshly made orange-scented playdough and had great fun making paper chains to hang around the room. The children have also been working on counting objects and representing numbers in different ways.

We went to the hall with our peers to practise our Christmas songs, and the children did a fantastic job singing together. We've shared some lovely Christmas stories too, and even Dough Disco has taken on a festive twist!

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	Number of times class has won HERO this term
Elmer	92.0%	6	
Funnybones	93.3%	4	3
Gruffalo	95.2%	4	
Stickman	97.5%	3	
Dahl	92.2%	4	
Wilson	96.8%	4	4
Simon	90.4%	8	2
Walliams	91.5%	4	
Fine	92.5%	6	
Horowitz	94.4%	3	
Morpurgo	98.3%	2	2
Rauf	90.4%	7	

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

Morpurgo Class

Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Wilson vs Simon Oops...didn't set Dahl vs Simon 2724 3642 Simon won! Fine vs Rauf 590 25761 Rauf won! Morpurgo vs Horowitz 1956 2811 Horowitz won!	Year 3 vs Year 4 Year 5 vs Year 6

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	**Stickman** Top 3 players on Numbots	**Gruffalo** Top 3 players on Numbots
Iris Emily Emily	Chloe Chandelle Dexter	Harlow Meziyah Grayson	Ralph Brodie Nivid	David Hiya Frankie	Elizabeth Dylan Emily

Dahl	**Wilson**	**Simon**	**Walliams**	**Horowitz**	**Fine**	**Morpurgo**	**Rauf**
George Soija Hugo	Ottilie Conor Morire	Violet Lenny Sienna	Chloe Jack Casey	Louis Raph Aryan	Arlind Riley	Olivia Harry Joshua	Alexan-der Harry Tapiwa

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	*Franklin*	Wilson	*Rosie*
Rainbow Fish	*Vaeda*	Walliams	*Jack*
Elmer	*Sadie*	Simon	*Fern*
Funnybones	*Beauden*	Horowitz	*Louis*
Lenny's Den	*Leo*	Fine	*David*
Gruffalo	*ShriAnshu*	Morpurgo	*Amelia -rose*
Stickman	*Franky*	Rauf	*Poppy*
Dahl	*Kaden*		

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

Hungry C	*Chloe*	Wilson	*Idris*
Rainbow Fish	*Chloe D*	Walliams	*Luana*
Elmer	*Harry*	Simon	*Janani*
Funnybones	*Maia*	Fine	*Janaki*
Gruffalo	*Sienna*	Horowitz	*Eva W*
Stickman	*Callum*	Morpurgo	*Danny*
Dahl	*Teddy*	Rauf	*Olivia*

Achievements outside of school…

SORRY—THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED LAST WEEK

Last week, Amelia-Rose (Y6) performed in the Christmas show **"Dick Whittington on Ice"** at Planet Ice in Gillingham. She has also recently achieved the **Bronze Award** in the Skate UK *Skate Star* programme for figure skating.
We are very proud of her hard work and dedication! A fantastic achievement Amelia-Rose—well done and congratulations.

HAVE YOU BEEN INSPIRED ?

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