



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers—What a festive week it has been.

### Christmas competition

Pinnacle have now judged this and will announce the winners on Monday 15th December. We look forward to finding out who has won and what they have won.

### EYFS Nativity

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, I had the absolute privilege of watching our youngest members of the school perform their Christmas nativity. The confidence that our 4 and 5 year olds have astounded me and it was great to see everyone taking part. The singing sounded great, the acting of all was super and it was a lovely story told. A big thank you to all of you who took the time to come and watch your children and support them,. A big thank you also to the EYFS team and the other staff members who supported during the performances to make them as special as they were.

### KS1 Sing Song

Wednesday and Thursday were busy days for me, as I also got to watch the KS1 Christmas sing song. The children sounded amazing, singing a range of songs without a backing track. They sang in time, in tune and I loved the actions that went with many of the songs. It was a lovely opportunity for all of the children to take part and sing. Again, a big thank you to all of you who took the time to come and watch your children and support them. A big thank you also to the KS1 team and the other staff members who supported during the performances to make them as great as they were getting the children ready.

### KS2 Sing songs

Next week, children from KS2 will be singing some Christmas songs on the KS2 playground (weather permitting—we will have to use the hall otherwise). The sing songs will take place on the following days:

Monday 15th December -2.50p.m.—Year 3 sing song

Tuesday 16th December—2.50p.m. Year 4 sing song

Wednesday 17th December—2.50p.m. Year 5 sing song

Thursday 18th December—2.50p.m. Year 6 sing song

Come to the KS2 playground gates and we will let you in here.; children can leave with parents/carers after the sing song. I believe that the Friends of Craylands will be selling some refreshments so please bring some change.

### Kindness

As we are in the season of Goodwill, I would really encourage us all to be kind to each other. It always saddens me after performances to hear grumbles about minor things rather than talking about how well the children did, albeit there were lots of positive comments which were appreciated. Christmas is always a busy time of year and this year, we will have been in school for 8 weeks by the end of next week—one of the longest terms we have ever done, so a little kindness towards each other goes a long way, as we are all feeling tired, children and staff alike. A reminder that staff do not deserve to be sworn at, criticized online, called names....all of these things we have experienced in the past few weeks and it just makes the job so much harder. So I would encourage a little kindness as we enter the final week of this term.

### Important dates

15/12	Y3 XMAS SING SONG 2.50p.m.
16/12	Y4 XMAS SING SONG 2.50p.m.
17/12	Y5 XMAS SING SONG 2.50p.m.
18/12	Y6 XMAS SING SONG 2.50p.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
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15— 3.15p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 8.30 -8.55- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 8.30—8.55— mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morn- ing 8.30—8.55—mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 8.30—8.55— mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 8.30—8.55—mobile 1

### Haslington Care Home

On Wednesday, some of our Y5 choir recorded some songs for Haslington Care Home to spread some Christmas cheer. Sadly they couldn't go in person due to a sickness bug that was there.

We wish all residents of Haslington a very Merry Christmas.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 2 DATES</u></b>
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17/12	Y5 XMAS SING SONG 2.50p.m.
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17/12	Christmas dinner—Christmas jumpers can be worn
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time

	<b><u>TERM 3 DATES</u></b>
5/1	Start of Term 3
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—3.15p.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



WOW! The children have all been amazing this week and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments in the Nativity performances; especially when you take into account stage nerves, illness and tiredness! A very big well done one and all!

We are having a break from Home Learning this weekend; we will send books home on the last day of term for the holidays so that a piece of news can be shared.

Please be aware that reading books are not sent home over the holidays therefore this is the last week for these.

Wishing you a restful weekend and stay well. We hope those of you who have been poorly recover quickly.

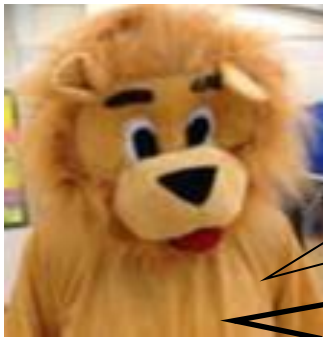
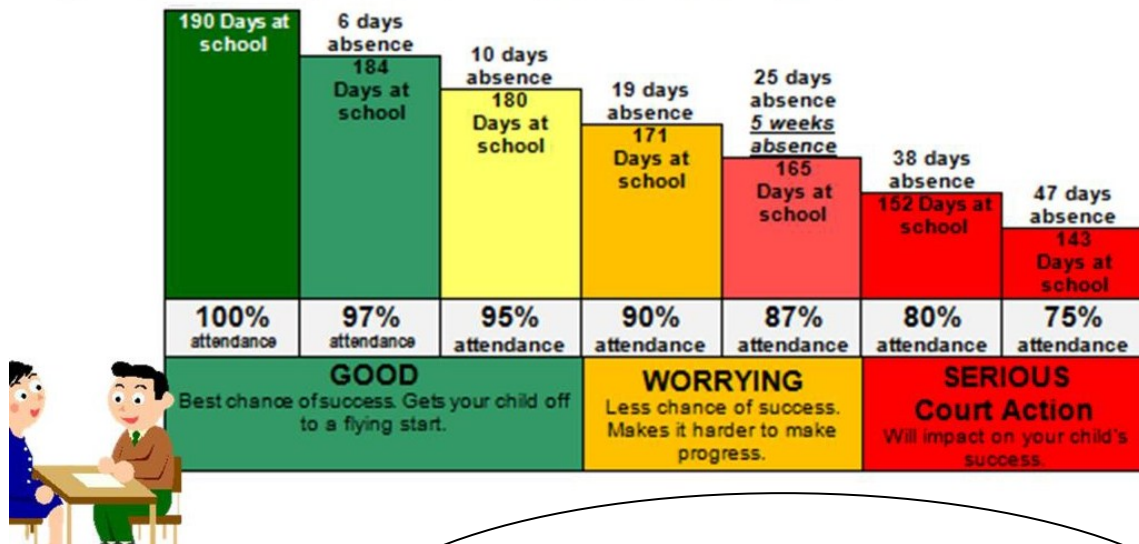


## Lenny's Den News

Lenny's Den has had a very busy week! We have continued reading our individual books and enjoyed some lovely Christmas stories. There has been lots of fine motor and gross motor opportunities for everyone. Our tough tray has been filled with snow, and the children experienced Snowman Splat during bucket time. We've also been busy taking pictures and creating lots of Christmas crafts. Giant baubles were coloured, Elf Yourself pictures were made, and Christmas name elves were beautifully decorated.

The children took part in the KS1 sing-along, performing twice over two days and doing a fantastic job. Only five days left until the Christmas break! Remember, it's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday, when we will also enjoy our Christmas lunch.

# 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	93.0%	7	
Funnybones	91.0%	8	3
Gruffalo	83.7%	10	
Stickman	96.3%	4	
Dahl	92.4%	6	
Wilson	96.4%	1	5
Simon	94.3%	7	2
Walliams	89.3%	9	
Fine	94.8%	10	
Horowitz	91.0%	4	
Morpurgo	93.6%	6	2
Rauf	90.3%	13	



**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>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>11172      20335</p> <p>Year 4 wins!</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p> <p>1911      7207</p> <p>Year 6 wins!</p>	<p>NO MORE TOURNAMENTS UNTIL THE NEW YEAR NOW</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
Emily	Freddie Chandelle Josiah	Frankie Ollie Harlow	Ralph Sophia-Rose Nathaniel	David Hiya Frankie	Emily Elizabeth Ruby

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Otilie Conor George	Dylan Casey Gabriel	Arlind Elliot Eva w	Alexander Joshua Poppy

# 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    Whole    Wilson    Libby  
Rainbow Fish    Whole class    Walliams    Obie  
Elmer    Whole class    Simon    Noah  
Funnybones    Ionatan    Horowitz    Alexandra  
Lenny's Den    Aurora    Fine    Emily  
Gruffalo    Whole class    Morpurgo    Aman  
Stickman    Dave    Rauf    Tulisa  
Dahl    Malakai

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

Hungry C	Hunter D	Wilson	Archie L
Rainbow Fish	Oscar	Walliams	Sanath
Elmer	Nathaniel	Simon	Albie
Funnybones	River	Fine	Matthew
Gruffalo	Dylan	Horowitz	Adrian
Stickman	Lola	Morpurgo	Josh
Dahl	Macey	Rauf	Angela



## Achievements outside of school...

# Craylands Car Parking newsletter

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All three of these vehicles were parked dangerously at the end of the school day on Thursday.

I do not understand how anyone can feel that parking on double yellow lines on the roundabout, across the crossing or by the school gates is safe for all the children and parents.

Please **DO NOT** park on double yellow lines, up on the kerbs by the school as you are making it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians.

