



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of January...it seems to have been a long month but we move ever closer to some warmer weather.

## History Day

Last Friday, the children came off timetable for the day to study a significant person from history. It is lovely to see some of the learning that happened on display around the school. The children studied significant individuals including Jane Austen, William Shakespeare, Mother Teresa and Jane Goodall. Thank you to Miss King, our history subject lead for organising the day.

## Lateness

A reminder to please do all you can to get the children into school BEFORE 8.48 when the gate closes—they miss valuable learning time when they are not in school on time. There is always early morning work for the children to complete from 8.30 so it is important that they get in as early as they can.

## Absence

If your child will not be in school, please contact the office by emailing attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk before 9.30a.m.

## Playground equipment

We would really like to improve the resources that we have available at playtimes for our children, looking at developing specific areas of the school grounds more for different types of play.

In order to do this, could we ask for any donations of the following:

- fancy dress costumes for ages 5-7
- old suitcases
- lego or building blocks
- action figures, dinosaur figures
- planks, guttering, plastic crates, pipes (gas/water/drainage), milk crates.
- buggies/strollers
- dolls
- pots, pans, metal bowls, ladles, spatulas, wooden spoons
- large chalks.

Please drop off at the school office if you have any donations.

## Reading mornings

Thank you to those who attended reading mornings this week. A reminder that Years 3–6 have their reading mornings in mobile 1 next week between 8.30 and 8.55. Please do try to come along and read with your children if you can.

## Important dates

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 2/2        | Wilson reading morning<br>830–855—mobile 1            |
| 3/2        | Walliams reading morning<br>830–855—mobile 1          |
| 4/2        | Simon reading morning<br>830–855—mobile 1             |
| 5/2        | Horowitz/Morpurgo reading morning<br>830-855 mobile 1 |
| 6/2        | Fine/Rauf reading morning<br>830-855 mobile 1         |
| w/c<br>9/2 | Children's mental health week                         |
| 10/2       | KS1 (Y1-Y2) online safety workshop 9am                |
| 12/2       | KS2 (Y3-Y6) online safety workshop 9 a.m              |
| 13/2       | Last day of term                                      |
| 23/2       | First day of term 4                                   |
| 4/3        | Wellbeing afternoon in school                         |
| 26/3       | Parents/carers evening                                |
| 2/4        | INSET day   |

## Clubs

If your child is no longer attending a club, please do let the school office know so we can offer spaces to those on the waiting lists.

## Scooters

Please do not allow your children to whizz round on scooters on the school grounds due to health and safety reasons.

Thank you

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Craylands Car Parking newsletter



A message from a parent...

Here is another example of terrible parking as he's making a blind spot for when we are trying to cross as we can't see cars coming from the school / nursery exit. Clearly can see they are parking on double yellows. Has also been sent to police due to dangerous parking this can cause.

I could not agree more with this parent's sentiments—selfish parking by this car owner!



Another message from a parent this week...

This car continues to park on the double yellow lines restricting drivers view of those waiting to cross.

I struggle to understand why anyone would deliberately park on double yellow lines around a school, making it unsafe for those walking to school.

# Dates for your diary

|      | <b><u>TERM 3 DATES</u></b>                         |
|------|--|
| 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  | Morpurgo/Horowitz reading morning 830—855—mobile 1 |
| 6/2  | Fine/Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1         |
| 10/2 | KS1 online safety workshop                         |
| 12/2 | KS2 online safety workshop                         |
| 13/2 | End of term  |

|      | <b><u>TERM 4 DATES</u></b>                            |
|------|---|
| 23/2 | START OF TERM   |
| 4/3  | WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—315p.m. |
| 16/3 | Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1              |
| 17/3 | St Patricks Day—children can wear club uniforms       |
| 17/3 | Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1           |
| 18/3 | Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1             |
| 19/3 | Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1             |
| 20/3 | Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1                 |
| 23/3 | Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1               |
| 24/3 | Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1             |
| 25/3 | Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1                |
| 26/3 | Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1   |
|      | Parents/Carers evening                                |
| 27/3 | Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1          |
| 2/4  | INSET DAY   |

# EYFS NEWS



The highlight of this week was of course baking Gingerbread Men biscuits and enjoying the story. Fortunately they did not jump out of the oven and run away!

It is an easy bake recipe if you would like to do at home -

125g - butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of brown sugar,  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup golden syrup, 2 tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp bi-carb soda - mix all these and then add  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups of pl flour. Bake for 8 mins at 160 c

FYI - Assessment of Phase 3 phonics will take place in the last week of this term; this phase can prove challenging for many of the children. Whilst they have worked hard to remember the new digraphs the biggest challenge is then blending using the digraph in words. Please do continue to go over all sounds and especially practise blending sounds together to read.

Phase 3 sounds are - ai, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo, ur, er, or, ar, oi, air, ear,

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#) Follow the How We Teach tab on the parent page and you can find videos for blending.

Additionally search Blending Phase 3 games to find videos online.

[Bing Videos](#)

We have sent home a number activity to complete alongside weekend news.

# Times Tables Rockstars



| Last weeks results...   | This week's battles.....                        |
|---|---|
| <p>Dahl vs Simon<br/>6063 3832<br/>Dahl wins!</p> <p>Wilson vs Walliams<br/>1264 6933<br/>Walliams wins!</p> <p>Fine vs Morpurgo<br/>745 1757<br/>Morpurgo wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Rauf<br/>365 10361<br/>Rauf wins!</p> | <p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p> |

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|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Hungry Caterpillars</b><br/>Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Franklyn<br/>Alicja<br/>Emily</p> | <p><b>Rainbow Fish</b><br/>Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Chandelle<br/>Josiah<br/>Dexter</p> | <p><b>Funnybones</b><br/>Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Ollie<br/>Laila<br/>Arthur</p> | <p><b>Elmer</b> Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Saida<br/>Nivid<br/>Daniel</p> | <p><b>Stickman</b><br/>Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Dave<br/>David<br/>Franky</p> | <p><b>Gruffalo</b><br/>Top 3 players on Numbots<br/>Elizabeth<br/>Sara<br/>Avery-Lee</p> |
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| <b>Dahl</b><br>Sofija<br>Dennie<br>Jasper | <b>Wilson</b><br>Otilie<br>Hoorain<br>Morire | <b>Simon</b><br>Lenny<br>Sienna<br>Rowan | <b>Walliams</b><br>Gabriel<br>A'Driel<br>Sanath | <b>Horowitz</b><br>Charlie<br>Raph<br>James | <b>Fine</b><br>Riley<br>Elsie | <b>Morpurgo</b><br>Joshua<br>Olivia<br>Daniel | <b>Rauf</b><br>Alexander<br>Tilly<br>Harrison |
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# 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    Hunter    Wilson    Enzo  
Rainbow Fish    Ruben    Walliams    Ire  
Elmer    Isabella    Simon    Rowan  
Funnybones    Alice    Horowitz    Alexandra  
Lenny's Den    Teddy    Fine    Tommy, Renzo  
Gruffalo    Unity    Morpurgo    Isabelle  
Stickman    Hiya    Rauf    Sienna  
Dahl    Nellie

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

|              |          |          |                   |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Hungry C     | Lillie   | Wilson   | Conor             |
| Rainbow Fish | Lily-Mae | Walliams | Jelena            |
| Elmer        | Daniel   | Simon    | Jessica           |
| Funnybones   | Edie     | Fine     | Billy             |
| Gruffalo     | Ruby     | Horowitz | Zayan             |
| Stickman     | Franky   | Morpurgo | Evie C and Evelyn |
| Dahl         | Noemi    | Rauf     | Alfie             |



## Achievements outside of school...

Ottilie in Year 3 W class ran her 50th junior parkrun and gained her ultra marathon wristband. We are very proud of her achievement and commitment! Well done Ottilie a great achievement!