



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the sunnier weather this week—let's hope it is a sign of things to come.

## Parents evening

Next week, you have been invited in to meet your child's class teacher to find out how they have been attaining and progressing over the year so far. I appreciate that some of your children are taught by other teachers for maths and literacy. Whilst it would be great for you to have the opportunity to speak to them, it is not possible with the timings we have for the evening so we have asked that notes are shared with your child's class teacher so that they are able to let you know how they are doing in those subjects.

There will be some of your children's books out for you to look at; due to space in the hall, we are not able to put all the books out. We will look to see if it is possible for you to come into classes at some point later in the year to look at more books.

If you have not yet booked an appointment or can not make the parents evening, please do ensure that you arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher at some point.

## Swanscombe Park Run

I am aware that the Swanscombe Park Run celebrated a milestone recently with its 2nd birthday—CONGRATULATIONS. It is led by a number of members of the Craylands community and I know that some of our children take part. It would be great if we could see/hear that more of our children are taking part in this initiative. As you are all aware physical activity is really important for a healthy life, both body and mind. It is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). It is held every Sunday at 9:00am at Swanscombe Heritage Park, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe, DA10 0LP

## Easter activities

The Pupil and Parent Support Team will be arranging some Easter theme activities for the children to take part in. For EYFS and KS1, the children will be invited to create an Easter hat/bonnet. We welcome parents/carers of EYFS/KS1 to stay after drop off (9a.m.) on 31st March to see what the children have created. For KS2, the children will have the opportunity to take part in an Easter themed quiz with the chance of winning a small prize. More details will be sent out separately, if not already done so.

## TTRS

We have noticed a real decline in the scores in recent tournaments for Times Tables Rockstars. A reminder that 15 minutes on this per week is part of your child's home learning. In particular, Year 5 are not really taking part at all which is a real shame. Thank you to those children who are always playing on it every week and contributing towards class scores. If your child does not have their log in details, please let their class teacher know so that we can get them to you.

## Important dates

23/3	Wilson reading morning 830—855
24/3	Walliams reading morning 830—855
25/3	Simon reading morning 830—855
26/3	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830— 855
26/3	Parents/carers evening
27/3	Fine/Rauf reading morning 830-855
2/4	INSET day
3/4	EASTER HOLIDAYS
20/4	Start of term 5
23/4	St George's Day— children can wear club uniform e.g. cubs, scouts, beavers NOT football, rugby, cheerleading
26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential returns

All teacher-run clubs  
have finished now.  
New club options will  
be sent out after  
Easter.



Eid Mubarak to anyone  
in our community  
celebrating

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 4 DATES</u></b>
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
26/3	Parents/Carers evening. Book at <a href="https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk">https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</a>
27/3	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
1/4	Last day for children
2/4	INSET DAY

	<b><u>TERM 5 DATES</u></b>
20/4	START OF TERM
23/4	St George's day—children can wear club uniforms (by this we mean cubs,
26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential returns
6/5	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—315p.m.
11/5—14/5	KS2 SATS
22/5	End of term

# EYFS NEWS



The children are all working very hard in school; it is a pleasure to observe them applying themselves in chosen activities and interacting with increasing thought and purpose. It is even more pleasing to see kindness, team work and general good behaviour across the board by all, which should be commended - well done.

We have enjoyed pulling and heaving the 'Enormous Turnip' this week until it finally budged! Of course all falling down was the most exciting part!

In number, the focus has been on doubles. The children are identifying that doubles are made of two equal parts and they are using 'stem' sentences accordingly eg 6 is a double because 3 is a part and 3 is a part.

Home learning relates to work covered in number and is a worksheet this weekend.

Next week we are reading Oliver's Fruit Salad.



## Lenny's Den News

Lenny's Den have had a busy and exciting week! We have been working our way through the book *Sam Plants a Sunflower* by Kate Petty and Axel Scheffler. The children have really enjoyed learning about the process of growing a sunflower and have been able to label the different parts of a plant.

All of the children took part in planting seeds at school and have also planted their own to take home—although Mrs Scarborough did get covered in compost on the first day!

In Maths, we have continued working on our personalised targets, focusing on different and matching. During phonics, we have been practising tricky and alien words, and the children are working hard to remember their sounds even when they appear in unfamiliar words.

As part of our group activities, we created a giant sunflower using our handprints, along with some busy bees to sit on top.

Have a lovely weekend—hopefully the sun will shine!

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Year 2 8407	Year 2 vs Year 5
Year 3 4526	Year 3 vs Year 6
Year 4 36725	Williams vs Simon
Year 5 926	
Year 6 21010	
<b><u>YEAR 4 WINS!</u></b>	

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
Freya Emily Freddie	Chandelle Ruben Alice	Ollie Noah Louis	Ralph Teddy Saida

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
David Hiya Kirsty	Otilie Morire Sebastian	Dylan Caleb Gabriel	Arlind Jack Reggie	Alexander Olivia 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 Pippa Wilson Mia  
Rainbow Fish Chandelle Walliams Liza-Mai  
Elmer Lilly K Simon Rocco  
Funnybones Ralph Horowitz Adrian  
Lenny's Den Fine Harriet  
Gruffalo Albie Morpurgo Niamh  
Stickman Amos Rauf Lily-Rose  
Dahl Ben C

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

Hungry C	Tiffany	Wilson	Nahil
Rainbow Fish	Samarveer	Walliams	Eddie
Elmer	Eddie	Simon	Rowan
Funnybones	Layla	Fine	Bertie
Gruffalo	Dylan	Horowitz	Adrian
Stickman	Rico	Morpurgo	George P
Dahl	Annabelle	Rauf	Harry



## Achievements outside of school...