



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer break, spending lots of quality time with your children.

A big welcome to all our new families of children who have started in EYFS this week. The youngest twenty have been in school since Wednesday, with the next twenty starting this morning. All of our EYFS children will have been in school by the end of next week. We welcome them all to Craylands and look forward to helping them to make progress and develop, preparing them to be lifelong learners.

I'd also like to welcome some new staff who have joined us this week. Mr Jones is teaching in Horowitz class, Mrs Turpie is teaching in Elmer class and Miss Browne is teaching Rainbow Fish class. Mrs Bean is a new learning support assistant and Miss Christie is a new midday meal supervisor.

The children have made a fantastic start to the school year and we can see that the conversations that we have been having around 'high expectations' are already paying dividends. This will be a driving force this year in terms of the children's learning, their personal development and their behaviour and attitudes; we want them to be the best that they can be and even more, we want them to want to be the best that they can be.

A key word that the children came up with in our assemblies this week was 'PRIDE'. As Lenny the Craylearning Lion is our school mascot, we want the children here to be part of his pride by having pride in their appearance, their behaviour at break, during assemblies, in the dining hall and pride in their work.

As parents and carers, you can help us to encourage your child to have high expectations of themselves; talk to them about their aspirations, what they want to be when they get older and how important their education is to reach these ambitions. You can help by supporting them with their home learning, by reading with them regularly at home, by encouraging them not to give up if they don't understand something (remember the power of the word 'yet') by supporting them in extending their learning at home. As I mentioned in my letter yesterday, you can also set those high expectations by ensuring your child comes into school wearing appropriate school uniform.

The children have already started learning their new topics, with some starting next week, including 'The place we live', 'The lady with the lamp' and 'rainforests'. You can find out more about what your child will be learning about this year and the expectations that their new class teacher has of them at our 'meet the new teacher' meetings which will be held on the evening of Wednesday 18th September; details to follow in a separate letter.

A reminder that children in Years 2 to 6 have a times tables rockstars log in; please do start to encourage your child to play—the first of the Battle of the Bands takes place this week so do try to ensure they take part. We will re-launch the 'Reading Jungle' soon but in the meantime, please encourage your child to read their reading book every day if possible.

I look forward to another year supporting your children and you as their parents/carers. Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

Upcoming Events

10/9/19	Y6 swimming starts
12/9/19	11+tests
17/9/19	Firefighter kids day—PE kits needed Y1-6
17/9/19	EYFS phonics workshop—details to follow
18/9/19	Parents/Carers welcome evening—details to follow
19/9/19	Fast Fives football—years 1&2 invites only
20/9/19	Soccer Sixes football—years 3 & 4 invites only
23/9/19	Years 3 & 4 trip to Horton Kirby
14/10/19	Individual photos
15/10/19	Year 2 reading morning
16/10/19	Years 1 & 3 reading morning
17/10/19	Years 4 & 5 reading morning
18/10/19	Year 6 reading morning
18/10/19	Last day of term

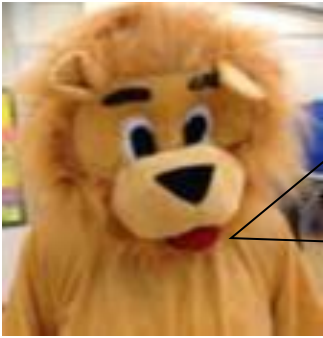
Reminders and Info

- Please do not park in the school car park at the end of the school day.
- Pinnacle Group have now replaced Sodexo. School meal prices remain the same for the time being. Please make cheques payable to Pinnacle FM Ltd.
- We now have enough bottles for our greenhouse and would like donations of seeds if you have any spare. Thank you!

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, those chosen to be a WOW writer, SUM DOG results as well as announcing the weekly team winners.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Elmer	<i>Oliver C</i>	Wilson	<i>Melissa G</i>
Funnybones	<i>Iola M</i>	Walliams	<i>Ellie J</i>
Gruffalo	<i>Layla H</i>	Horowitz	<i>Gideon O</i>
Stickman	<i>Hayden B</i>	Morpurgo	<i>Cara B</i>
Dahl	<i>Thomas G</i>		

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

Elmer	<i>Izabella C</i>
Funnybones	<i>Tamaya A</i>
Gruffalo	<i>Tyler W</i>
Stickman	<i>Amelie S</i>
Dahl	<i>Kofo I</i>

Wilson	<i>Honey C</i>
Walliams	<i>Ernie R</i>
Horowitz	<i>Alfie L</i>
Morpurgo	<i>Eray A</i>



This week's winning team is...



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

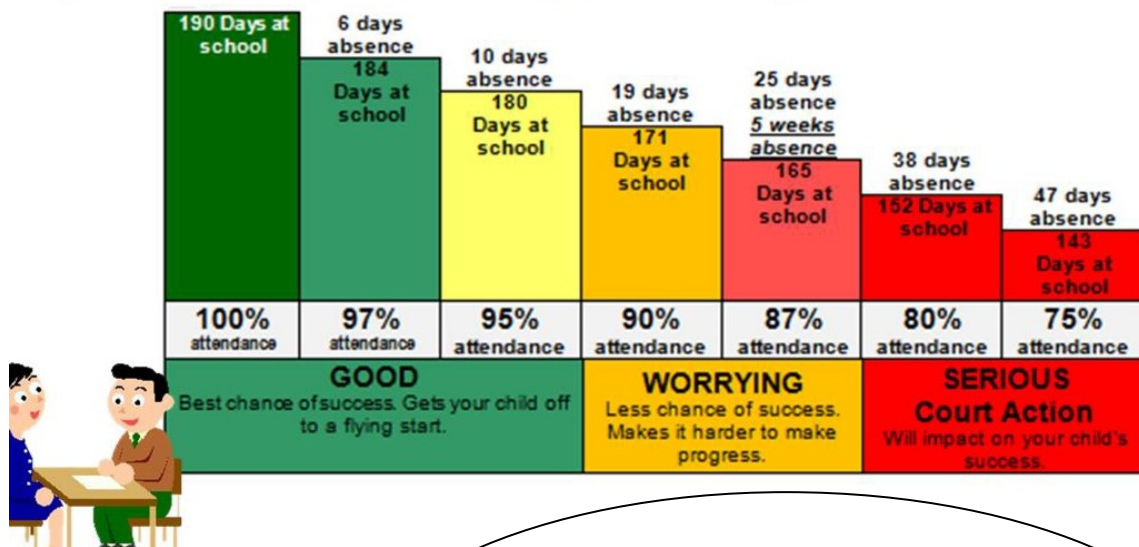
Stickman Class



Achievements outside of school...

Daniel, Ashley and Will have moved to level 2 swimming; they are very proud of this achievement!

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!

Class	Attendance this week	Number of children off this week	Attendance over the year
Elmer	95.5%	3	95.5%
Funnybones	95.9%	2	95.9%
Gruffalo	96.5%	1	96.5%
Stickman	100%	0	100%
Dahl	97.2%	2	97.2%
Wilson	95.5%	2	95.5%
Walliams	94.6%	2	94.6%
Horowitz	93.8%	3	93.8%
Morpurgo	94.6%	2	94.6%

WELL DONE TO..... Stickman Class for having perfect attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars

DOWNLOAD THE TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS APP ON IPADS AND IPHONES—AVAILABLE IN THE APP STORE.



MAKE SURE YOU ASK FOR A LOGIN AND PASSWORD IF YOUR CHILD CAN NOT REMEMBER THEIRS.

The fastest players in the school are.....

Eashan—Morpurgo
(1.06 seconds)

Carys—Horowitz
(1.21 seconds)

Mark—Walliams
(1.32 seconds)

Frank—Walliams
(1.45 seconds)

This week's 'Battle of the Bands' is between...

Dahl vs Wilson

Morpurgo vs Horowitz

Gruffalo vs Stickman

Horowitz vs Walliams



The Friends of Craylands needs you...!

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers of the Friends of Craylands for all their hard work over the past academic year.

They have raised funds for.....

Contributions towards school trips
Contributions towards visitors to the school
Resources for maths across the school
Reading books

They want to carry on this fantastic work and need your support no matter how small.

Perhaps you know contacts to provide raffle prizes, perhaps you can spend some time serving tea and coffee at an event or running a stall, perhaps you could make some phone calls on their behalf.

Come along to the AGM on 8th October to find out more.