

The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather has turned wetter and colder this week and there are many children without coats; please do ensure that your child brings an adequate coat to school every day now. Many thanks.

You may have noticed our sunflowers that have been growing outside my office; they have been visited by bumble bees all week. This is also where Mrs Strudwick has been growing tomatoes this year and we are appreciative of all those who have donated in order to take a bag of them home. We hope you've found our school grown tomatoes delicious.

The first big event in the Friends of Craylands calendar is happening at the end of this term. The annual fireworks display is something we haven't been able to hold recently due to the new build being constructed so we are delighted to have this popular event return to Craylands. Timings are being finalised but it promises to be an enjoyable evening with inflatables, a BBQ and of course a great display of bangs, whizzes and pops! The event is on the evening of Friday 18th October and I am sure that the Friends of Craylands would appreciate any help that can be offered.

Next week, the Friends of Craylands will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 8th October at 7pm. This event closes the previous year and launches a new year of events. It is a time to find out what has been run and how the funds have been spent. It is a great opportunity for any parents/carers who wish to support the fantastic work that the Friends do to come along; you may even find yourself being nominated as a committee member and if you don't fancy that, just come along for a cup of tea and show your support. We hope to see many of you there.

We are now in our third week of using the K52 gate at the end of the day and on the whole it seems to be working. There are some parents/carers, who we have made contact with, who continue to park on the double yellow lines in the gated area. This is really not safe for the children as often these vehicles are leaving when the children are and sometimes blocking the pathway. We ask for vehicles not to park here not because we are trying to annoy you but simply for the safety of our children. Thank you for your understanding.

On a similar note, we have made contact with many of you who are using Springfield Lodge car park after school to collect from the KS2 playground. This is not fair on the parents/carers of Springfield Lodge who come to collect their children at this time - very often they have nowhere to park. Also, it is unsafe to have as many cars as are currently using it when the small children are being collected. Please do consider where you are parking for the safety of ALL the children in our community. Many thanks.

It has been great to see many of you using the reading jungle at the end of the school day. Please do continue to use this as it is a great way for your children to be immersed in a range of different stories; the more the children read, the better they comprehend and it also has a huge impact on their written work.

We have scheduled an INSET day on Monday 28th October—this is the first day back after half term. We will be using this day to train staff in 'Team Teach' and looking further at our curriculum as subject leaders.

On Thursday this week, we had our firefighter kids work-outs. The children in Years 1 -6 had a 25 minutes workout led by a fireman whilst learning about fire safety. We will be provided with the work out videos so we hope to be able to use them regularly in school.

For the next two Monday afternoons, Year 2 will be spending time in the allotments; please ensure they have a suitable coat and bring in named wellies if they have any.

Have a great weekend—Mr Hiscock

Upcoming Events

11/10/19	Non-Uniform day— dress brightly; £1 donation
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
17/10/19	Harvest assembly
18/10/19	Year 6 reading morning
18/10/19	Last day of term
18/10/19	Fireworks night
28/10/19	Inset Day (no pupils)
29/10./19	Children return for T2
5/11/19	NSPCC Assembly
11/11/19	NSPCC workshops for years 5 & 6

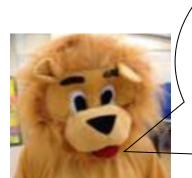
Reminders and Info

- Please could you start collecting food items for our Harvest Assembly; you can start sending them in from Monday 14th October.
- Thank you to all those who supported the MacMillan Coffee and Cake sessions. We raised a whopping £618!

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 Brooke D Walliams Archie M

Funnybones Fawaz R Horowitz Jessica S

Gruffalo Eva P Morpurgo Eashan T

Stickman Dolly C

Dahl Freya R

Wilson Albert R

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

Elmer Omotowobola I Walliams Amie B

Funnybones Maisy E Horowitz Alfie L

Gruffalo Archie Mc Morpurgo Jack G

Stickman Oliver J

Dahl James S

Wilson Jack D



This week's winning team is...

Leeds



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

Hungry Caterpillar

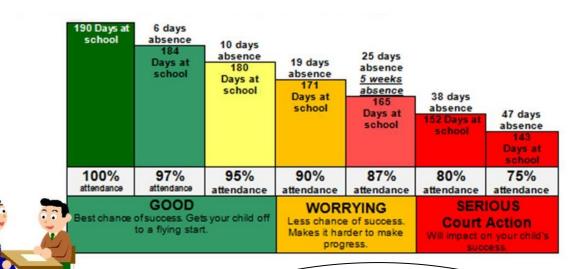


Achievements outside of school...

Isabel (Horowitz) has recently joined Flurry cheerleaders...we look forward to seeing some of your cheers.

Christian (Morpurgo) has been chosen to represent England as part of his karate club; an amazing achievement—we look forward to hearing how you do!







To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!

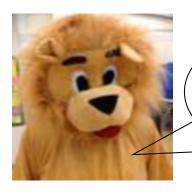
100% is what I really want to see!

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
H Caterpillar	100%	0	99.4%
Rainbow Fish	92.3%	4	96.2%
Elmer	99.3%	1	98.8%
Funnybones	97.0%	3	96.8%
Gruffalo	96.9%	4	97.2%
Stickman	95.5%	5	98.5%
Dahl	93.6%	3	96.8%
Wilson	94.6%	3	96.0%
Walliams	94.8%	4	97.7%
Horowitz	98.3%	2	95.8%
Morpurgo	98.7%	2	98.0%







What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?

Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	Addition/part whole models to 20	Capital letters and full stops.
Gruffalo/Stickman	Using the inverse to find missing numbers	Alternative graphemes and suffixes
Dahl/Wilson	Addition and subtraction	Conjunctions
Walliams	Comparing up to 4 digit numbers	Adjectives for description
Horowitz	Inverse operations Multi-step word problems	Noun/adverbial phrases
Morpurgo	Factors Prime Numbers BODMAS	Modal verbs Reported/Direct Speech

Useful websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/

http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/

Times Tables Rockstars

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Battle of the Band Winners

Elmer vs Funnybones 1027 5293 Funnybones wins!!

> Dahl vs Wilson 13,398 4714 Dahl wins!!

Gruffalo vs Stickman 4105 4831 Stickman wins!!

Walliams vs Horowitz 17,790 9262 Walliams wins!!

Horowitz vs Morpurgo 9262 1827 Horowitz wins!! This week's 'Battle of the Bands' is between...

Elmer vs Dahl

Funnybones vs Wilson

Stickman vs Walliams

Gruffalo vs Morpurgo

Horowitz vs Funnybones



Fireworks Party

A letter will be sent out soon with more information about our Fireworks Party on 18th October. Gates will open at 5.30pm and Fireworks will start at 7.30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

08 OCTOBER

Cuppa & Cake **AGM**

18 OCTOBER

Fireworks Party

14 NOVEMBER

Happy Bag collection.

06 DECEMBER

Christmas Discos

FUTURE EVENTS!

Quiz Night Family Bingo

Film Clubs

(Dates to be confirmed)

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



Welcome to a brand new academic year! We have lots of exciting events planned and some fun ideas for raising funds for your children's school. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch!

Cuppa & Cake Evening and AGM

This is a really important event for The Friends of Craylands. The AGM is our chance to tell you about the previous year's fundraising efforts and how those funds have been spent. It's also your chance to meet us and give us your views. We'd love to hear

about any event ideas you may have or any areas where you'd like to see our funds being spent!

More importantly, there will be cake!



We'd like to thank all of you who came to the Summer Fair and made it such a great success! Families we spoke to really enjoyed the day and Eagle Heights was definitely a highlight!

Special thanks to all of those parents and staff who gave their time to help run stalls on the day and to those of you who donated to our raffle and tombolas. Overall we raised £2000 for the school!

Happy Bags Collections

If you are having a declutter at home we may be able to help you get rid of some of those unwanted items and the bonus is that it helps us raise money! Happy Bags will be collecting from us on 14th November and we'll be sending out a bag to each family before this. Please fill it with any unwanted soft toys, clothes and bedding/curtains in any condition. If you have enough to fill more than one bag we can also take normal bags. We are given 60p per kilo so every little helps! If you'd like to drop off your filled bags beforehand

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