



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 1

Friday 10th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the first full week back at school and what a scorcher of a week it has been—where was this weather in the last six weeks?

## STAR

The children have been busy taking part in their ST-ART weeks with lots of art and DT taking place including studying Monet, making bridges and studying the artist Georgia O'Keefe. Next week, they will start the geography or history elements of their topics, which are:

Year 1—What is it like where we live?

Year 2- How do we know that the Great Fire of London happened?

Year 3—What happens from the start to the end of a river?

Year 4—How does the North American landscape differ?

Year 5—Where should you visit in Europe?

Year 6—Does deforestation have an effect on our society?

Next week, we will be sending out year group guides which have key vocabulary linked with these topics; please do spend some time discussing the words with your child at home as this will help with their learning in school.

## Class Dojo/TTRS

I am in the process of setting up new classes for these and hope to send log in details by the beginning of next week.

## Drop off

Please be extra cautious when crossing the school gate on Craylands Lane after 8.40 in the morning, as there are cars coming into the school grounds to use the drop off zone now. We will look at this when EYFS start earlier and are considering opening the drop off zone a little later to allow the majority of children to cross and come into school before this is up and running as this will make things a little safer out there. We will advise in due course.

## Information session

We will be holding information session on Wednesday 15th September. A letter should have come out about this today. We will hold a Zoom meeting and a 'live' meeting—details are in the letter. Depending on numbers of attendees for the 'live' session, some staff may make the decision to wear face coverings or hold the meetings outside, weather permitting. We all have our own sensitivities regarding Covid and I respect any decision that they make that would ensure they feel safe.

Please do let us know if you intend to attend the live session; this should be one parent per family and no children ideally. We hope you find the information shared useful.

## COVID Questions

**What happens if a parent tests positive?** *The child can still come to school but we ask that they have a PCR test done as a precaution; they should then isolate if this is positive.*

**What happens if a brother/sister tests positive?** *The child can still come to school but we ask that they have a PCR test done as a precaution; they should then isolate if this is positive.*

**What happens if a child in school tests positive?** *The child isolates for 10 days; track and trace may contact anyone in class considered a close contact; otherwise all other children in the class can attend school.*

## 11+

Well done to those who took this yesterday; whatever happens, you should be proud of how sensibly you approached the tests—very well done!

## Important dates

13/9	EYFS 9—12.15p.m.
15/9	Information sessions (see separate letter for timings)
20/9	Teacher led clubs to start
21/10	Last day of term
22/10	INSET DAY
1/11	Start of term 2
3/12	INSET day
17/12	End of term 2

Children in key stage 2 can bring their own fruit in for break time; children in year 3 no longer get fruit in school as they did in KS1.

As some of the children are having lunch at a slightly later time, they may need a fruit snack to keep them going.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend! Mr Hiscock

# Message from the assistant head/SENCO

Welcome back!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Craylands for, hopefully, another successful year.

For our new families and as a reminder to our existing families I wanted to introduce myself and my role in helping you and your child.

I have worked now at Craylands for 14 years, for most of that time as SENCo and most recently also as Assistant Head.

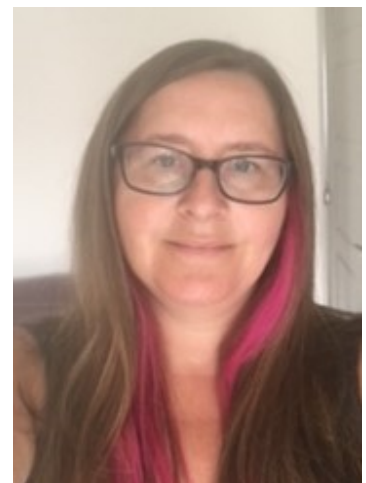
As one of Craylands Assistant Heads I am available if you ever have any questions or concerns that have not been answered by your child's class teacher or for any matter that you feel is of significant concern.

As Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator I support families with children that need additional support in school for learning, emotional and behaviour needs, speech and language etc. I am able to support with those children that may need referrals to other agencies such as the Community paediatrician, speech and Language therapy, occupational therapy, Specialist teaching service, CHYMPS etc

Please do speak to me about any concerns that you may have and I will do my absolute best to support you and your child.


I am in school Monday and Wednesday - Friday  
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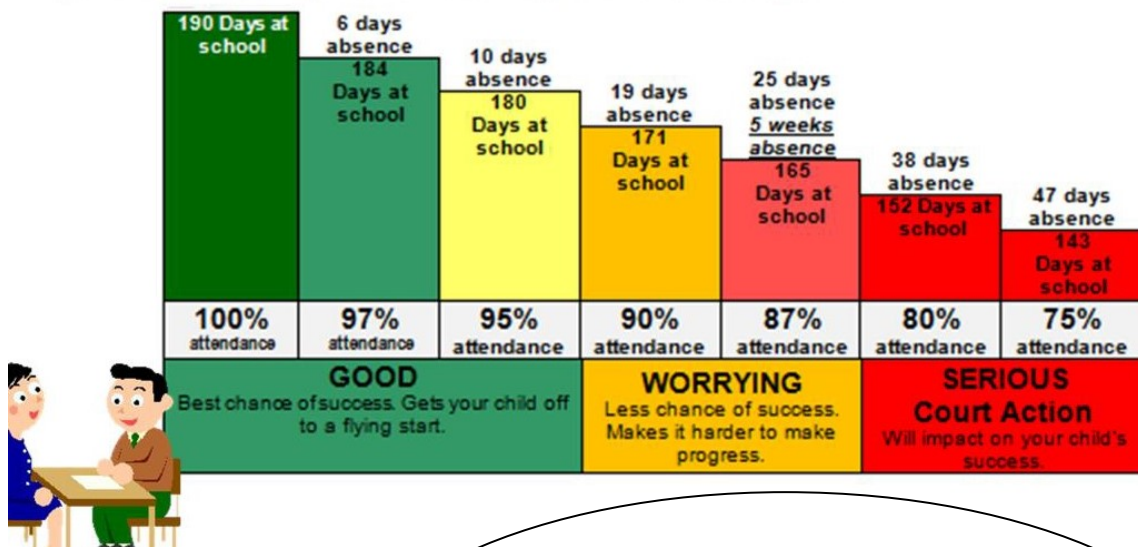


# Arts and cultural challenges



Date	Activity idea
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>National doodle day - create some doodle art</p> <p><a href="#">(185) Squiggle Game Art Activity - YouTube</a></p> <p>BIG WELL DONE TO LILLY (MORPURGO) AND POPPY (STICKMAN) FOR COMPLETING THIS CHALLENGE!</p> 
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>National read a book day - record yourself reading an extract from your favourite book on Class Dojo—use lots of expression.</p> <p>I look forward to watching some next week!</p>

# 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
Elmer	97.9%	4
Funnybones	98.6%	2
Gruffalo	95.8%	3
Stickman	100%	0
Dahl	98.5%	3
Wilson	98.6%	3
Simon	98.6%	2
Walliams	96%	4
Fine	95.3%	2
Horowitz	95.1%	4
Morpurgo	97.5%	1

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

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
PLEASE DO TRY TO LOG ON AND PLAY ON TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PER WEEK.	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</p>

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<u>Elmer</u>	<u>Funnybones</u>	<u>Stickman</u>	<u>Gruffalo</u>	<u>Dahl</u>	
<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>

# 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		Dahl	Alba
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Monaco
Elmer	Ayden	Walliams	Emilie S/ Eleanor
Funnybones	Elizabeth K	Simon	Callum
Gruffalo	George W	Horowitz	Demi
Stickman	Freddy	Fine	Lillie B
		Morpurgo	Matthew

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

Hungry C		Dahl	Fawaz
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Ashley
Elmer	Theo	Walliams	Teddy P
Funnybones	Elliot	Simon	Nathan
Gruffalo	Faith	Fine	Phoebe
Stickman	Evelyn	Horowitz	Izzy C
		Morpurgo	Ethan



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

**STICKMAN CLASS**



## Achievements outside of school...

Hunter (Elmer) completed the reading challenge over the summer holiday and received a medal and certificate—well done; a fantastic reading achievement.

Ernie and Luca (Morpurgo Class) have both been successful in making the Dartford District Football Team—a fantastic achievement boys—very well done indeed!