



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to you all—it was fantastic to see a steady stream of children flowing through the gates this morning, looking so smart, with smiles on their faces and ready to learn.

## Hakuna Matata

For the first time in a long time, I was able to hold a KS1 and a KS2 assembly in person today. The children were AMAZING! They came into the hall without talking and sat wonderfully! I admitted to them that I was a bit worried about what they may be like and I was very pleasantly surprised. Worries was the theme of the assembly, as it is only natural that we all felt a little worried this morning.

'Hakuna Matata'...it means no worries—this has been the phrase of the day! Throughout this year we will be working on developing the social and emotional learning of our children, developing self-regulation skills. The use of creative and arty activities is incorporated within this, which is why the children have been working on some 'Lenny the Lion' or 'Westie the well being sloth' crafts today, which will be added to a whole school display in the main entrance.

We want to embrace 'Hakuna Matata' in the sense that we want to recognise we all have worries but it's finding out how we can seek support to make those worries go away. We hope the children enjoyed these craft activities. It links nicely with the Craylearning skill of 'Never worrying about making mistakes'.

## Arts

Attached to this newsletter, you will find some art and cultural challenges that we would like the children to take part in if they so choose to at home. We are working towards Artsmark again and they key will be to get as many children involved in the arts as possible. It would be great if you upload any of your work onto Class Dojo for the staff to see. We may even be able to exhibit some of it in assemblies.

## Class Dojo

We will be archiving last years classes and resetting points on Class Dojo by the end of next week. It is easier to set new classes up and reset than change the names on them. Please do warn your child that the points will be reset this year. We will let you know how to access Dojo in due course.

## Drop off

As EYFS are not starting at 8.35 until week commencing 20th September, the gate will not be opened until 8.40; there was a long queue this morning as many arrived early. It was quite congested at times this morning, so if you can stick to the timings as well that may help:

8.40—8.45—Years 1 & 2  
8.45—8.50—Years 3 & 4  
8.50—8.55—Years 5 & 6

We will confirm where we will be taking messages next week as we need to consider what works best e.g. at the gate or at the office.

## COVID

If your child has Covid symptoms, they should not come into school and should have a PCR test done; we will send home anyone we feel has symptoms. Children can come into school if there is a household member with Covid eg siblings, parents etc however we would be grateful if you could tell us that there is someone at home with Covid, so that staff can take any precautions they may need to. To see updated guidance, please visit the website. [www.craylands.kent.sch.uk](http://www.craylands.kent.sch.uk)

## Important dates

6/9	EYFS 9—1130am
9/9	11+ tests in school
13/9	EYFS 9—12.15pm
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.

As our school is growing, please can we ask that you state your child's full name and class when contacting us by phone or email.

Many thanks

We are very pleased to be back....see you all on Monday.

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

# A letter from Lenny



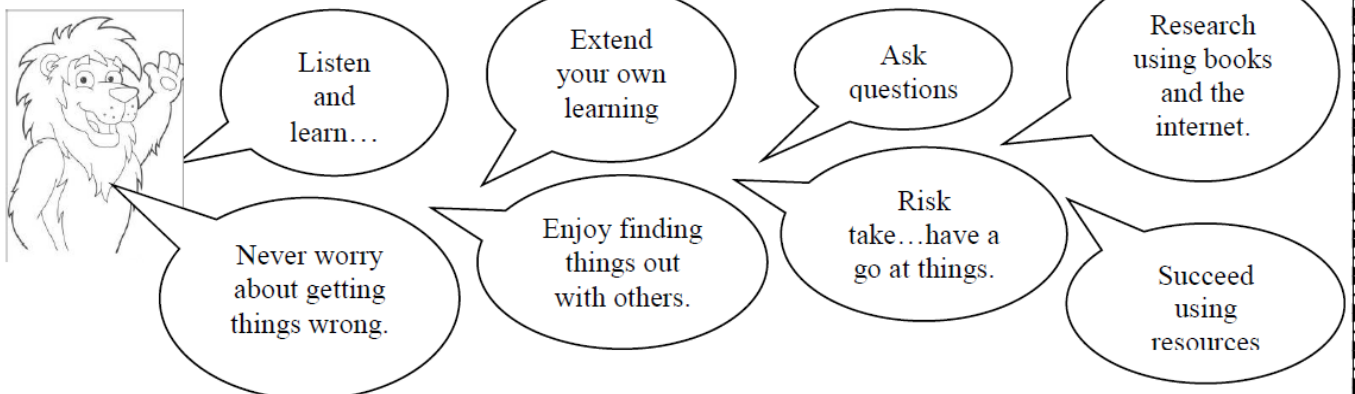
Welcome back! Your class adults are excited to share the next school year with you!

This year, you, as a Craylearner, will be learning more and growing your brain, developing as a person. Your teachers and I challenge you to do the very best that you can do. I want to hear about the challenging goals you set yourself and I know your teachers will help to push yourself to work the hardest that you can.

Difficult work can be scary and sometimes frustrating. You might be tempted to give up, however it can take a long time to become an expert at something that is new to you or that you aren't good at. The only way to learn and get better at something new is to put **lots of effort in** and work **really, really** hard at it....**even if you make lots of mistakes.**

In fact, Craylearners need to make mistakes! Don't be afraid to have a go at something because you think that you are not good at it. Chances are...you won't be...**at first!** In order to be successful, you need to take a risk and make mistakes because you can learn from them. Easy is boring! Effort is what makes you smart!

Remember what I say about what makes an effective learner.



I can't wait to speak to you more this year and seeing you working as hard as you can, giving everything a go, even if you feel nervous or scared at times.

Let's grow our brains together, extend our learning and have lots of fun along the way!

Lenny the Craylearning Lion



# Arts and cultural challenges

Date	Activity idea
w/c 1/9	National doodle day - create some doodle art <a href="#">(185) Squiggle Game Art Activity - YouTube</a>
w/c 6/9	National read a book day - record yourself reading an extract from your favourite book.
w/c 13/9	Roald Dahl - dress up and take a picture of yourself as one of Roald Dahl's favourite characters OR draw a picture of one of Roald Dahl's characters. <a href="#">The Official Roald Dahl Website</a>
w/c 20/9	Recycle week - make a sculpture or collage from some recycled material.
w/c 27/9	European Day of languages - share a different language that you speak with us.
w/c 4/10	<u><b>The Big Draw month</b></u>  Share your drawings with us!
w/c 11/10	
w/c 18/10	