



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have continued to work hard this week, starting many other subjects including computing, French, history, geography and PE

Information sessions

This week, we held our information sessions virtually and in person. Many thanks to those of you who attended. We apologise for some of the technical difficulties that were encountered with those who joined by zoom....you would think two years of remote learning would mean that technology should be used to such events but it always surprises us!

There were very few parents/carers who attended in person this year; whether this had something to do with Covid or whether people preferred the virtual option. We will seriously consider whether it is worth having a face to face welcome evening next year or whether to just use Zoom for all.

EYFS

I am so very impressed with how our newest children of the school have started their time with us. They seem so confident in walking down to the classrooms; it's as if they have been with us for much longer. This week they have stayed for lunch and again have taken to this so well and should be very proud of themselves. Next week, they stay for the whole day. This is a big jump and transition for them so do expect your child to be tired and possibly more teary as the week goes on.

A big welcome to all our new parents/carers and thank you for attending your parent/carer appointments and the phonics workshop this week; it has been lovely to meet you and we look forward to having you as part of our community for your child's time at Craylands.

Today your child will have been given an envelope; this has their class name in it and tells you the teacher that they will have. They will either be in Hungry Caterpillar class with Mrs Gubby, Mrs Strudwick and Mrs Cadden or Rainbow Fish class with Mrs Healey, Mrs Watson and Miss Bean. A reminder that from next week, EYFS children should come into school at 8.35. Older siblings can come down with them at this time. They will need to be collected at 3pm; Hungry Caterpillars will be collected from the main school door (red door) and Rainbow Fish will be collected from the gate that they enter the school through.

Drop off

As EYFS will be starting next week, we will be opening the gates for them and siblings at 8.35. For the first couple of weeks, we would ask that ONLY EYFS children and siblings come through the gate at 8.35. We will ask anyone that is not EYFS and siblings to wait until 8.40 which is when we will allow the rest to come down. If you arrive early, please wait to one side so that EYFS can come through.

Clubs

Next week sees the start of our teacher led clubs starting; Pro-future football club started on Monday. There is a wide range of clubs this term led by the class teachers; there are limits on the number of children we can have in each club so it may be that your child is on a waiting list. We will also alternate year groups for some of the clubs throughout the year. We hope they will enjoy attending.

Important dates

20/9	Teacher led clubs to start
20/9	EYFS 8.35—3
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

Staff do not always check Class Dojo; if you have a message to send them it is always advisable to email:

enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk

who can then send it to them.

Upcoming PTA event:

Fireworks evening (to be confirmed) on 21/10/21

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Message from the assistant head/PPST lead

As one of the Assistant Heads, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and to extend a very warm welcome to you all. I started work here as the Reception teacher when the school opened in September 2003, and I have been here ever since. I love working at this school and supporting all the wonderful children and their families. I wear several different 'hats' throughout my working week, and I would like to explain some of my roles to you so that you will know how I might be able to support you now or in the future.

I am the schools Designated Safeguarding Lead. This means that it is my job to ensure the safety of all our children inside and outside of school. We take all safeguarding concerns seriously and will always act in the best interests of the child. I work alongside other professionals such as children's social care and the police. I train all the staff regularly to ensure they know how to recognise and respond to potential concerns. I am brilliantly supported in this aspect of my role by my deputies: Mrs Drake, Mrs Farrell, Mr Hiscock and Mrs Stone.

I am the Pupil and Parent Support Team Lead and feel proud of the work that our team does. As a team, we are here to help you and your child get the very best from school by providing support, advice and information. We can help you with any worries you may have in relation to your child's education, behaviour, attendance or emotional well-being and provide support on how best to deal with it. If you would like to speak to one of us, you can find us on the gate every morning or you can contact us on 01322 388230 option 3.

I also manage the provision for Pupil Premium within the school. This is an amount of money the government allocate to support children who may be vulnerable to under-achievement, to reach their full potential. At Craylands, we look at each child individually to assess their needs and plan interventions accordingly. If you feel your child may be eligible for this funding, please speak to either myself or Mrs Farrell.

I also monitor attendance and behaviour so I may be in contact with you to discuss any concerns and see if we can help in any way.


I work Monday to Thursday. I am on the gate before and after school. You can contact me using the telephone number above or please feel free to email me if you would prefer

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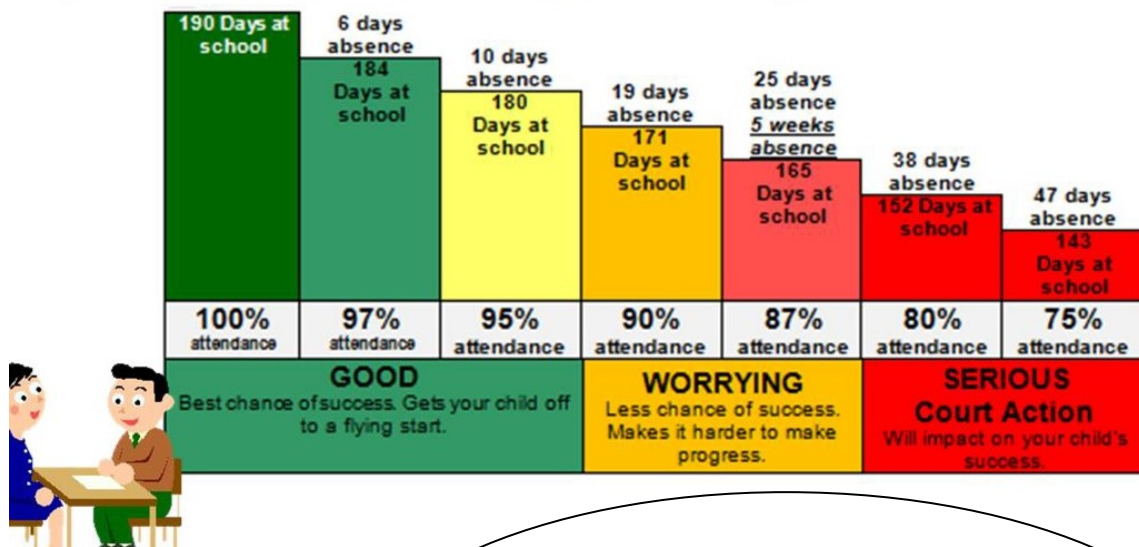


Arts and cultural challenges



Date	Activity idea
LAST 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>Well done to.....</p> <p>Habib Poppy K Olivia Poppy Jess</p> 
THIS WEEK'S ARTS CHALLENGE	<p>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.</p> <p><u>The Official Roald Dahl Website</u></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	98.6%	1
Funnybones	99.3%	1
Gruffalo	93.7%	3
Stickman	98.6%	3
Dahl	95.9%	4
Wilson	98.6%	2
Simon	99.3%	1
Walliams	98.0%	1
Fine	99.0%	3
Horowitz	94.6%	3
Morpurgo	98.2%	3

WELL DONE TO.....Funnybones and Simon Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 6228 4544 Stickman Wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 8490 1514 Dahl Wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 6597 6033 Walliams Wins!</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz 4336 4186 Fine Wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz 7827 4186 Morpurgo Wins!</p>	<p>Elmer vs Funnybones</p> <p>Fine vs Morpurgo</p> <p>Gruffalo vs Dahl</p> <p>Wilson vs Stickman</p> <p>Simon vs Horowitz</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<u>Elmer</u>	<u>Funnybones</u>	<u>Stickman</u> Alexander Inika Chika	<u>Gruffalo</u> Evie Olivia Kieran	<u>Dahl</u> Chidera Alexander Ishaan	
<u>Wilson</u> Ashley Helena Oscar	<u>Walliams</u> Emilie Eva P Grishiga	<u>Simon</u> Sami Matthew Amelie	<u>Horowitz</u> Ben Izzie Poppy	<u>Fine</u> Habib Selina Tristan	<u>Morpurgo</u> Camren Ethan Daniel

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	Callum
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Alfie
Elmer	Billy	Walliams	Archie
Funnybones	Mia Rose	Simon	Amelie
Gruffalo	Angela	Horowitz	Isla
Stickman	Archie	Fine	Ella
		Morpurgo	Jack

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

Hungry C		Dahl	Chidera
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Savannah
Elmer	Isla	Walliams	Frankie
Funnybones	Emilia	Simon	Isla
Gruffalo	Evie	Fine	Harry
Stickman	Poppy	Horowitz	Toby
		Morpurgo	Camren



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

Funnybones and Simon Class



Achievements outside of school...

Max FK (Morpurgo Class) has been successful in making the Dartford District Football Team—a fantastic achievement—very well done indeed!

Phoebe (Fine) took part in a cheerleading competition and came 1st as a team—it is her turn for the trophy—well done Phoebe.