



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well this has certainly been a week that I do not want to experience again for some time.

## Covid

Who would have thought that at the end of last week, we had no real sign of Covid within the school and now we have had multiple positive PCRs across the school, some positive LFTs and a number of children awaiting results.

As a result of increasing cases, we have done all we can to try to prevent it spreading by returning to a bubble system albeit using year group bubbles due to some staffing issues. We will continue with this into next week.

## What does this mean about Christmas performances?

We had every intention of running these and having parents/carers in, however with the number of those with symptoms and the positive LFTs currently in Year 2, we would not be considering everyone's safety by having all of KS1 in the hall together next week to perform. There is also the case that we have many children in Year 2 absent currently due to having symptoms, awaiting PCR results and we have staff absent from KS1 who would ordinarily support during the performances. Therefore, sadly, we will need to cancel the performances.

HOWEVER, as the children have worked so hard on these, we would like to offer you a glimpse of what they could have been like. Key Stage 1 will film one or two songs that they have been practising and upload this onto Class Dojo so that you can see them. These will be uploaded no later than the end of Thursday next week.

We will also need to make changes to the KS2 Christmas sing songs and would like to invite you to hear the year groups sing a couple of songs for you—still on the playground but within a shorted time period. The dates and times are as follows:

**Monday 13th December—2.45pm—KS2 playground—Y3 parents/carers**

**Tuesday 14th December 2.45pm—KS2 playground—Y4 parents/carers**

**Wednesday 15th December 2.45pm—KS2 playground—Y5 parents/carers**

**Thursday 16th December—2.45pm—KS2 playground—Y6 parents/carers**

We will let you in through the KS2 playground gate; no tickets are required.

Reluctantly, due to the mixture of children from across KS2 in the choir, we will need to cancel their planned performance after school on Monday. We can not film them as this would require us to mix bubbles and for everyone's safety, we do not want to do this.

## EYFS nativity

We were fortunate enough to continue with the EYFS nativity this week, titled 'A present for the baby'. The children did a FANTASTIC job of performing this lovely story about the power of simply caring for one another at Christmas. I was so impressed with their listening skills and they sang beautifully. A big thank you to the EYFS staff for working hard with the children on this. A big well done to all involved.

Have a good weekend. Mr Hiscock

## Important dates

13/12 Year 3 songs 2.45p.m.

14/12 Year 4 songs 2.45p.m.

15/12 Year 5 songs 2.45p.m.

16/12 Year 6 songs 2.45p.m.

Xmas dinner/xmas jumpers

17/12 End of term 2

3/1 Start of term 3

10/1 INSET DAY—staff training

11/2 End of term 3

If your child develops a cough, currently we would advise that they have a PCR test completed before they return to school.

This is due to the number of cases we have in school currently.

If the PCR returns negative, they can return to school.

We will be uploading work onto Class Dojo for those children who are at home and are well enough to complete it.

## What are we doing in terms of Covid?

I have been asked what we are doing in relation to ensuring we are doing all we can to prevent the spread of Covid amongst the children, especially in light of what is happening in a local school to ours.

The Dfe guidance states that we only need to take extra measures if the following criteria is met:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

As it stands, we do not meet this criteria, however despite this, we have actioned the following:

- Set up year group bubbles; this means children are only playing with children from their year group at morning play and lunch play
- Packed lunches are eating in class; school dinners are eating staggered in the hall on year group tables
- Where possible, we are keeping those classes with positive PCRS separate from other class in their year group; with the exception of EYFS as they are free flow.
- Staff are remaining within their bubbles as much as possible
- No large gatherings of children including:
  - no assemblies
  - no rehearsals
  - KS1 production will not take place as we can not run this without all of KS1 being together
- The school is well ventilated; CO2 detectors are in classrooms to detect whether more ventilation is needed
- Frequent touch points are cleaned during the day
- Children continue to be asked to wash their hands
- We will not be allowing Christmas dinner to take place altogether in the hall and will consider ways of doing it.
- Strong emphasis on anyone in a class with a case to get a PCR test
- Staff testing regularly
- Sending anyone with symptoms home and asking those with symptoms not to come in until they have a negative PCR

We are just as concerned as many of you are as we all want to be able to enjoy a Covid free Christmas; sadly we have staff with Covid currently and we want to reduce any more staff, as well as the children and yourselves from catching it.

Thank you as always for your continued support and understanding.

# EYFS NEWS



A BIG well done to you all for taking part in the nativity this week—super job!

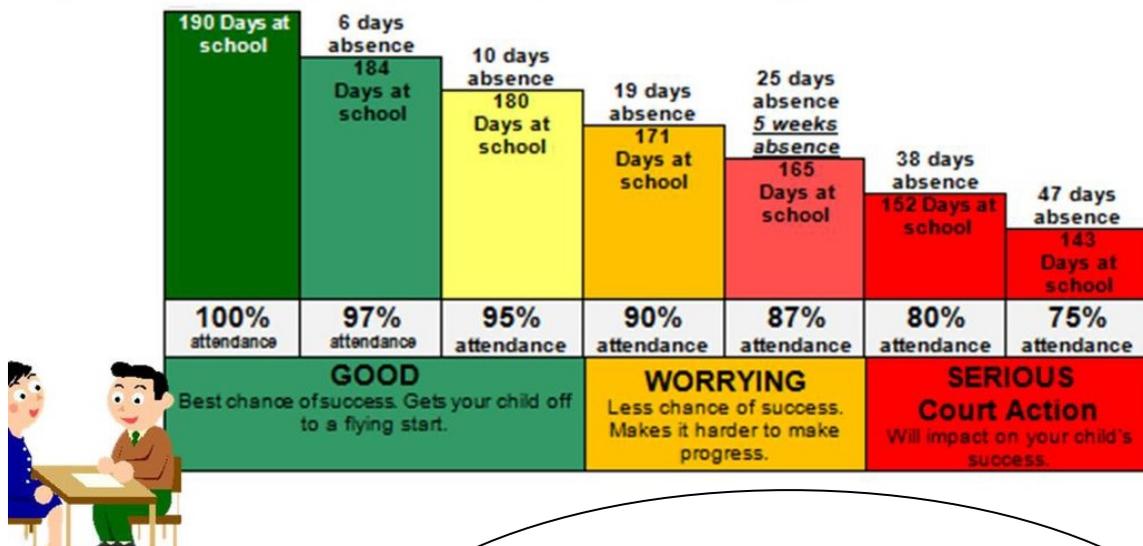
For anyone at home isolating, Mrs Gubby will put suggestions of activities on Tapestry.

## Arts and cultural challenges



| Date                      | Activity idea  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
|---------------------------|--|----------|------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------|----------|------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | Film yourself singing a Christmas song and upload it onto Class Dojo.  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
|                           | <p>Taking part in the Christmas tree decoration challenge were...</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Grishiga</td><td>Aiza</td></tr><tr><td>Helena</td><td>Eva C</td></tr><tr><td>Olivia C</td><td>Louis</td></tr><tr><td>Chester</td><td>George P</td></tr><tr><td>Hari</td><td>Faith</td></tr><tr><td>Arlind</td><td>Evie P</td></tr><tr><td>Dylan</td><td>Michael</td></tr><tr><td>Hunter</td><td>Sienna</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>There may well be others but these children uploaded pictures onto Class Dojo.</p> | Grishiga | Aiza | Helena | Eva C | Olivia C | Louis | Chester | George P | Hari | Faith | Arlind | Evie P | Dylan | Michael | Hunter | Sienna |
| Grishiga                  | Aiza   |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Helena                    | Eva C  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Olivia C                  | Louis  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Chester                   | George P   |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Hari                      | Faith  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Arlind                    | Evie P   |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Dylan                     | Michael  |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |
| Hunter                    | Sienna   |          |      |        |       |          |       |         |          |      |       |        |        |       |         |        |        |

# 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      | 92.0%                | 5                                |
| Funnybones | 91.3%                | 8                                |
| Gruffalo   | 80.9%                | 14                               |
| Stickman   | 88.3%                | 7                                |
| Dahl       | 88.1%                | 7                                |
| Wilson     | 82.6%                | 10                               |
| Simon      | 93.3%                | 6                                |
| Walliams   | 94.3%                | 6                                |
| Fine       | 89.3%                | 5                                |
| Horowitz   | 83.3%                | 10                               |
| Morpurgo   | 96.5%                | 4                                |

WELL DONE TO.....Walliams Class for having the highest attendance this week!



# Times Tables Rockstars



| Last week's results...   | This week's battles.....  |
|--|---|
| <p>Elmer vs Funnybones<br/>634 251<br/>Elmer wins!</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo<br/>2204 2721<br/>Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson<br/>11125 1341<br/>Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon<br/>4031 1582<br/>Walliams wins!</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz<br/>3136 1019<br/>Fine wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Simon<br/>386 1582<br/>Simon wins!</p> | <p>Year 1 vs Year 2</p> <p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p> |

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

|  |   |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b><u>Elmer</u></b><br>Arlind<br>Hunter<br>James | <b><u>Funnybones</u></b><br>Finley<br>Matthew<br>Nate | <b><u>Stickman</u></b><br>Chika<br>Evelyn<br>Inika | <b><u>Gruffalo</u></b><br>Olivia<br>Angela<br>Evie G    | <b><u>Dahl</u></b><br>Chidera<br>Zain<br>Joel              | <b><u>Wilson</u></b><br>Helena<br>Finley<br>Oscar |
| <b><u>Simon</u></b><br>Amelie<br>Eva J<br>Nathan | <b><u>Walliams</u></b><br>Harriet<br>Ranti<br>Emilie  | <b><u>Fine</u></b><br>Vihaan<br>Jack<br>Poppy      | <b><u>Horowitz</u></b><br>Benjamin<br>Thomas<br>Aaliyah | <b><u>Morpurgo</u></b><br>Michael<br>Daniel<br>Maximillien |   |

# 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     | Will   |
| Rainbow Fish |         | Wilson   | George |
| Elmer        | Frankie | Walliams | Tilly  |
| Funnybones   | Brody   | Simon    | Marley |
| Gruffalo     | Kieren  | Horowitz | Olly   |
| Stickman     | Harry B | Fine     | Phoebe |
|              |         | Morpurgo | Lilly  |

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

|              |           |          |            |
|--------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Hungry C     |           | Dahl     | Owen       |
| Rainbow Fish |           | Wilson   | Oskar S    |
| Elmer        | Viktorija | Walliams | Emileigh D |
| Funnybones   | Luca      | Simon    | Rosey      |
| Gruffalo     | Mia Rose  | Fine     | Emily      |
| Stickman     | Ronnie    | Horowitz | Poppy C    |
|              |           | Morpurgo | Max W      |



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

**Walliams Class**



## Achievements outside of school...

Danny (Stickman) won a trophy and medals as part of the Pro Future Soccer presentation session—well done Danny.

Will (Dahl) has been made a lodge assistant—well done Will!

Please join us for the first

**CRAFT FAIR** **GIFTS!**

*Ingress Park*  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sunday 12th December  
 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
*On: The Boulevard*

**FOOD** **Special Gift**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS!**

Monaco (Y3W) will display and give the lovely cards designed by the children from school.

**DARTFORD**  
 BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Santa on tour**  
**FREE!**

- \* SEE SANTA'S VINTAGE FIRE ENGINE \*
- \* FREE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN \*
- \* NO TICKET REQUIRED \*
- \* JUST WRAP UP WARM AND TURN UP \*

**Sunday 12th December**  
**at 3pm**

Greenhithe. Ingress Park. Junction of Ingress Park Ave & Prioress Crescent, DA9 9GE

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