



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A rather surreal week following on from the sad events at the end of last week. A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday in recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

Meet the teacher sessions

Thank you to those of you who attended either a face to face session or a virtual session this week. We hope that you found the opportunity to meet your new child's class teacher useful and to find out a little about what your child will be learning this year.

Attendance varied for different sessions for different year groups for example only 3 people attended a virtual session at 6pm yesterday, which seems rather unfair on the staff member to have to work that late for such a small number of people. We do seek to be fair on all our parents/carers, however we do have to take into consideration staff working later, especially when we have such low attendance at later events.

We will hopefully be able to send out learning guides by the end of the week, which informs you of what your child will be learning in each subject and the expectations in maths, reading and writing by the end of the year.

Uniform: The vast majority of the children look very smart. A reminder however for those wearing trainers to school, that this is not part of school uniform. Can I also ask that if white tops are being worn for PE, that they have no patterns on them—they need to be completely plain please or preferably the same colour as your child's team.

Drop off

A reminder that if you are dropping off in the morning, you should use the gate on Craylands Lane to enter the school and leave opposite Bright Horizons nursery. We would NOT advise any EYFS parents/carers to be using the drop off zone yet and we would ask that no one parks in the school car park at this time of day, especially not in the drop off zone. Thank you for your support in this.

Communication of concerns

Please find below guidance on who and how to communicate if you have any serious concerns that need raising:

- Concerns should be raised with the class teacher in the first instance; this can be done at the gate, through a note in reading record book or sending an email via the school office: enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk
- If you are unhappy with the way it has been addressed by the class teacher and/or you do not wish to speak to the class teacher about it, you should make contact with the assistant heads Mrs Cox or Mrs Stone either by phone or sending an email via the school office: enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk
- If they feel that it needs to be passed to the Headteacher, then they will do that and/or if you are unhappy with the way that they have dealt with the concern, you can make contact with the Headteacher again via an email or phone call to the school office: enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Please do try to follow these stages if you ever have any concerns. We are however always on the gate to chat with you at any point. For general questions, please email: admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Wishing you a peaceful and reflective weekend—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

w/c 19/9	After school clubs start
19/9	NO SCHOOL DUE TO QUEEN'S FUNERAL
26/9	Wear red, white and blue OR something French for European day of languages
29/9	McMillan Coffee Morning
11/10	Y2 reading morning 8.35 –9am
12/10	Year 1 & Year 3 reading morning 8.35am–9am
13/10	Year 4 & Year 5 reading morning 8.35am–9am
14/10	Year 6 reading morning 8.35am–9am
17/10	INSET DAY
21/10	Diwali celebrations in school
21/10	End of term 1
31/10	Start of term 2
16/12	End of term 2

Absences

If your child is not coming into school please email: attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk explaining the reason or ring the School Office, preferably by 9am.

Many thanks

TTRS

To encourage play on times tables rockstars, the class who wins each week will get 5 minutes extra play....however only those who play in the tournament will get this play.

Please get your child to play at least once per week.

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2022

Apply online at

kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Wednesday 1 September 2021 and
closes at midnight on Monday 1 November 2021

For children born between
1 September 2010
and **31 August 2011**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2022**

What to do

Choose a school	Apply	Processing	Offer day	Accept or decline
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. You can name up to 4 schools.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Wednesday 1 September 2021 and closes at midnight on Monday 1 November 2021 If you already have an account set up from a previous application, please use these log in details.	You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it. You can log back in at any time to view that information entered is correct.	On offer day (Tuesday 1 March 2022) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.	You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Tuesday 15 March 2022 . If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to add their name to the waiting list and lodge an appeal.

Key dates

Wednesday 1 September 2021	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 1 November 2021	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 1 March 2022	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Tuesday 15 March 2022	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered. Parents should also fill out the waiting list from the link in the offer email to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Monday 28 March 2022	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the SCAF.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your log in details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



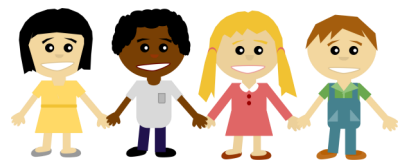
Dates for your diary

We would very much like to try to improve on how much notice we give you for events this year. Whilst this will not always be possible, I can share with you the following dates. Please be advised that some events may need to change depending on circumstances.

There will be other events which we will let you know as far in advance as possible when they have been finalised.

w/c 19/9	Clubs start
19/9	NO SCHOOL DUE TO QUEEN'S FUNERAL
26/9	Wear French flag colours for European day of languages (red, white and blue) or dress like someone from France
29/9	McMillan coffee morning
3/10	Bring in tins/food items for Harvest Festival
11/10	Year 2 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
12/10	Year 1 & Year 3 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
13/10	Year 4 & Year 5 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
14/10	Year 6 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
17/10	INSET DAY
21/10	Diwali celebrations in school
9/11	Parents evening (timings to follow)
10/11	Anti-bullying workshop—parent and child KS1 9 a.m. & 6p.m. (dependent on number of participants) for all KS1
16/11	Reserve parents evening / possible 2nd session for some year groups
17/11	Anti-bullying workshop—parent and child KS2 9 a.m. (years 3 & 4) 10 a.m. (years 5 & 6) & 6p.m. (dependent on number of participants) for all
28/11	Year 2 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
29/11	Years 3 & 4 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
30/11	Years 5 & 6 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
1/12	Year 1 reading morning 8.35a.m.—9a.m.
7/12	KS1 nativity a.m. (timings tbc) EYFS nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
8/12	EYFS nativity a.m. . (timings tbc) KS1 nativity p.m. . (timings tbc)
9/12	Hannukah celebrations in school

EYFS NEWS



The children have done extremely well to embrace the new routine of 'school dinners' this week.

They have certainly got a lot faster at moving along the lunch counter and carrying their own meal trays to the table.

Today you will have received a letter stating which class your child has been placed. As discussed at parent meetings, this is done with careful consideration. Also, remember that the children free flow in the setting for the majority of the day with the opportunity to interact with everyone.

Finally, we have sent home an overview of the phonics graphemes being taught this term.

We look forward to the children attending full-time next week.

Arts and cultural challenges

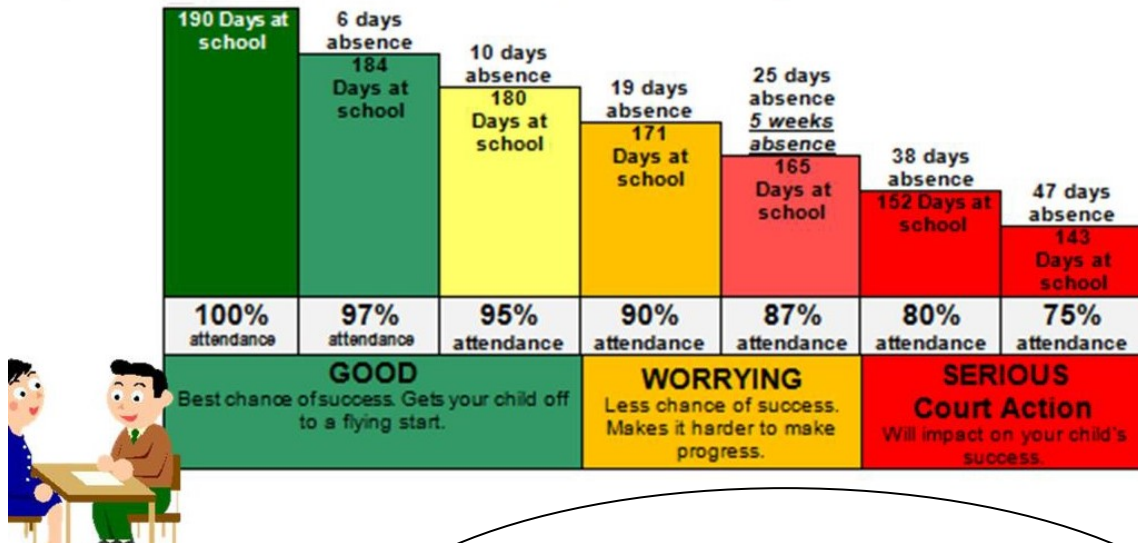


This year, Mr Hiscock wants to fill up a wall in his office with your art challenges.

Complete the challenge and then send it in to Mr Hiscock.

Date	Activity idea
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Next arts challenge will be next week.....</i>
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Thank you to....</i> <i>Emily F (Y2) Hunter (Y2) Maisy (Y4)</i> <i>Naitik (Y5) Dylan (Y2)</i> <i>Monaco (Y4) James (Y2)</i>

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	No of children off this week
Elmer	93.0%	2
Funnybones	93.3%	5
Gruffalo	91.3%	6
Stickman	97.2%	4
Dahl	89.6%	7
Wilson	97.6%	2
Simon	95.7%	2
Walliams	96.0%	4
Fine	97.0%	3
Horowitz	97.5%	4
Morpurgo	98.5%	6
Ralf	97.3%	6

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



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.
Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	Counting to 10 Y1 Autumn Block 1 TS4 Represent objects on Vimeo	
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Write numbers to 100 Y2 Autumn Block 1 TS6 Write numbers to 100 in words on Vimeo	
Dahl/Wilson	Partitioning Y3 Autumn Block 1 TS2 Partition numbers to 100 on Vimeo	A and an—determiners
Walliams/Simon	Numbers to 10,000 Y4 Autumn Block 1 TS5 Represent numbers to 10000 on Vimeo	Singular and plural Making words plural - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Read and write numbers to 1, 000,000 Y5 Autumn Block 1 TS5 Read and write numbers to 1000000 on Vimeo	Similes and metaphors What are metaphors and similes? - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Rounding Y6 Autumn Block 1 TS7 Round any integer on Vimeo	Semi colons How to use a semi-colon - BBC Bitesize



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 2	How do we know about the Great Fire of London?
Year 3	What happens from the start to the end of a river?
Year 4	What is it like in North America?
Year 5	What happened in Britain after the Romans left? (Anglo Saxons)
Year 6	Does deforestation effect us? (Rainforests and South America)

Times Tables Rockstars



WINNING CLASS GETS AN EXTRA 5 MINUTES PLAY ONLY THOSE WHO PLAY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK WILL GET THIS REWARD FOR EXTENDING THIER LEARNING.

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 672 4586 GRUFFALO WINS!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 3275 7527 WILSON WINS!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 4509 10241 SIMONS WINS!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 34,803 33,297 HOROWITZ WINS!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 13,435 3314 MORPURGO WINS!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Dahl</p> <p>Gruffalo vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Morpurgo</p> <p>Simon vs Fine</p> <p>Horowitz vs Rauf</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Correct answers Khalid Lenny Jessica	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots correct answers Taylor Ethan Aniya	Stickman Jack Nate Mia-Rose	Gruffalo Adrian Arlind Hunter	Dahl Olivia Evie G Tilly
Wilson Alexander Chika Evie C	Simon Chidera Ishaan Will	Walliams Helena Harmony Oscar J	Horowitz Emilie Naitik Eva P	Fine Roman Ayan Reggie S	Morpurgo Habib Vihaan Harry	Rauf Faren Honey Selina

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		Wilson	Alexander
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Eva
Elmer	Luana	Simon	Ewen
Funnybones	Riaan	Horowitz	Tilly
Gruffalo	Eva	Fine	Sophie
Stickman	Raph	Morpurgo	Isabelle S
Dahl	Faith	Rauf	Thomas

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Inika
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Freddy
Elmer	Levi	Simon	Maisy
Funnybones	Chloe	Fine	Isla
Gruffalo	Francis	Horowitz	Eliza
Stickman	Brody	Morpurgo	Olivia P
Dahl	Tilly	Rauf	Lola



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

Morpurgo Class



Achievements outside of school...