



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

Fri 21st Oct '22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a busy term that has been.....lots of hard work from the children, staff and parents/carers.

Black History Month

In assemblies this week, we have been celebrating Black History Month. Rather than focus on significant figures from the past, we focussed on significant black men and women in the sporting world and the amazing achievements that have been made. We explored why we celebrate Black History Month and what 'racism' is and how we should treat each other fairly and equal.

We made reference to the resilience and perseverance that many of the black sporting heroes have demonstrated throughout their career and asked the children to draw upon this in their own lives when they face challenges.

Harvest

This week, we celebrated our harvest festival in the hall. All children and staff from Year 1—Year 6 attended and it was lovely to see that we can fit almost the whole school in the hall for such events. The children sang some autumn and harvest related songs that they had been practicing over the past few weeks beautifully and we learnt about different harvests around the world.

A huge thank you to all of you who have donated towards the harvest this year; it will be donated to a local foodbank and I know that in the current financial climate that we are in, will be greatly appreciated by those that it is given to.

Football

On Friday, the Year 3 and 4 children attended the Dartford District finals. Sadly, they were unable to replicate their successful performances from the Thursday but we are still very proud of how well they played and the effort that they put into each match. They should feel proud of their achievements with this.

Asthma

As part of our INSET on Monday this week, staff had updated asthma awareness training. As part of this, we need to ask for the support of parents/carers of those with asthma in the school. Currently, we have many asthma pumps just on their own—no box that they came in and no box this is placed in with names on them. In line with the training that we have had, please could we ask that parents/carers of those with asthma, send in the box that the inhaler originally came in (as it has the prescription on the side) and a tupperware box with your child's name on it so that the pump and healthcare plan can be placed into them.

We may also need to make contact with some of you so that we can add more detail onto the healthcare plans as we need to be very clear as to what you have been informed from medical professionals in terms of how many puffs are to be administered, when and what happens if they have reached the limit of puffs in a day.

New staff

We welcome Mrs Coster to our school office after Mrs Newbigging recently left; we thank Mrs Newbigging for all she has done in her time here and I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming Mrs Coster to our Craylands community.

Important dates

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| 17/10 | INSET DAY |
| 21/10 | End of term 1 |
| 31/10 | Start of term 2 |
| 1/11 | 6p.m.—year 1 phonics workshop |
| 2/11 | 9 a.m.—year 1 phonics workshop |
| 8/11 | 6p.m. EYFS phonics workshop |
| 9/11 | 9a.m. EYFS phonics workshop |
| 9/11 | Parents evening |
| 10/11 | Anti bullying workshop KS1 9 a.m. / 6p.m. (if uptake is |
| 17/11 | Anti bullying workshop Y3/4 9 a.m. Y5/6 10 a.m. KS2 6p.m. (if uptake is there) |
| 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) |
| 16/12 | End of term 2 |

We would like to wish any of you celebrating Diwali next week a very Happy Diwali.



Wishing you a restful half term break—Mr Hiscock

Mr H's wall of art

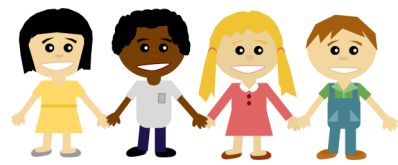
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Thank you for all the children who have completed an arts challenge...they all look lovely on my office wall.

I look forward to seeing more art work across term 2.



EYFS NEWS



We have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali this week. The children have enjoyed listening to and acting out the story of Rama and Sita.

Number work has focused on representations of 1,2 and 3. We would like to say a big well done to all of the children for working incredibly hard in their first term at Craylands. Please remember to do a little bit of phonics practise every day over the holiday. We will be assessing the children in the first week back on their phonics so that we can start sending reading books home.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.

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 | Black History Month Inspired Graphic Art https://youtu.be/mBGmRXp2u1A |
| LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | Dylan (Y2) Hunter (Y2) Olivia C (Y3) Hari (Y2) |



Online reading books...

<https://youtu.be/c-vi0ZmqBhQ>

<https://youtu.be/H6Iw3gmX39Y>

<https://youtu.be/cng5mdBv3WM>

<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>

Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month at Craylands.

Please find some links below to videos you may wish to use to continue the important discussions related to Black History.

EYFS/KSI

[Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[CBeebies | Let's talk about Black History - YouTube](#)

[Song celebrating black history](#)

[Coming to England by Floella Benjamin](#)

[Celebrating Famous Black British people](#)

[Mae Jemison video](#)

[Mae among the stars](#)

KS2

[Windrush generation—What is the Windrush Generation? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black British Stories - BBC Teach](#)

[Rosa Parks - BBC Teach](#)

[Harriet Tubman - BBC Teach](#)

[KS2: Pablo Fanque - The greatest Victorian showman - BBC Teach](#)

[School Learning Zone - Black History Month \(school-learningzone.co.uk\)](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Horrible Histories - Top 5: Black History Month with Oti Mabuse](#)

[Black Britons who changed the world](#)

[Black women you should know about](#)

[Black men who made history in Britain](#)

[Inspirational Black Women](#)

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

**Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes
at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022**

For children born between
1 September 2011
and **31 August 2012**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2023**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Thursday 1 September 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 31 October 2022**.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login 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 the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Wednesday 1 March 2023**) 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 **Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

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| Thursday 1 September 2022 | Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply. |
| Monday 31 October 2022 | Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk |
| Wednesday 1 March 2023 | Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm . |
| Wednesday 15 March 2023 | Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application. |
| Tuesday 28 March 2023 | 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 application form. |

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 login 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.

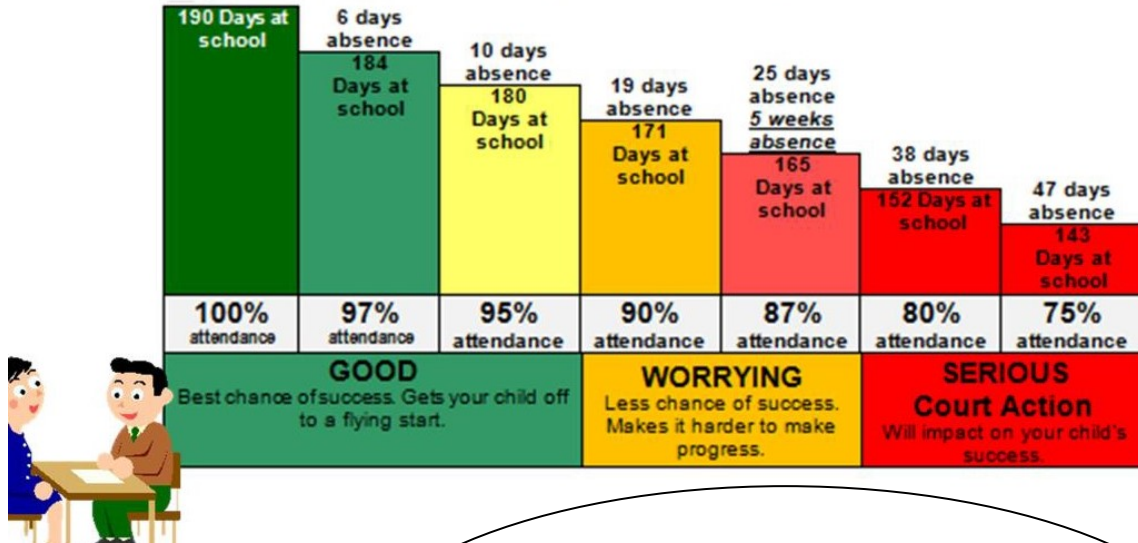


Dates for your diary

New dates have been added/confirmed!

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| 1/11 | 6p.m.—year 1 phonics workshop |
| 2/11 | 9 a.m.—year 1 phonics workshop |
| 8/11 | 6p.m. EYFS phonics workshop |
| 9/11 | 9a.m. EYFS phonics workshop |
| 9/11 | Parents evening for KS1 & KS2 3p.m.—8p.m. |
| 10/11 | Anti-bullying workshop—parent and child KS1 9 a.m. & 6p.m. (dependent on number of participants) for all KS1 |
| 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 |
| 23/4—27/4 | Year 4 Residential |
| 30/6 | Sports day (KS2 a.m. / KS1 & EYFS p.m.) |
| 7/7 | Reserve sports day |
| 5/7 & 6/7 | Year 6 production (evening) |
| 10/7—14/7 | Year 6 residential |

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 | 99.1% | 1 |
| Funnybones | 90.0% | 6 |
| Gruffalo | 94.4% | 5 |
| Stickman | 96.5% | 2 |
| Dahl | 90.8% | 6 |
| Wilson | 95.4% | 3 |
| Simon | 97.5% | 2 |
| Walliams | 89.2% | 4 |
| Fine | 98.6% | 2 |
| Horowitz | 95.8% | 2 |
| Morpurgo | 96.2% | 3 |
| Ralf | 94.5% | 5 |

WELL DONE TO.....Elmer 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 |
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| Elmer / Funnybones | | |
| Gruffalo/ Stickman | Subtracting for a 10 Y2 Autumn Block 2 TS12 Subtract a 1digit number from a 2digit number | |
| Dahl/Wilson | Addition and subtraction Y3 Autumn Block 2 TS21 Inverse operations on Vimeo | Sentence types Using the four types of sentence - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize |
| Walliams/Simon | 4 digit addition Y4 Autumn Block 2 TS4 Add two 4digit numbers more than one exchange on Vimeo | Rhetorical questions What is a rhetorical question? - BBC Bitesize |
| Horowitz/Fine | Multi step questions Y5 Autumn Block 2 TS8 Find missing numbers on Vimeo | Relative pronouns What are relative clauses? - BBC Bitesize |
| Morpurgo/Rauf | Order of operations Y6 Autumn Block 2 TS15 Order of operations on Vimeo | Parenthesis What is parenthesis? - BBC Bitesize |



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

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| Year 2 | How do we know about the Great Fire of London? |
| Year 3 | What happens from the start to the end |
| Year 4 | What is it like in North America? |
| Year 5 | What happened in Britain after the Ro- |
| Year 6 | Does deforestation effect us? |

Times Tables Rockstars



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

| Last weeks results... | This week's battles..... |
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| <p>Year 2 vs Year 3</p> <p>2061 10,721</p> <p>Year 3 WINS!</p> | |
| <p>Year 4 vs Year 5 vs</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>17,152 72,916</p> <p>16193</p> <p>YEAR 5 WINS!</p> | <p>No battles over half term.</p> |

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

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| | | Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Lenny Khalid Jessica | Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Jai Taylor Aniyah | <u>Year 2</u> Bertie Arlind Hunter | | |
| <u>Year 3</u> Alexander Chika Angela | | <u>Year 4</u> Harry Chidera Helena | | <u>Year 5</u> Macen Reggie Roman | | <u>Year 6</u> Selina Isla Harry |

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!



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| Hungry C | Ottile | Wilson | Ronnie |
| Rainbow Fish | Nellie | Walliams | Kathryn |
| Elmer | Gracie | Simon | Alex |
| Funnybones | Eddie | Horowitz | Matthew E |
| Gruffalo | Yusef | Fine | Grishiga |
| Stickman | Maisie | Morpurgo | Evie N |
| Dahl | Grace | Rauf | Lillie B |

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

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| Hungry C | Archie | Wilson | Nathan |
| Rainbow Fish | Sofia | Walliams | Harmony |
| Elmer | Violet | Simon | Kayla |
| Funnybones | Fern | Fine | Sadie |
| Gruffalo | Billy | Horowitz | Matthew E |
| Stickman | Nate | Morpurgo | Jayden M |
| Dahl | Tulisa | Rauf | Charlie |



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

Elmer Class



Achievements outside of school...

Jake C (FB class) achieved his stage 2 swimming certificate — congratulations Jake.