



The Craylands School Newsletter

Craylands Lane, Swanscombe, Kent DA10 0LP
Telephone: 01322 388230
Email: admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Term 2 Week 4

Fri 25th Nov '22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Its good to see some sunshine today after another wet week weather-wise but we have been able to get outside as much as possible.

Holidays

Along with noticing a number of families who are regularly late into school, we have also seen an increase in the number of term time holidays that have been requested. A reminder that we do not authorise term time holidays and that if they meet the criteria, a penalty notice will be issued.

Missing out on any education can be detrimental to your child's progress. There is so much in the curriculum that we have to fit in, that even one day off may mean that they have missed an important lesson that they may not have the opportunity to revisit again. Children return from holidays in the middle of a unit of work, which means that they are not able to write the story that the class have been building up to.

Please do ensure that your child attends school as much as they possibly can do—thank you for your support with this.

Year 1 Orchard theatre

The Year 1 children visited the Orchard Theatre yesterday afternoon to watch a performance of 'The Tiger who came for Tea' to support their work in literacy. It sounds as if they had a 'tiger-rific time'! Thank you for the teachers who organized this trip for them.

EYFS open sessions

We have now completed our EYFS open sessions for the September 2023 intake; we have had lots of interest and have run 5 tours this year. The Year 6 head children and prefects have done a marvelous job of showing prospective parents around the school and have been complemented on this. We have also had some positive comments made during the tours about the school, which are always lovely to hear.

Christmas Market

On Friday 2nd December, we kick off Christmas at Craylands with the first ever Christmas Market. Held at the school between 5pm and 8pm it promises to be a very festive event with lots of stalls to purchase some Christmas gifts as well as some stalls to keep the younger children happy. The Pupil & Parent Support Team have been busy prepping for the event along with the support of the Friends of Craylands. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree will be put up in the school next week and as always, we would love for the children to make their own decorations to hang up on it. Perhaps they could start to bring their decorations in from 2nd December, where they can then hang them on the tree as they wish. We look forward to seeing it lit up next week.

Dartford World Cup

A number of children are attending the Dartford World Cup tournament today—we wish them lots of luck and will update you on the results next week.

Important dates

28/11	Year 2 reading morning
29/11	Year 3 & 4 reading morning
30/11	Year 5 & 6 reading morning
1/12	Year 1 reading morning
2/12	Christmas Market 5-8pm
6/12	Choir singing at Blue-water 4.30 p.m.
7/12	KS1 nativity 9.30 a.m. EYFS nativity 2.15 p.m.
8/12	EYFS nativity 9.15 a.m. KS1 nativity 2 p.m.
12/12	2.45p.m.—Year 3 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
13/12	2.45p.m.—Year 4 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
14/12	2.45p.m.—Year 5 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
14/12	Christmas dinner & jumper day
15/12	2.45p.m.—Year 6 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
16/12	End of term 2

Thank you...

Big thank you to those who donated coats and blankets for Alfie in Year 3. He has collected these ready to deliver to the homeless.

Well done and thank you Alfie.

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock



The Town Mayor of
Swanscombe & Greenhithe
Councillor Lorna Cross
invites you to

enter her **Children's Poetry
Competition** celebrating
everything **positive** about the
Town in which we live

All entries will be
judged in age
categories:

4- 8 years old

9 -11 years old

11 -16 years old.

Prizes will be
awarded in each
category.



Closing date Friday 9
December 2022

To find out more details or to submit an entry, please email:

info@swanscombeandgreenhithetowncouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively telephone : Cllr Lorna Cross 07931 896832

Entries can be sent in via email or posted in our letter box.



CRAYLANDS SCHOOL

PUPIL & PARENT SUPPORT TEAM & FRIENDS OF CRAYLANDS

Christmas Market

CLOTHING

TOYS

CRAYLANDS LANE

SWANSCOMBE DA10 0LP

CAKES

WAX MELTS

JEWELLERY

CANDLES

FRIDAY 2ND DEC

5-8PM

RESIN GIFTS

KID'S GAMES

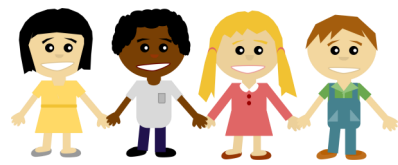
KEYRINGS

VISIT
FATHER CHRISTMAS

(Please pre-book to avoid disappointment)

AND LOTS
MORE!

EYFS NEWS



Excitement is in the air as we practise the Christmas play and children tell us about their Christmas trees going up!

Can't You Sleep Little Bear has supported work on light and dark with the children having lots of fun with torches in class. Singing number rhymes has focused learning on one more and one less. Please remember that the library book coming home today must also be returned along with your child's reading book on Wednesday of next week.

It has been lovely to have parents in for reading mornings, these continue every week. Hungry Caterpillars on Tuesdays and Rainbow Fish on Wednesdays. Have a lovely weekend.

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.

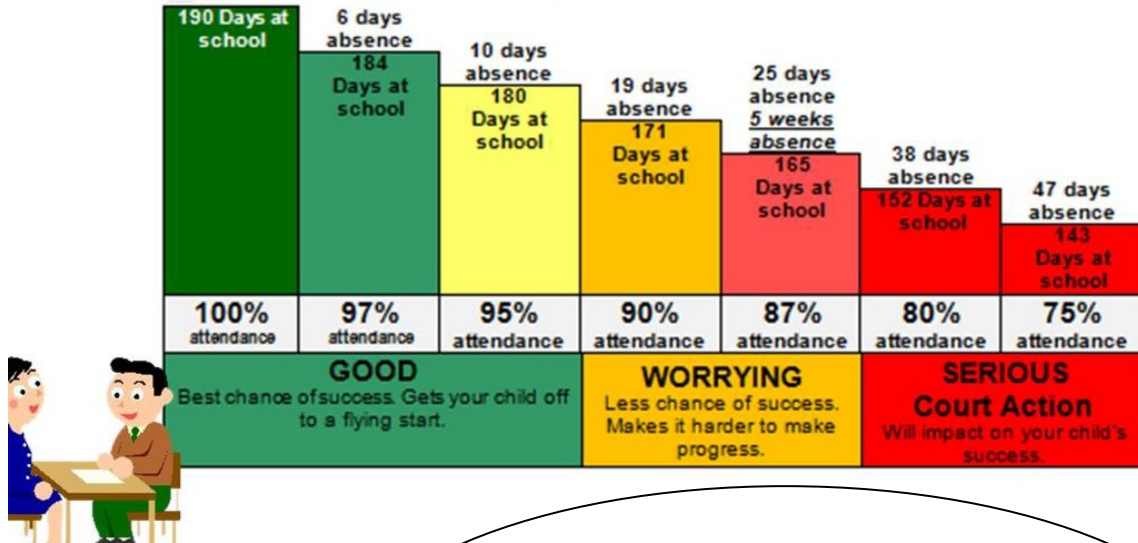
Date	Activity idea	
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	Make a Christmas tree decoration for our Christmas tree	
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	Yusef (Y2) Finley (Y2) Dylan (Y2)	Harriet (Y2) Hinter (Y2) Olivia C (Y2)

Dates for your diary

New dates have been added/confirmed!

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.
2/12	Christmas Market 5-8 p.m.
6/12	Choir singing at Bluewater 4.30p.m.
7/12	KS1 nativity 9.30 a.m. (approx. 40 -45 mins long) EYFS nativity 2.15 p.m. (approx. 25-30 mins long—normal collection time after)
8/12	EYFS nativity 9.15 a.m.—(approx. 25 -30 mins long) KS1 nativity 2 p.m. (approx. 40 -45 mins long—normal collection time after)
9/12	Hannukah celebrations in school
12/12	2.45p.m.—year 3 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
13/12	2.45p.m.—year 4 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
14/12	2.45p.m.—year 5 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
14/12	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
15/12	2.45p.m.—year 6 xmas sing song on KS2 playground
30/1—1/2	History workshops for years 2—6
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	83.0%	12
Funnybones	95.3%	4
Gruffalo	88.3%	10
Stickman	94.8%	4
Dahl	90.3%	8
Wilson	92.6%	5
Simon	92.0%	9
Walliams	87.1%	7
Fine	92.4%	4
Horowitz	98.6%	3
Morpurgo	98.3%	3
Ralf	90.6%	6

WELL DONE TO.....Horowitz 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	Subtraction using a number line Y1 Autumn Block 2 TS16 Subtraction on a number line on Vimeo	Phonics Little wandle
Gruffalo/ Stickman	2d shapes Y2 Autumn Block 3 TS1 Recognise 2D and 3D shapes on Vimeo	Capital letters Capital letters - English - BBC Bitesize
Dahl/Wilson	Assessment week	Assessment week
Walliams/Simon	9 times tables/division facts Y4 Autumn Block 4 TS5 9 timestable and division facts on Vimeo	Possessive nouns/plurals Making words plural - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Possessives: pronouns LearnEnglish (britishcouncil.org)
Horowitz/Fine	Assessment week	Assessment week
Morpurgo/Rauf	Fractions of amounts Y6 Autumn Block 4 TS6 Fraction of an amount on Vimeo	Relative clauses What are relative clauses? - 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 is a mountain and where in the
Year 4	What happened at Pompeii?
Year 5	What happened in Britain after the Ro-
Year 6	Who were the Mayans and what

Times Tables Rockstars



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

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
I am sorry but completely forgot to set up a new tournament for last week.	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS—TIME PLAYED

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	<u>Stickman</u>	<u>Gruffalo</u>	<u>Dahl</u>
<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>

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	Malakai	Wilson	Alfie
Rainbow Fish	Benjamin Z	Walliams	Adam
Elmer	Rowan	Simon	Katie
Funnybones	Roselyn	Horowitz	Hayden
Gruffalo	Bertie	Fine	Ayan
Stickman	Ethan	Morpurgo	Phoebe
Dahl	Nathan	Rauf	Poppy

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

Hungry C	Archie E	Wilson	Evie C
Rainbow Fish	Nahil	Walliams	Aria
Elmer	Lorenzo	Simon	Stanlietta
Funnybones	Jessica	Fine	Endri
Gruffalo	Ethan	Horowitz	Amelie
Stickman	Iyla	Morpurgo	Xhuljeta
Dahl	Angela	Rauf	Honey



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

Horowitz Class



Achievements outside of school...

Henry and Teddy (FB and Elm) both got their third stripe at Jiu Jitsu at the weekend. Also Conor W in Reception got his second. Brilliant boys—very well done indeed!

Finley from Stickman Class achieved his red stripe belt at his first karate grading last Saturday! Great—well done!