



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a festive week we have had here at Craylands—just one more week until the end of the Autumn term.

Let it snow!

I think we can all agree that we would like to see the snow begin to melt now. It has caused some issues within school this week but the children have all coped extremely well with not being able to play outside and as soon as they have walked through the gates, they have not touched the snow. We can not thank them enough in understanding how important it has been to keep each other safe. A big thank you to you as parents/carers for your understanding with the school closure on Monday; it is never an easy decision to make and it is always made with the safety of the school community as a priority.

Hopefully, all being well and there is no further snow, we can return to using the drop off zone in the mornings again and normal collection arrangements will be in place upon our return.

KS2 Xmas Sing Songs

Well these have certainly been popular this year—thank you so much to all of you who found time to come and listen to the children sing a range of Christmas songs. The children sang well and in some cases there were even solos, duets and some incredible keyboard playing (well done to Eleanor in Horowitz class). It has certainly warmed the heart in what has been one of the coldest weeks I can ever remember. A big thank you to the key stage 2 children and staff.

Santa visit

This week, we had a surprise visit from the man in red himself. He took time out of his extremely busy schedule to deliver some gifts that have been kindly purchased by the Friends of Craylands. We do hope that the children enjoyed their festive treat!

Goodbyes

As mentioned last week, today we say a sad farewell to Miss Saunders and Mrs Wheeler. Miss Saunders has been working at the school for 14 years and has seen both of her children come through the school. Mrs Wheeler has been at the school for 9 years and again has seen both of her children move through the school. We will be so very sad to see both of these staff members leave and we thank them for all that they have done to support the children at Craylands over their years of hard work. We wish them all the very best.

Thank you

Thank you to all members of the Craylands community—to SLT, to the teachers, the support staff, office staff, site staff, you as parents/carers and of course the children for the hard work, support and dedication to ensuring we remain 'Happy together, Safe together, Learning together' in what has been another challenging year for different reasons.

Let's all hope that 2023 is kind to us all. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

Enjoy the Christmas holidays—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

16/12	End of term 2—normal finishing times
3/1	Start of term 3
10/2	End of term 3
20/2	Start of term 4
31/3	End of term 4
17/4	Start of term 5
9/5—12/5	KS2 SATS—Year 6 NEED to be in school
26/5	End of term 5
5/6	Start of term 6
21/7	End of term 6 THIS IS AN INSET DAY

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE ONE MORE INSET DAY TO SCHEDULE AND WILL SHARE THIS EARLY IN TERM 3.

A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

We look forward to seeing you all then!

EYFS NEWS



Firstly, the children have coped very well in what is arguably one of the most exciting but tiring times of the year in school and at home. Starting the week off with a snow day followed by ice, Christmas dinner, naughty elves and a visit from Santa....such fun.

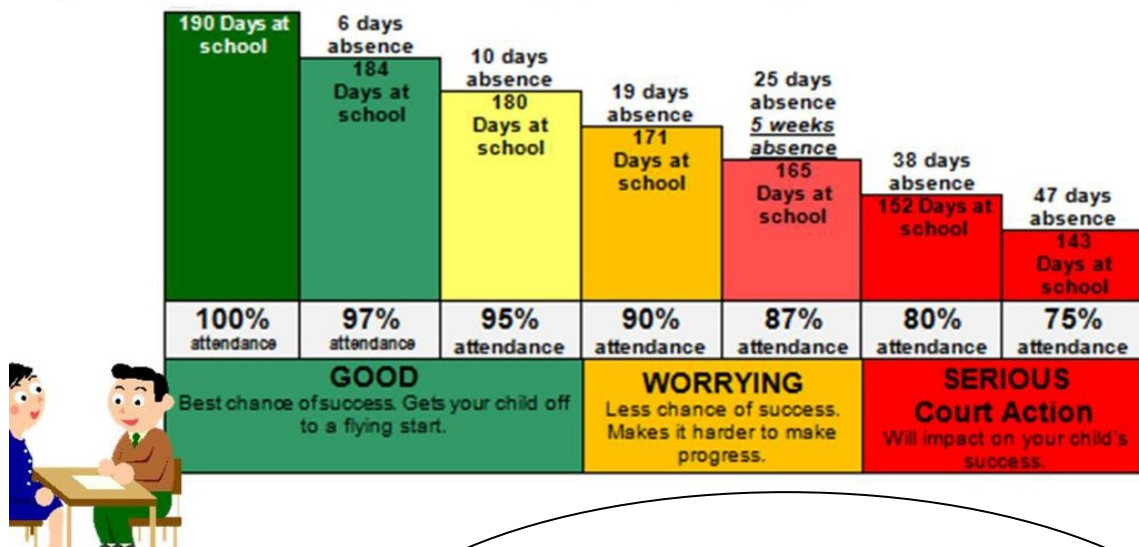
Secondly, we would like to say a sincere thank you for all of the kind messages, words and gifts that we have received.

Lastly, all that is left to say is we wish you a very happy holidays whatever you may be doing and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Dates for your diary

30/1—1/2	History workshops for years 2—6
23/4—27/4	Year 4 Residential
9/5-12/5	KS2 SATS Week
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	88.3%	7
Funnybones	80.8%	10
Gruffalo	79.5%	9
Stickman	81.9%	10
Dahl	85.0%	7
Wilson	89.1%	6
Simon	78.3%	10
Walliams	99.11%	1
Fine	78.4%	11
Horowitz	93.3%	3
Morpurgo	82.0%	11
Ralf	87.5%	6

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

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.....
<p>Boys vs Girls in whole school</p> <p>18,777 29856</p> <p>GIRLS WIN!!</p>	<p>No battles over the festive break!</p>

TOP 10 GIRLS AND BOYS

Boys	Girls
Naitik	Selina
Alfie T	Tilly
Reggie S	Amelie
Endri	Chidera
Thomas M	Chika
Charlie R	Abigaile
Harry B	Helena
Hayden	Eva P
Ayan	Inika
James	Olivia C

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	Poppy	Wilson	Whole class
Rainbow Fish	Hoorain	Walliams	Alfie T
Elmer	Max	Simon	Olivia
Funnybones	Joshua	Horowitz	Eleanor/Emilie S
Gruffalo	Aaliyah	Fine	Euan
Stickman	Elliot	Morpurgo	Habib
Dahl	James	Rauf	Daisy

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

Hungry C	Wesley	Wilson	Daniel
Rainbow Fish	Julia	Walliams	Selina
Elmer	Bentley	Simon	Lilly
Funnybones	Aaron	Fine	Kieren
Gruffalo	Ayden	Horowitz	Tilly
Stickman	Elianna	Morpurgo	Bradely
Dahl	Ronnie C	Rauf	Joe



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

Walliams Class



Arts Challenge:

Congratulations to Elliot in Y2S for his brilliant Hannukah picture.