



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that those of you who managed to get into school on Wednesday, enjoyed the opportunity to see the children's work in their books. We will look to run something similar again later in the year.

History workshops

This week, the children from Years 2 upwards have been taking part in history workshops across the week. We have been visited by a Tudor, a Victorian, a Celt named Boudicca and an Anglo Saxon. I have heard lots of positive comments from the teaching staff and I know that those leading the workshops have been impressed with the children's participation from Tudor dancing to Roman formations with shields. Thank you to the history lead, Miss King, for arranging these workshops and for your donations towards the costs of running them. We hope to run similar workshops to engage and interest the children in history in the future.

Attendance

Currently, the whole school attendance is much lower than what it should be. The expectation is that a school's attendance should not drop lower than 96%. As a school, we are now at 94.2% - this is where we ended the last year. Whilst I know that there are lots of colds and viruses going around at the moment, I would ask that you do your very best to ensure your child is in school when they are well enough to. There are some instances where children can certainly be in school and are just not coming in, which are not related to illnesses—every day they miss school, they miss some of their learning and it makes it difficult for them when they return.

Attendance is something that we are judged on as a school and so it is important that if we want to be considered a good school in the future, that we are ensuring our children are attending school as much as they possibly can be.

Please, if your child is not coming into school for any reason, do let us know. If you are struggling to get your child into school, let us know so we can see if there is anything we can do to help. Some of you will have been sent letters regarding a meeting—this is with the Pupil & Parent Support Team (although my name is on the letter) and they just want to help however they can so please do attend the meeting.

I hope that with your support, we can maintain above 94% at least and hopefully improve on what it is currently before the end of the year. For all attendance/absence matters please email: attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, it is children's mental health week. The school will be recognising this with a number of activities throughout the week. We would like to culminate the week on 10th February with a 'Dress to express' day, where we encourage the children to come into school dressed in a way that expresses their own personality and character—they can of course just wear their own clothes if they would rather. Face paints and hair colouring is fine for this day also. Please ensure your child's lunch option slip has been returned to have a school dinner that day. There are spare copies in the leaflet dispenser by the Office.

Online Safety Session: Please join your child watching an online safety video on Tuesday 7th February at 8.50am for KS1 and Thursday 9th February at 8.50am in the hall—it will be no longer than 30 minutes.

Important dates

7/2	Online safety workshop EYFS & KS1 parents and children at 8.50am
9/2	Online safety workshop KS2 parents and children at 8.50am
10/2	Dress to express day
10/2	Hot lunch box day
10/2	End of term 3
20/2	Start of term 4
2/3	World Book Day—dressing up; more details to follow
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	End of term 4
31/3	INSET DAY
17/4	Start of term 5
9/5— 12/5	KS2 SATS—year 6 NEED to be in school

Bright Horizons Car Park

Bright Horizons emailed this week asking that parents/carers DO NOT use their car park at the end of the school day for collection.

I know that some who collect from the KS2 playground park in there—please try to find somewhere else to park.

Thank you

Wishing you and enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



The highlight of the week for the children has been making gingerbread biscuits! This has linked well to using the mathematical language of more than, fewer than and equal in stem sentences. T

he children have also done particularly well at retelling the Gingerbread Man story and writing simple words to go with this text.

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	<i>Children's mental health week— support balloon</i> https://youtu.be/9_XVOnukmI5Y
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Thank you to Forrest for his drawing of Lenny the lion.</i>

Dates for your diary

7/2	Online Safety Workshop for KS1 parents and children 8.50 a.m.
9/2	Online Safety Video for KS2 parents and children 8.50 a.m.
10/2	Dress to express day
w/c 27/2	World Book Week
2/3	World Book Day—dressing up
6/3	Y4 residential meeting via zoom 5p.m.
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	INSET DAY
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
21/7	INSET DAY



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.

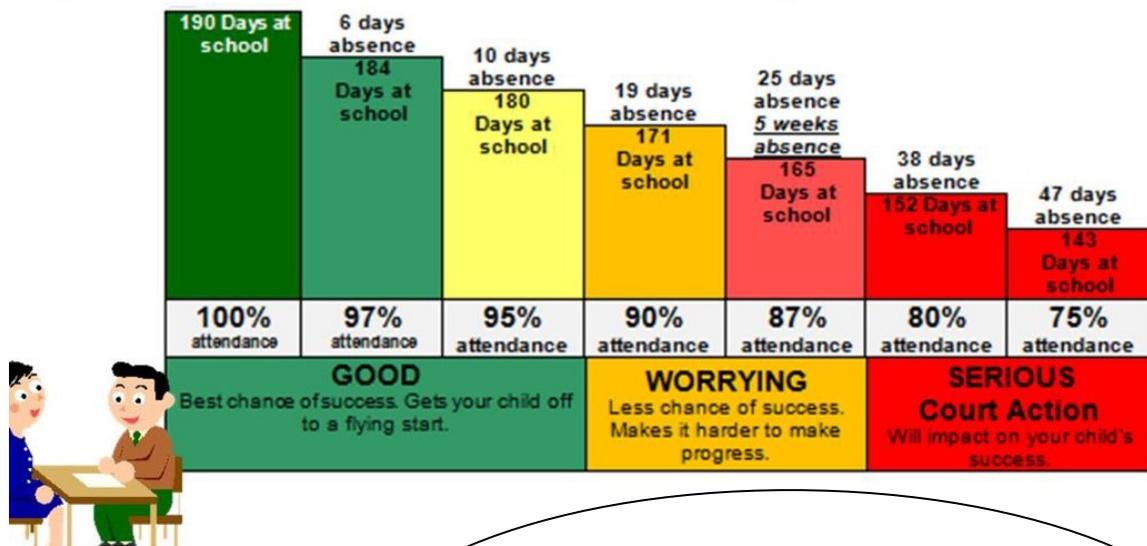
Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones		
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Odd and even numbers Y2 Spring Block 2 TS12 Odd and even numbers on Vimeo	
Dahl/Wilson	Comparing measurements Y3 Spring Block 2 TS7 Compare lengths on Vimeo	Co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions What are coordinating conjunctions? - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Efficient methods for multiplication and division Y4 Spring Block 1 TS15 Efficient multiplication on Vimeo	Editing work Editing and redrafting - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Short division Y5 Spring Block 1 TS7 Short division on Vimeo	Use of apostrophe Using apostrophes - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Assessment week Key stage 2 tests: 2019 mathematics test materials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Assessment week Key stage 2 tests: 2019 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test materials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 1	Has where we live always been like this?
Year 2	How did the Victorians change nursing?
Year 3	What was life like in the stone age?
Year 4	Why did the Romans invade Britain?
Year 5	What is happening to the coasts of the UK?
Year 6	During which Queen's reign was the most progress made - Elizabeth I or Victoria?

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	85.3%	8
Funnybones	90.6%	7
Gruffalo	92.3%	8
Stickman	95.3%	5
Dahl	88.0%	9
Wilson	98.0%	3
Simon	96.0%	5
Walliams	93.2%	6
Fine	91.3%	7
Horowitz	88.6%	8
Morpurgo	92.6%	6
Ralf	95.0%	5

WELL DONE TO..... Wilson Class for having the highest 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 THEIR LEARNING.

<i>Last weeks results...</i>	<i>This week's battles.....</i>
<p><i>Year 2 vs Year 3</i> 2917 4880 Year 3 wins!</p> <p><i>Year 3 vs Year 4</i> 4880 27886 Year 4 wins!</p> <p><i>Year 5 vs Year 6</i> 23574 16567 Year 5 wins!</p>	<p><i>Gruffalo vs Dahl</i></p> <p><i>Stickman vs Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Simon vs Horowitz</i></p> <p><i>Walliams vs Fine</i></p> <p><i>Morpurgo vs Rauf</i></p>

	<u>Funnybones Numbots</u> <u>Correct answers</u> Khalid Jessica Lenny	<u>Elmer Numbots</u> <u>Correct answers</u> Taylor Jai Ethan	<u>Year 2 top players</u> Adrian Dylan Blake
<u>Year 3 top players</u> Chika Tilly Evie G	<u>Year 4 top players</u> Adam Harry Helena	<u>Year 5 top players</u> Endri Naitik Arion	<u>Year 6 top players</u> Selina Charlie Faren

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	Adam	Wilson	Harry B
Rainbow Fish	Rosie	Walliams	Fletcher
Elmer	Briony	Simon	Will
Funnybones	Lottie	Horowitz	Alannah
Gruffalo	Avaya	Fine	Ayan
Stickman	Iyla	Morpurgo	Lilly
Dahl	George	Rauf	Faren

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

Hungry C	Matthew	Wilson	Freddy
Rainbow Fish	Idris	Walliams	Aiza
Elmer	Sienna	Simon	Maisy
Funnybones	Gabriel	Fine	Gemma
Gruffalo	Hari	Horowitz	Naitik
Stickman	Maisie	Morpurgo	Evie N
Dahl	Sebastian	Rauf	Melissa



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

Wilson Class



Achievements outside of school...

Freddy P (Elmer class) swam 5m unaided in his swimming lessons at the weekend—well done Freddie; keep it going!

Harry (Morpurgo Class) competed at a karate competition on Sunday, winning a gold in his team kata, and a gold and bronze in kumite—fantastic work, well done!

WE ACCEPT
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS

**MEGA
CAMPS**

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM
8am - 6pm

AGES
4 - 14

FEBRUARY CAMP 2023

SAVE ££'s - EARLY BIRD OFFERS END 27th JAN
CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES & LOCATIONS



DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, ARCHERY DODGEBALL, ROUNDBALL, KWIK CRICKET, BASKETBALL, TEAM GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

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