



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the penultimate week of the Spring Term—it has flown by and the children have worked hard all term.

## **Football**

A huge congratulations to the girls who represented the school in a football match against West Gate this week. They performed amazingly well and scored an extremely impressive 13-0. Well done to all of the girls who scored a goal and to the team for their effort and sportsmanship. We are hoping that this may mean we are in the semi-final but I just need to check whether there is one more round to play before this—fingers crossed!

## **Cultural ambassadors**

A big thank you to Shazil and Aiza who led an assembly on Ramadan this week; they shared what this festival means to them and how Muslims celebrate. We would love to have more of our children sharing their religions with the rest of the school; our arts and culture ambassadors will be working with me for our next cultural celebration which will be Eid. I also invite any parents who would like to share their religion with the children at Craylands to make contact; we are having our annual multi-cultural week at the end of the year so it would be lovely to have some guest speakers.

Our focus in assembly next week is on Easter and ensuring that the children know the importance of the Easter story to Christians.

**Parking:** A reminder to parents/carers to ensure that they consider where they are parking at the end of the day when collecting. I have started to put some cones out on the double yellow lines by the roundabout to ensure that there is no-one parking here, especially on the crossing, as it is important our children and their families have somewhere safe to cross the road.

**Parents Evening:** There are a couple of parent appointments left on Thursday. Please book at: <https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

## **Attendance**

We have been sending out attendance letters to those children whose attendance is lower than it should be. I would like to explain that we have a set of guidelines to follow when it comes to attendance and although it is not nice to receive a letter that states your child's attendance is not as high as it should be, we have to send these out.

We completely understand and appreciate that children become ill and we know that most parents/carers ensure that their children are sent into school when they can—on occasions, we send children home because we feel that they are too unwell for school.

I can assure you that all we want to do is work with you as parents/carers to ensure that your child is in school as much as possible so that they can attain well, make progress and enjoy their time with us. Remember to inform us of any absences on the first day of your child's absence by emailing [attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk) or by phoning 01322 388230. Informing us is so important, as otherwise it is recorded as unauthorised and this can lead to local authority involvement. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring your child's attendance is as high as it can be.

## **Important dates**

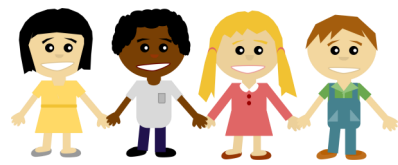
29/3	Easter fun - no uniform today, just wear something bright!
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	End of term 4
31/3	INSET DAY
17/4	Start of term 5
23/4	Year 4 residential
1/5	Bank Holiday
8/5	Bank Holiday
9/5— 12/5	KS2 SATS—year 6 NEED to be in school
26/5	End of term 5
5/6	Start of term 6
30/6	Sports Day
5 & 6/7	Year 6 production
10- 14/7	Year 6 residential
26/7	Last day for children
21/7	INSET DAY

## **Goodbyes**

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Grimwood who has been supporting in EYFS since September. We would like to thank her for all she has done and wish her all the best in her new school.

We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Cadden next week; she has been at the school for 9 years and has supported so many EYFS children in her time with us. We wish her all the very best and she will be missed.

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock



The children continue to work with increased autonomy. It is important that the children become more and more independent in all areas of the curriculum from managing their own emotions and relationships to writing simple sentences for purpose in their own play. You can help at home by encouraging drawing, labelling, writing cards and envelopes and allowing your child access to all types of pens, crayons, paper, pencils and paints to express themselves.

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	<p>Ramadan Draw an Islamic geometric design</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/27i_VbB656a0">https://youtu.be/27i_VbB656a0</a></p>
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>Well done to....</p> <p>Hayden (Y2)</p> <p>Renzo (Y2)</p> <p>Naitik (Y5)</p> <p>Thank you to Nathan (Y3) for sharing his work on volcanos with me—I can see you have worked very hard on this.</p>

# Dates for your diary

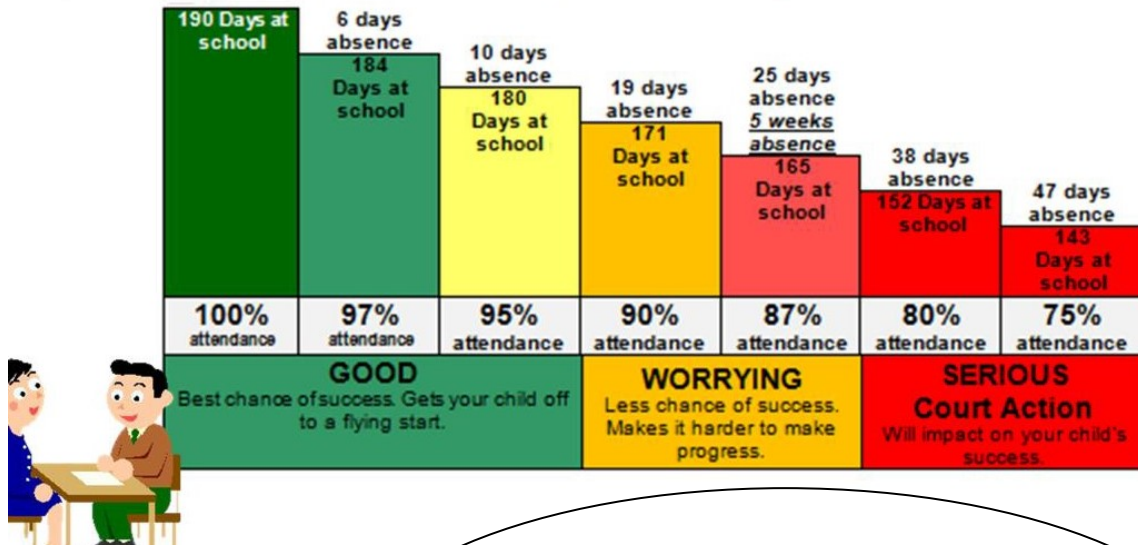
Dates for terms 5 & 6 being confirmed and finalised

w/c 19/3	Last week of clubs run by the school
29/3	Non school uniform—wear something bright!
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	INSET DAY
23/4—26/4	Year 4 Residential
1/5	Bank Holiday
5/5	Coronation celebration t.b.c.
8/5	Bank Holiday
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
14/7	School reports handed out
20/7	Last day of the year; early finish times tbc  Year 6 leavers assembly p.m. time t.b.c.
21/7	INSET DAY



'Ramadan Mubarak' to  
anyone in our  
Craylands community  
who is  
recognising Ramadan  
currently.

# 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	94.3%	3
Gruffalo	89.6%	8
Stickman	96.0%	2
Dahl	99.0%	2
Wilson	98.6%	2
Simon	96.0%	4
Walliams	99.6%	1
Fine	97.0%	3
Horowitz	94.4%	6
Morpurgo	96.3%	5
Ralf	97.0%	4

WELL DONE TO.....Walliams 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 THIER LEARNING.

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>1174      1826</p> <p>Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>6201      5768</p> <p>Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>7600      12631</p> <p>Simon wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>6077      17553</p> <p>Fine wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p> <p>12847      25047</p>	<p>Whole school class battle</p>

<p><u>HC</u></p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Games completed last 7 days</p> <p>Ottilie</p> <p>Matthew</p> <p>Sebastian</p>	<p><u>RF</u></p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Games completed last 7 days</p> <p>Amir</p> <p>Kesi</p> <p>Benjamin</p>	<p><u>Funnybones</u></p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Games completed last 7 days</p> <p>Jake</p> <p>Henry</p> <p>Olivia</p>	<p><u>Elmer</u></p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Games completed last 7 days</p> <p>Sofia</p> <p>Sienna</p> <p>Taylor</p>	<p><u>Gruffalo</u></p> <p>Arlind</p> <p>Hunter</p> <p>Yusef</p>	<p><u>Stickman</u></p> <p>Tiwa</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>Finley</p>	<p><u>Dahl</u></p> <p>Evie G</p> <p>Tilly</p> <p>Olivia</p>
<p><u>Wilson</u></p> <p>Chika</p> <p>Alexander</p> <p>Evie G</p>	<p><u>Walliams</u></p> <p>Towobola</p> <p>Oliver</p> <p>Helena</p>	<p><u>Simon</u></p> <p>Chidera</p> <p>Harry</p> <p>Harrison</p>	<p><u>Fine</u></p> <p>Thomas</p> <p>Endri</p> <p>Archie</p>	<p><u>Horowitz</u></p> <p>Hudson</p> <p>Naitik</p> <p>Eva P</p>	<p><u>Morpurgo</u></p> <p>Izzy</p> <p>Poppy</p> <p>Jade</p>	<p><u>Rauf</u></p> <p>Selina</p> <p>Charlie</p> <p>Faren</p>



# 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	Amber	Wilson	Sienna
Rainbow Fish	Jessica	Walliams	Adam B
Elmer	Freddie D	Simon	Ishaan
Funnybones	Khalid	Horowitz	Jimmy
Gruffalo	Blake	Fine	Anais
Stickman	Matthew	Morpurgo	Xhuljeta
Dahl	Tilly	Rauf	Adil

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

Hungry C	Nancy	Wilson	Lola
Rainbow Fish	Sofia	Walliams	Lucia
Elmer	Kennady	Simon	Alba
Funnybones	Jessica	Fine	Dolly
Gruffalo	Yusef	Horowitz	Isaac
Stickman	Emilia	Morpurgo	Yassin
Dahl	Molly	Rauf	Ella



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

**Walliams Class**



## Achievements outside of school...

Emilie (Horowitz) at the weekend obtained her 1500 metres swimming badge, when she finished she said she could have swam further—well done Emilie!

Macen and his Chelsea team won the tournament in Lithuania at the weekend winning 4-0 in the final and Macen scoring 2 of them! They won every game throughout the whole tournament. Fantastic achievement—well done!

# Funded Places this Easter at Mega Camps

We at Mega Camps are pleased to announce that we are once again working with Kent Council and The Education People on the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) this Easter School Holiday 2023.

This program enables children eligible for **benefits-related** free school meals and also children classified as vulnerable to attend our Dartford Mega Camps location this Easter. The funding allows each child to attend for a total of 4 half days and is **completely funded for them**. Lunches, Snacks, Drinks, and endless activities will be provided to give these children the best experience possible.



We only have a limited number of these places available this Easter Holiday so please feel free to email out the below information to parents as soon as possible for children that are eligible. It explains to parents below how they go about booking their child onto this program with us.

Please note that this program is for **Benefits-related Free School Meal / Vulnerable Children only** (Ages 4 to 14). We look forward to hearing from the parents in your school soon and hopefully, they take advantage of this great opportunity for their children.

If you have any questions please email [customersupport@megacamps.net](mailto:customersupport@megacamps.net) or call 0333 012 4378.