



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 5

Fri 1st Dec '23

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's certainly got a lot colder this week....please send children dressed accordingly so they can play outside and not get cold.

Lateness

I have noticed a big increase in the number of children who are arriving after the gates have closed. A reminder that the gates close at 8.45 a.m. and that children should be through these gates by this time as school officially starts then. Very often, we leave the gate open a little beyond this time as there are still lots of people arriving.

I would encourage you to ensure that you leave for school with enough time in the morning please; those that are in by 8.30 are getting an extra 15 minutes of learning opportunity as there is always work for them to do when they arrive. If a child arrives past 8.45am and even later, they are effectively missing learning time and it is detrimental to their progress.

I really hope to see a marked improvement in those of you who are arriving late; many of you we have spoken to about it and there is no real improvement. Please do consider the impact it is having on your child arriving in the middle of a lesson or an assembly and ensure that they are in school on time.

Drop off

The drop off zone is certainly improved and I thank those of you who have listened and wait until you get to the end of the zone or take direction from myself as to when your child can get out of the car.

Sadly, it would appear that some of the previous users of the drop off zone, who perhaps wanted to park up more than drop off are now using the Bright Horizons nursery and I am now receiving complaints about this. Please DO NOT park in Bright Horizons' Nursery—it is a private car park and should not be used, as it is adding unnecessary risks to the children who use this facility.

We are very lucky that we have the leisure centre car park next to the school that you can use. Please consider using this facility, parking elsewhere and walking or teaching your child how to use the drop off zone so that Bright Horizons does not need to be used. Thank you for your support with this.

Car park disabled bay

On a similar note, please ensure you only use the disabled bays in the leisure centre car park if you have a blue disabled badge; we have some parents/carers who need to use it and have been unable to due to others who do not have a badge parking there.

Choir

The choir will be singing at Bluewater (outside the Plaza) on Thursday 7th December at 4.30p.m. It's always a lovely event so would be good to see many of you there supporting.

Christmas plays

We look forward to watching the children in EYFS and KS1 perform their Christmas plays next week. They have been working hard to practice their lines, learn words for the songs and learn when to get on and off the stage. The EYFS play should last around 20 minutes and the KS1 play should be around 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there on either Wednesday or Thursday next week.

Children can bring in home made decorations for our tree now.

Wishing you a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

4/12	Y1-3 Xmas film club YR-Y2 Xmas bazaar
5/12	Y4-6 Xmas film club
6/12	KS1 nativity 9.30 a.m. EYFS nativity 2.15 pm
7/12	EYFS nativity 9.30am KS1 nativity 2.15pm
7/12	Choir singing at Blue-water 4.30p.m.
11/12	Year 3 Xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
12/12	Year 4 Xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
13/12	Christmas Dinner day
13/12	Christmas jumper day
13/12	Year 5 Xmas sing song 2.45p.m.
14/12	Year 6 Xmas sing song 2.45p.m. Y3-Y6 Xmas bazaar
15/12	Last day of term 2—normal end of school time
2/1	Children return to school
9/1	2p.m. KS1 parents/carers reading workshop
10/1	9 a.m. KS1 parents/carers reading workshop
12/1	9 am Y2-6 parents/carers maths workshop
9/2	End of term 3



Happy Hunnakah for 7th Dec. for anyone celebrating



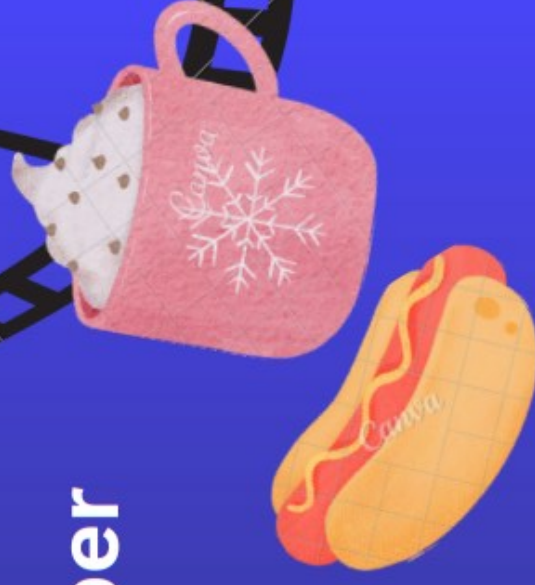
Happy advent for those who celebrate

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4/12/23	Friends of Craylands Christmas film club y1-3 YR-Y2 Christmas bazaar
5/12/23	Friends of Craylands Christmas film club y 4-6
6/12/23	KS1 Christmas play 9.30 a.m. EYFS Christmas play 2.15 p.m.
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14/12/23	Year 6 xmas sing song 2.45 p.m. Y3-Y6 Christmas bazaar
9/1/24	2 p.m. KS1 reading workshop
10/1/24	9 a.m. KS1 reading workshop
11/1/24	Extra Year 1 reading morning
12/1/24	9 a.m. Y2-6 Maths multiplication workshop
30/1/24	Year 1 and 3 reading morning
31/1/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
1/2/24	Year 6 and 2 reading morning
27/2/24	Extra Year 1 reading morning
12/3/24	Year 1 and 3 reading morning
13/3/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
14/3/24	Year 2 and 6 reading morning
28/3/24	Parents/Carers evening
25/4/24	Extra year 1 reading morning
28/4 – 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
8/5/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
9/5/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
13/5 – 16/5	Year 6 SATS week
11/6/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
12/6/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
13/6/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
26/6/24	1.45 p.m. Year 6 production
27/6/24	6.30 p.m. Year 6 production
w/c 1/7	Multicultural week
5/7/24	Sports day
8/7/24 – 12/7/24	Year 6 residential
12/7/24	End of year reports sent out
15/7/24	Jump up afternoon
16/7/24	Jump up afternoon
17/7/24	Reserve sports day
19/7/24	Last day Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT

Year 1, 2 and 3
Monday 4th December
3.30pm - 5.30pm



Tickets £3.50 each
Includes Hot Chocolate
and a Hot Dog

(alternatives available, please contact us at
friendsofcraylands@gmail.com if needed)

Christmas Film Club – Yr 1-3

The Friends of Craylands are delighted to be hosting the 2023 Craylands Christmas Film Night on Monday 4th December (YEARS 1-3 ONLY) This year we will be showing The Grinch (2018 version) to the children in years 1-3. Children will be offered a hot dog and hot chocolate topped with cream. Tickets cost £3.50 and can be purchased in advance online only by visiting this link -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool/1069065#>

***Please note, only children who have had a ticket purchased for them will be collected from their class at the end of the school day and taken to the school hall for 3:30pm start.

Children are welcome to bring a blanket in on the day (please label items clearly) if they wish.

Collection will be from the KS2 Playground at 5:30pm (approx)

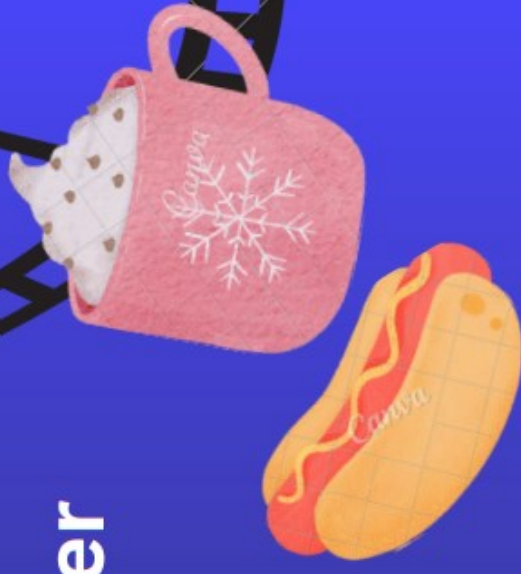
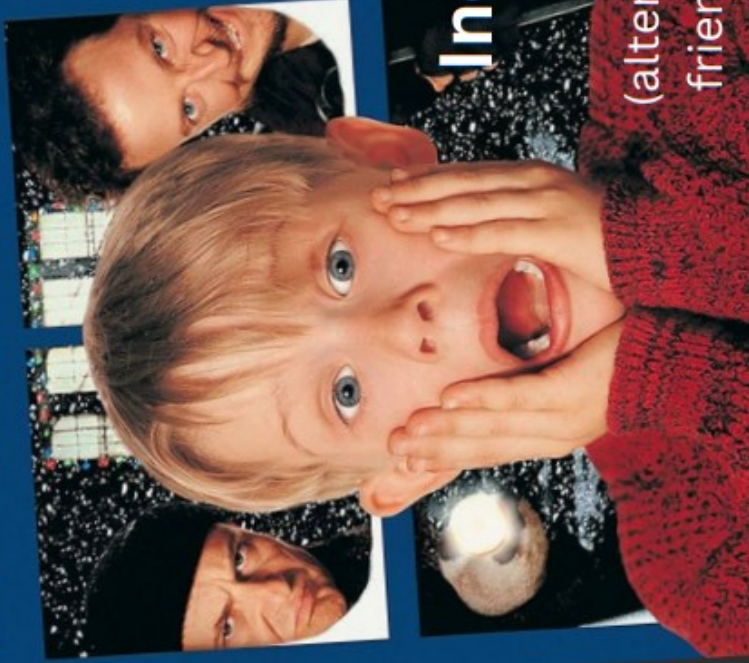
Yours sincerely,

The Friends of Craylands

MOVIE NIGHT

Year 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 5th December
3.30pm - 5.40pm

FROM JOHN HUGHES
HOME ALONE



Tickets £3.50 each
Includes Hot Chocolate
and a Hot Dog

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Christmas Film Club - Yr 4-6

The Friends of Craylands are delighted to be hosting the 2023 Craylands Christmas Film Night on **Tuesday 5th December (YEARS 4-6 ONLY)**

This year we will be showing **Home Alone** to the children in **years 4-6**. Children will be offered a hot dog and hot chocolate topped with cream. Tickets cost £3.50 and can be purchased in advance online only by visiting this link -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool/1072784?>

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Yours sincerely,
The Friends of Craylands



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
2.00PM - 4PM

Heritage Community Hall, Graylands Lane,
Swanscombe DA10 0LP

Featuring: MRS BACK TO FRONT

Meet: FATHER CHRISTMAS



£5 per child

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EYFS NEWS



The children have been working really hard, practicing for their production of The Sleepy Shepherds. Alongside this they have continued to learn new phonemes, explore new number concepts, learn about Hanukkah, play safely and develop independence.

Thank you for sending in plimsolls at short notice, if they can all be in by Monday 4th that would be great.

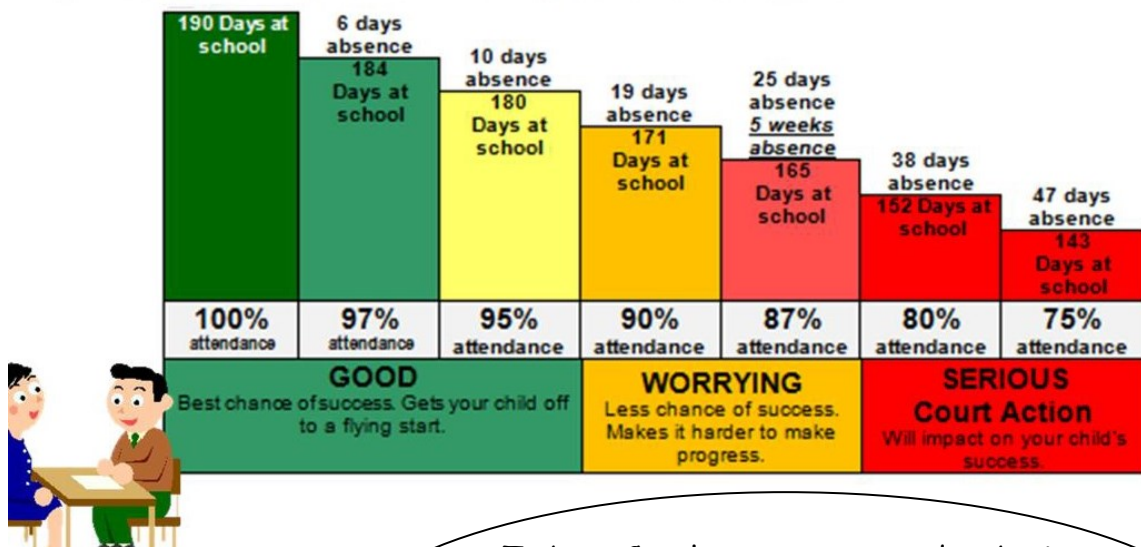
The next two weeks are very busy and exciting in school (and at home too!) so please do ensure your children get a good nights sleep.



Achievements outside of school...

Naitik (Y6) passed a piano level this week achieving a Merit in the initial grading and is now on grade 1 —well done Naitik!

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

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	92.3%	6
Funnybones	90.6%	7
Gruffalo	92.6%	3
Stickman	85.6%	8
Dahl	92.0%	7
Wilson	88.2%	8
Simon	96.1%	5
Walliams	96.5%	5
Fine	91.3%	8
Horowitz	95.3%	3
Morpurgo	92.0%	6
Rauf	93.3%	6

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

Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Well done to Horowitz class!	Next week back to year group class battles.

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Highest number of levels passed George Kieran Ennis	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Highest number of levels passed Benjamin Benjamin Ali			Stickman A'driel Bentley Aniya	Gruffalo Rhiaan Khalid Lenny	Wilson Adrian Ayden Hari
Dahl Arlind Reggie Evie Q	Walliams Alexander Harry P Evie G	Simon Harrison Jovel Evie G	Horowitz Monaco Alexander Safia	Fine Finley Jude Helena	Morpurgo Hayden Naitik Eva P	Rauf Thomas Grishiga Sophie



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		Practise phonics Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Addition and subtraction Y2 Autumn Block 2 TS19 Mixed addition and subtraction on Vimeo	Practise phonics Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Multiplication and Arrays Y3 Autumn Block 3 TS2 Use arrays on Vimeo	Direct speech How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	12 times table Y4 Autumn Block 4 TS10 12 timestable and division facts on Vimeo	Direct speech How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Square and cube numbers Y5 Autumn Block 3 TS6 Square numbers on Vimeo	Modal verbs Modal verbs - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Converting units of measure Y6 Autumn Block 5 TS2 Convert metric measures on Vimeo	Subjunctive BBC - BBC Learning English, English Class - The subjunctive



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 world are they?
Year 4	What happened in Pompeii?
Year 5	What happened in Britain after the Romans left? (Vikings)
Year 6	Who were the Maya and where are they now?

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 Emily Wilson Emily
Rainbow Fish Walliams Isabelle
Elmer Lincoln Simon Enzo
Funnybones Archie H Horowitz Ashley
Gruffalo Henry Fine Felipe
Stickman Briony Morpurgo Matthew
Dahl Tiwa Rauf Archie S

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

Hungry C	Harry	Wilson	Raph
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	George P
Elmer	Arthur	Simon	Aran
Funnybones	Benjamin T	Fine	Savannah
Gruffalo	Lennu	Horowitz	Will
Stickman	Freddie P	Morpurgo	Eleanor
Dahl	Hayden	Rauf	Eniola



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



A large, empty rectangular box with a decorative scroll-like border on the left and right sides, intended for the name of the student who received the Attendance Bear.