



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of the penultimate week of the term and it has been so lovely to see a bit of sunshine. Next week, we have our parents/carers consultation on Thursday so please do ensure you have booked a time to see your child's class teacher. There will be no teacher led after school clubs next week so please do ensure there is someone to collect your child at the end of each day.

## Children who walk to and from school

This week has seen a number of concerns raised by parents/carers and staff in relation to children who are being allowed to walk to school on their own and/or walk their younger siblings to school.

Concerns were raised by a parent/carer who has seen a number of children being dropped either at the top of Craylands Lane or being left to walk to school with older siblings who are paying no attention to their younger siblings because they are on their mobile phones. They witnessed a reception year child walking with a sibling an older sibling, a parent dropping a young child at the car sales and leaving them there, a young child walking home by themselves.

Whilst we can not dictate to parents/carers at what age you feel it is appropriate for your child to walk to and from school and/or walk younger siblings to school, we would urge you to have a discussion with your children about ensuring they are focussing and concentrating on their surroundings so that they remain safe.

You, as parents/carers, have to make the final decision, however we would encourage you to consider whether a child at primary age (certainly below Year 6) is mature enough to be able to walk to and from school by themselves and certainly walk a younger sibling to and from school.

## RNLI

On Monday, Ross Boushear, an Education Presenter and Crew Member at Gravesend RNLI visited our assembly and taught the children about spotting the dangers at the beach and around water. They learnt about what the different flags mean and what they should do if they get into difficulty in deep water "float like a starfish".

Thank you to all those who brought in change for the bottle collection; we are awaiting the official total as it included some foreign currency, but expect it to be in the region of £300. Y2 raised the most amount of money, a staggering £79.91. Well done!

In the photo Mrs Woodham raced against Mr Ellen to see who could get into the RNLI kit in the required 90 seconds for launching. Mrs Woodham was the winner.



## Quiz night

A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands for arranging the quiz night last Friday and to those parents/carers who attended and enjoyed an evening of fun and games. Thank you to Mrs Chandler, Mrs Scarborough and Mrs Cox for creating, hosting and scoring the quiz. The quiz raised £349.59 - a great amount!

## Important dates

27/3	Friends of Craylands selling Easter treats and a tombola after school
28/3	Parents/Carers evening
29/3	Easter Holidays begin
15/4	Term 5 starts
25/4	Extra Y1 reading morning
28/4 - 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5	Y4+Y5 reading morning
8/5	Y3+Y6 reading morning
9/5	Y1+Y2 reading morning
w/c 13/5	Y6 SATS—ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL
17/5	School Disco
24/5	Term 5 ends
3/6	Term 6 starts
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

Parent Consultations on  
Thursday 28/3

Don't forget to book your  
appointment at:  
<https://craylands.parents-eveningsystem.co.uk/>



Wishing those in our  
community celebrating  
Holi next week an  
enjoyable time.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock



# EASTER TREATS & TOMBOLA

ON SALE  
AFTER SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

CASH &  
CARD ACCEPTED

Some members of our community will be recognising Holi on Monday....please find information about this religious festival below

Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life.

Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water.

Holi is also known as the "festival of colours".

## When is Holi?

Holi marks the arrival of spring and the end of winter. It is usually celebrated in March.

In 2024 Holi will begin on **Monday 25 March**.

## What is the story of Holi?

Holi also celebrates the Hindu god Krishna and the legend of Holika and Prahlad.

## How is Holi celebrated?

On the first night of Holi, people light bonfires and throw roasting grains, popcorn, coconut and chickpeas onto them.

The next day, people of all ages go into the streets for fun and paint-throwing. Everyone gets involved!

Hindus have fun by smearing each other with paint and throwing coloured water.



Holi celebrations in Northern India.

## What do the Holi colours mean?

Some people believe the Holi colours came from Krishna mischievously throwing coloured water over his milkmaids when he was a boy. This developed into the practical jokes and games of Holi.

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27/3	<b>FRIENDS OF CRAYLANDS SELLING EASTER TREATS AND A TOMBOLA AFTER SCHOOL</b>
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
17/5	PTA School Disco
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 (MAY NEED TO CHANGE DUE TO NO FIELD—TBC)
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.
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

# EYFS NEWS



We hope the children enjoyed making and eating their fruit kebabs this week. We have been impressed with the children's knowledge about healthy foods and balanced diets in general.

The children have been very active in the garden all week; in particular they have been focusing on developing their ball skills.

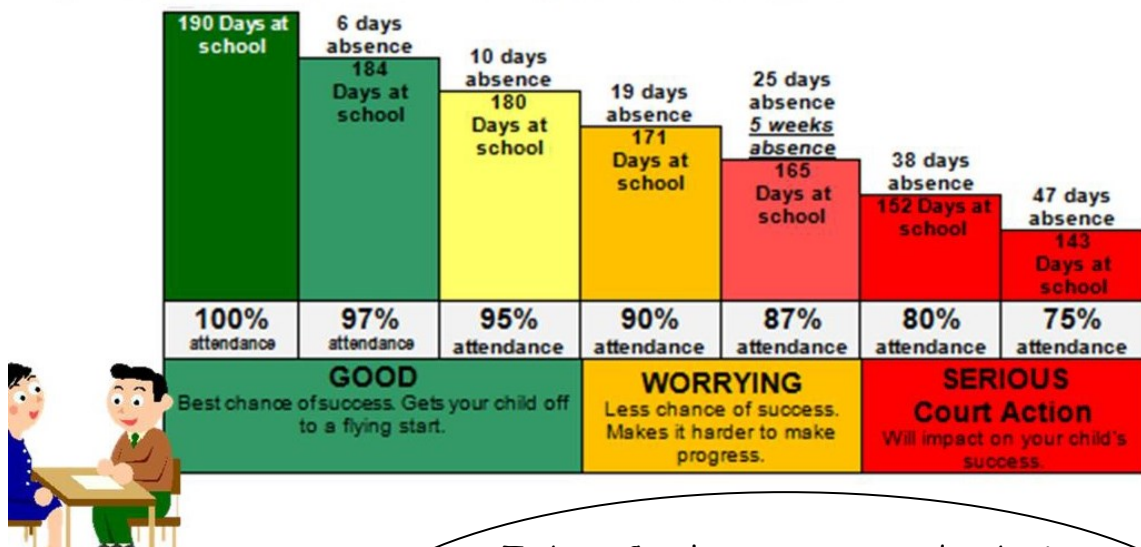
The warm end to the week has meant coats and jumpers have been coming off, a good time to check that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name and that they have a water bottle in school every day please.

Many thanks.



## **Achievements outside of school...**

# 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	90.0%	6
Funnybones	97.0%	4
Gruffalo	95.0%	4
Stickman	96.6%	5
Dahl	93.0%	4
Wilson	96.3%	2
Simon	98.0%	3
Walliams	95.8%	3
Fine	93.6%	5
Horowitz	98.7%	2
Morpurgo	97.6%	4
Rauf	98.0%	2

WELL DONE TO.....

Horowitz Class for having the highest attendance this week

# Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>854      9049</p> <p>Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>3283      3688</p> <p>Wilson wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>15910      11503</p> <p>Walliams wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>4655      11402</p> <p>Fine wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p> <p>1682      3939</p> <p>Morpurgo wins!</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>NS</p> <p>Year 3</p> <p>NS</p> <p>Year 4</p> <p>NS</p> <p>Year 5</p> <p>NS</p> <p>Year 6</p>

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

<p>Hungry Caterpillars</p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Minutes played</p> <p>Hiya</p> <p>Lewis</p> <p>Luna-Grey</p>	<p>Rainbow Fish</p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Minutes played</p> <p>Martyna</p> <p>Muawwiz</p> <p>Dave</p>	<p>Funnybones</p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Minutes played</p> <p>Nahil</p> <p>Amir</p> <p>Conor</p>	<p>Elmer</p> <p>Top 3 players on Numbots</p> <p>Minutes played</p> <p>Enzo</p> <p>Malakai</p> <p>Jasper</p>	<p>Stickman</p> <p>Aniya</p> <p>Luana</p> <p>Violet</p>	<p>Gruffalo</p> <p>Dylan</p> <p>Khalid</p> <p>Casey</p>	<p>Dahl</p> <p>Arlind</p> <p>Charlie</p> <p>Dylan</p>
<p>Wilson</p> <p>Bertie</p> <p>Ellie</p> <p>Hari</p>	<p>Walliams</p> <p>Alexander</p> <p>Harry</p> <p>Evie G</p>	<p>Simon</p> <p>Angela</p> <p>Inika</p> <p>Evie G</p>	<p>Fine</p> <p>Harry</p> <p>Helena</p> <p>Finley</p>	<p>Horowitz</p> <p>Alexander</p> <p>Eva C</p> <p>Harrison</p>	<p>Morpurgo</p> <p>Amelie</p> <p>Ditvi</p> <p>Duro</p>	<p>Rauf</p> <p>Grishiga</p> <p>Heritage</p> <p>Archie</p>



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 <a href="http://BuriedTreasure(phonicsplay.co.uk)">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Gruffalo/ Stickman		Practise phonics <a href="http://BuriedTreasure(phonicsplay.co.uk)">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Dahl/Wilson	Fractions <a href="#">Y3 Spring Block 3 TS10 Equivalent fractions as bar models on Vimeo</a>	Alliteration <a href="#">What is alliteration? - BBC Bitesize</a>
Walliams/Simon	Equivalent fractions <a href="#">Y4 Spring Block 3 TS10 Equivalent fraction families on Vimeo</a>	Speech <a href="#">How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize</a>
Horowitz/Fine	Equivalent fractions and decimals <a href="#">Y5 Spring Block 3 TS4 Equivalent fractions and decimals on Vimeo</a>	Adverbials <a href="#">What is a fronted adverbial? - BBC Bitesize</a>
Morpurgo/Rauf	Shape <a href="#">Y6 Summer Block 1 TS2 Calculate angles on Vimeo</a>	Tenses <a href="#">Verbs and the different tenses - BBC Bitesize</a>



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 1	What is it like where we live in the past?
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?

# 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 and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C	Lola	Wilson	Leia
Rainbow Fish	Millie	Walliams	Amelia-Rose
Elmer	Arthur	Simon	Grace
Funnybones	Mylah	Horowitz	Libby
Gruffalo	Lenny	Fine	Logan
Stickman	Sofia L	Morpurgo	Naitik
Dahl	Poppy	Rauf	Emileigh

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

Hungry C	Louie	Wilson	David
Rainbow Fish	Muawwiz	Walliams	Emilija
Elmer	Harvey	Simon	Sienna
Funnybones	Kit	Fine	Alba
Gruffalo	Kyler	Horowitz	Joel
Stickman	Luana	Morpurgo	Isaac
Dahl	Blake	Rauf	Grishiga



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



Horowitz Class



# Spring

KIDS CLUB  
EXTRAVAGANZA

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**

**8th-11th April**

**8.30AM - 3.30PM**

**Knockhall Primary School  
Greenhithe**

- **For HAF Spaces:** **Use Holiday Activities Vouchers & Site**
- **For Paid Spaces:** [www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs](http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs)

- Lunch Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- 5-11 Years

**Our Staff:**

All staff have relevant experience and obtain an enhanced DBS check, paediatric first aid, food hygiene safeguarding

**HAF Spaces  
Available!**

**'Travel' with us to Cuba,  
Australia, Morocco and  
Japan this Easter Holiday!**



# African Fusion

Celebrating African rhythm  
& its influence across the globe



Date: 23rd March

Time: 4pm – 8pm

Location: Castle Hill  
Community  
Centre

A community-led event including  
music, art, food, dance and more



Local African-inspired food vendors

Exhibitions & interactive workshops

Performances by:

Nationally renowned Afrobeats artist SILVASTONE  
Kenyan drumming & acrobatic troupe Dubafrique  
Explosive reggae band Reminisce Reggae  
Gifted Young Gravesham & One Voice Community Choir



**Tickets**  
from £2  
+booking fee



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