



The Craylands School

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This week was anti-bullying week and the children have been discussing bullying and partaking in a range of different activities eg making posters, attending assemblies, etc.

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Primary Admissions 2015

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 now is the time to apply for a primary school place. Even if you already have a child at Craylands you will still need to apply for a place. Please inform the School Office as soon as possible so that we know how many siblings will be applying. You can apply direct on line at www.kent.gov.uk/ola before 15 January 2015.

Baby News



We are delighted to announce that on Sunday 16th November Mr Dennehy became a proud father. Both mother and baby Callum are doing well and we know you will want to join us in sending our heart felt congratulations.



School Closure

In the event of a school closure due to severe weather or exceptional circumstances, an announcement will be made on Radio Kent and a message will be put on the school website.

www.bbc.co.uk/kent click on 'school closures'

Invicta Radio – 1242 kHz,	603 Capital Gold;
103.1 VHF;	102.8 Invicta FM
BBC Radio Kent – 1602 kHz	96.7 VHF,
96.7 FM;	1602 medium

Messages will also be sent via Schoolcomms, our new alternative to ParentMail.

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Forthcoming Events

- Last day of term 19/12
- 1st day of term 7/1/14



ASD/ADHD Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning for parents/carers of children with ASD will be on Tuesday 2nd December from 9-11am.

Y5 Cake Bake Sales



Our Y5 class would like to thank everyone for their continuing support with their fund raising efforts on Fridays with their after-school 'cake bake sales' in aid of the Young Voices concert at the Royal Albert Hall on 10th December. Funds raised will help towards the cost of registration, purchasing t-shirts and the coach.

School Meals

School meals are now £2.33 (£11.65 per week).

Please note that at least 1 week's notice

must be given **IN WRITING** for any changes between school meals and packed lunches and vice versa. Sodexo have to order food one week in advance so it is not possible to chop and change from one day to another as this causes confusion all round!



School meals are available for either:

- The whole week
- A Wednesday (roast) only
- A Wednesday (roast) and Friday (fish) only.

Cheques should be made out to Sodexo and placed in a named envelope in the black box marked '**Sodexo**' located in the entrance porch. This is checked regularly.



Christmas Lunch will be available on Friday 5th December for all children — Sodexo will be sending out a letter.

Please Name Everything!

A lot of time could be saved if only a name could be found on items. This not only includes school uniform, but drink bottles, pe kits (each individual item — not just on the pe bag), school bags, packed lunches, and all plastic containers residing within packed lunches. Please also check that **names haven't washed out** in sweatshirts, trousers, etc.

Schoolcomms

We are beginning to send out messages by

Schoolcomms rather than ParentMail so don't



forget to check your inboxes. Schoolcomms uses the most up-to-date information we have on our school computer system, so as long as you have informed us of your current email address and mobile no. you should automatically receive messages unless you choose to opt out and receive a paper copy.

If you think you may not be receiving emails or you would like to opt out, please let the School Office know or complete a Schoolcomms slip (available in the rotating carousel).



Love In A Box

Over 50 fabulous looking shoe boxes were collected, beautifully wrapped and so obviously made up with lots of love and care. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause. It makes so much difference to the lives of the children who receive these parcels.



Parking outside School

We would politely ask parents not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school gates as this obstructs the vision of other car users, delays staff driving in and pedestrians entering and leaving the car park. It also blocks access to Springfield Lodge Nursery. We do not want any nasty accidents.



Horniman Museum

An interesting day was had by our Y1s when they recently visited the Horniman Museum. Our staff were so proud to receive lots of positive comments on how well-behaved our pupils were, so a big well done to our Y1s for excellent behaviour.



Result!

Congratulations to our Year 6 football team who won against Bean Primary School at a friendly last week, winning 4-2. A big thank you to all those parents who helped transport our budding players, as without your help **these events couldn't happen!**

News from The Meadow ...

Typically the Parents Gardening morning proved to be a wet one but a HUGE thank you to Jodie and Steve Phillips who despite the rain persevered and showed what they were made of by planting 30 trees!



Thank you to all those parents who sent in Morrisons vouchers. We are in the process of placing an order for an assortment of gardening equipment including gloves, organic feed, a bee insect house, an interactive solitary bee-hive, vegetables seeds, asparagus and rhubarb (*yum, yum—I can't wait until all that grows!*)

Donations of wild food bird are most welcome to keep the birds fed during the winter months. Thank you to Jessie Pender for your donation already received.



Young Voices

There are still seats available for adults wishing to travel to or from the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th December at a cost of £8 each. If you would like a seat, please send in your payment (cash, on-line payment or cheque, payable to the Craylands School Fund). The coach will leave Craylands at 4.30pm sharp!





Christmas Activities



Here we go ... diaries, calendars, wall planners to the ready, it's going to get busy!!!



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch for all costing £2.33 on Friday 5th December.

Christmas Disco

The Friends of Craylands have kindly organised a Christmas Disco for all the children on Friday 5th December, so make sure you return your reply slips with payment as soon as possible so that the Friends can start organising and your child **doesn't miss out!** Times are as follows:

YR:	3.15 - 4.15
Y1-Y2:	4.15 - 5.30
Y3-Y4:	5.45 - 7.15
Y5-Y6:	7.15 - 8.45

The cost for children in KS1/KS2 is £3.50 per child and £2.50 for YR children. This includes crisps, a drink and neon face paints (*we look forward to seeing some interesting faces!*)

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production

EYFS/KS1 are proud to present "One Bright Night." Parents of YR-Y2 are invited to attend a performance on either:



Thursday 11th December from 2-3pm, or Friday 12th Dec from 9.30am-10.30am.

More details to follow.



Keep it quiet but we've heard the Friends of Craylands have asked a special visitor to drop by at some point in December... I hope he leaves his reindeer outside.....

KS2 Carol Concert



KS2 invite you to join them in one of their Carol Services on either:

Tuesday 16th December, 6.30-7.30pm or Wed 17th December from 2-3pm.
More details to follow.

Coffee Morning for All



Everyone is invited to a coffee morning on Tuesday 16th December from 9-10.30am (rumour has it there will be a Christmas raffle too!)

Singing at Bluewater



On Tuesday 16th December at 11am our School Choir will be singing at Bluewater in the Lower Guildhall in front of the entrance to the West Village. Please pop along and support them – they would love to see a smiling face amidst all those busy shoppers!

"Christmas Jumper Day"

This year we have chosen to support the worthwhile charity Save the Children and on Thursday 18th December all pupils can wear their own clothes with a Christmas jumper or Christmas theme. The suggested donation is £1 per family.

Panto on Thursday 18th Dec

There will be a panto for the whole school on Thursday 18th December (hush, hush) **No spoiler alerts here ... we don't want to spoil the surprise!**