



Crabtree Junior School

1st May 2015

The blogs

In addition to this newsletter, the blogs are a primary source of information from the teachers. They are updated at least fortnightly. Click on your child's year group to find out more.

**Year
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Weekly timetables

If you would like to see the weekly lesson plan for your child's class, please visit the school website at:
http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html

**This term's school value is
"Appreciation".**

Diary Reminders

**Monday 4 May
BANK HOLIDAY**

Thursday 7 May

Polling Station – School open as usual

Friday 8 May

Fundraising Day for RNLI
Fabric Collection at Crabtree Infants'

School letters (email)
Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

PA Disco tickets

Reading Challenge

Goalkeeper coaching

Bags2School

Cycling Proficiency

From the Headteacher

Hard to believe it is May already! I trust everyone is looking forward to the long weekend with the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday.

Mr Bishop and I visited Harpenden Public Halls this week and we are finalising the arrangements for our summer concert on 3rd June. Please read Mr Bishop's notice below for details of song words your child needs to learn. The concert will be a ticket-only event and, given the constraints of the auditorium, there will only be one ticket available per family. Ticket request forms will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

As you know, Governors, Directors, Parents and staff across both schools have been working to articulate a new Vision and Values statement for the Trust. We have now finalised this document and you can access this via the following link http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/our_school/vision.html. Although the school has commenced the introduction/implementation of our new visions and values policy, we will be working throughout the summer term to embed its direction.

Please see below the Chair of Governor's note re. the annual school survey. I hope as many of you as possible will complete the survey so that we have full and frank feedback on which to base our objectives for future years.

*Ian Patrick,
Headteacher*

Annual School Survey, from the Chair of Governors:

The governors would welcome your feedback on all aspects of school life at Crabtree Juniors. Our annual survey can be accessed from the link below and this year includes some additional questions from the PA. Please do take the time to complete the survey as your responses help with many aspects of school planning. The survey will close on Monday 18th May.

<http://crabtreejnrs.limequery.com/index.php/544854/lang-en>



Click on the WisePay logo for online school payments; or the Spend and Raise logo below to raise funds for the PA when you shop online.



Summer Term Reading Challenge

This term's first reading challenge has been launched today. Please see the attached flyer. We would like the children to produce a book cover and look forward to seeing some great creativity in the children's submissions. The competition closes on Monday 18th May.

Social Media

Does your child have an iPad or smart phone? Do you know whether your child is using social media? Are you aware of the messages and photos being exchanged?

Most social media sites are designed for over-13s, yet we are aware that many Crabtree children are now accessing this technology. Parents: please ensure that you reinforce eSafety messages at home and that your children know what to do if they receive messages they do not like. You may find it useful to read the slides on the school website "How E-Safe Are You?" at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/curriculum_support.html

Music notices, *from Mr Bishop*

Whole School Concert

PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS DATE IS IN YOUR DIARY – Wednesday 3rd June at the Harpenden Public Halls. All children will be taking part. The concert is in the evening and exact timings will be published shortly.

Please print off the words from the school website and ensure your children know their songs thoroughly! Also on the website is a demonstration of the Cup Song and a link to a performance of "Rhythm of Life". Years 5 and 6 – please use these!

(See http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

Library Update,

from Mrs Duncan and Mrs Goody

In assembly on Thursday we showed the children some of the new books that we were able to buy for the school library following a successful book fair. As you know, we receive commission on the books sold at the fair, which is our main source of new books for the children to borrow.



Judging by the "Oohs", "Aahhs" and gasps as we held up the new titles, the children will be lining up to borrow the books! We have some great new titles and also some more copies of our most popular books and some classics.

We will display some of the new titles together in the library over the next few weeks so that the children can find and borrow them easily. Please encourage your children to pop in on a Monday or Wednesday lunchtime and take a look.

Book Amnesty

A reminder to search out those missing classroom library books, please. As mentioned last week, the value of books that have 'walked' from the classrooms is approximately £6,000 – a resource we simply cannot afford to lose.....or replace!

Year 4 football trials

Mr Patrick will be holding trials on Tuesday lunchtime next week to determine the team to represent the school at the district football tournament on Tuesday 12th May. If your child would like to take part, please make sure they have their football boots and PE kit in school.

New Policy

The Trust has published a new Complaints policy, which is available on the school website at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/performance_policies/policies.html

We hope always that issues can be addressed informally and the procedure for raising concerns informally with the class teacher or Headteacher is covered in this document, as well as setting out how to take matters further.

CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Please note that these notices are provided as a community service and Crabtree Junior does not take responsibility for or seek to endorse any of the advertisements printed in this section.

E-Flyers:

FREE Families Feeling Safe course at Sauncey Wood School

Basketball trials

World Food Festival, Oaklands

Hatters Mini Soccer at Crabtree Junior School (for 4-6 year olds)

Flyers:

Top Hat Stage School

Super Hero Fun Run

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From the Parents' Association

School Disco

The next Crabtree School Disco will take place on Friday 15th May (5-6pm for the Infant children and 6.30 – 7.30pm for the Junior children). Ticket request forms will be available early next week so please put the date in your diaries and get practicing those dance moves!

As always we would be very grateful for any parents who can stay at the disco and help to supervise and hand out the vast quantities of squash that the children get through. If you can help, please email chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk

Crabtree Fabric Collection

Clean out those cupboards! The next Crabtree Fabric Collection will take place on Friday 8th May and bags are being sent home with the children today. We would be very grateful for any unwanted clothing, toys and shoes.

Please bring filled bags to **Crabtree Infants' School** on the evening of Thursday 7th May between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or before school on Friday 8th May.

Yes please: good quality second hand adults and children's clothing, soft toys, shoes (tied together in pairs), hats, jewellery, belts and handbags.

We can't accept: Dirty or wet clothing, single shoes, sheets, blankets, curtains, off cuts of material, mats, carpets, pillows, duvets, bric a brac, anything with a logo such as school polos/jumpers.

Please note you can also use plain black bin liners if you have more than one bag's worth of clothes.

Independent Examiner – are you financially minded?

We are looking for a new Independent Examiner who can support the Treasurer by providing independent scrutiny of the accounts. We would like the new Examiner to start by attending the Financial Committee meetings from September 2015 (there are three meetings per year) and examine the accounts when they close in July 2016. It would be great if we had a willing volunteer signed up who could be voted in at the AGM in September, so if you are interested and have a financial background please email chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk. We would be happy to arrange for you to have a chat with the current Treasurer if you would like more information about the role.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Amelie , for hard work in every lesson and being a great role model.
Rowan	James , for a great effort with handwriting.
Ash	Alexandra , for renewed commitment in her English lessons.
Birch	Inaki for brilliant effort shown in Maths
Teak	Georgia , for quietly, effectively concentrating on the task in hand despite distraction.
Redwood	Xander , for a fantastic start to the summer term.
Elm	Cameron , for making a real improvement in his writing .
Elder	Samuel , for making noticeably more effort in maths and English this term.

For further information about events at Crabtree Junior School – including term dates and copies of previous newsletters – please visit the school website at www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

