



# Crabtree Junior School

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## 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.

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## Weekly timetables

If you would like to see the current weekly 'overview' Literacy and mathematics plan for your child's class, please visit the school website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/timetables.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

## This term's school value is

**"Appreciation"**

## Diary Reminders

**Tuesday 5th December**

Yr 6 Basketball – Kings School

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Yr 6 Trip to Bletchley

**School Uniform Opening Times**

**FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30**

8TH DECEMBER

Dear Parents,

Two exciting pieces of news to share with you this week.

### **Sunday Times – Top 200 Schools**

For those who haven't seen already, we are very proud to announce that Crabtree Juniors is listed in the Sunday Times Parent Power 2018: Best Schools Guide. This is a fantastic achievement for our school community and is the result of hard work and commitment from our teaching and support staff, our governors, and of course our dedicated pupils, who work so hard to develop their learning.

We also appreciate the incredible ongoing support we receive from you as parents.

We have received a letter of congratulations from Bim Afolami our local MP, who wishes to visit the school in the New Year to discuss our success with our leadership team and meet with the teachers and children.

### **Miss Weaver – Hertfordshire Sports Apprentice of the Year**

On Tuesday evening Miss Weaver was awarded Hertfordshire's Sports Apprentice of the Year. Miss Weaver is in her third year with us and over that time she has grown in confidence working alongside Mrs Tizard.

Her commitment to class PE lessons, and extra-curricular clubs was recognised, in particular the time she has given to developing Girls' football within the school. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Weaver our congratulations on her achievement.

I hope everyone has a lovely time at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow, and we thank the PA and parents who are giving so much time to make this event a success for the school.

Leanne Williams  
Assistant Headteacher

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Christmas Fayre Brochure

School Mini Tennis

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### Wisepay Reminders

#### Whole School

Christmas Lunch (closes 3/12/17)

Christmas Concert Tickets (closes 3/12/17)

#### Year 3

Grandparents' Tea Party (closes 4/12/17)

#### Year 4

Roman Workshop

Verulamium Museum

#### Year 5

Gym Club (closes 8/12/17)

#### Year 6

Crucial Crew – St Albans Fire Station

Gym Club (closes 8/12/17)

Netball League Matches (club members only)

## Aviva Community Fund Application

We're delighted to announce that our application to the Aviva Community Fund has been shortlisted as one of the 3 finalists for our category, which means we now have a 1 in 3 chance of winning £10,000. So a HUGE thank you to everyone who voted – a late surge in voting during the last 24 hours made all the difference!

We will find out in January whether we have won, once the judging panel have reviewed the 3 applications, so fingers crossed. We've done everything we can, so THANK YOU again.

## Gym Club – Years 5 & 6

An e:mail was sent to all Year 5 & 6 parents earlier this week regarding the Gym Club which is starting in January. If your child wishes to take part please ensure you have signed them up on wisepay by Friday 8 December.

If you did not receive the original e: mail please contact the office and we will forward it on to you.

## Christmas Lunch at Crabtree

**This is only for children that do not already have a school meal on a Friday.**

If your child has a packed lunch on a Friday but would like to have the school Christmas Dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December please log onto wisepay under "Ticket Payments" and book your child a meal.

Please indicate in the box provided if they would like the Turkey or vegetarian option.



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.



# CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## E-Flyers:

**Jordans Mill – Christmas penguin trail**

**Katherine Warrington School**

## FLYERS:

**Christmas Technology Camp**

**Wisepay will close on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to allow food to be ordered.**

## Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concerts will be taking place at the following times:

Monday 11 December – 9.30am  
Monday 11 December – 6:30pm  
Wednesday 13 December – 9.30am

We have decided to add an additional performance this year to avoid overcrowding in the hall as numbers are restricted by Health and Safety regulations.

We are only able to allocate one ticket per family in the first instance. This is one ticket per family across all 3 performances – please do not book more than one ticket or we will not be able to accommodate everyone.

If additional tickets are available we will allocate these from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – and they will be issued in the order that the requests are received via wisepay.

The concerts are set up on wisepay for you to book your ticket – under “Ticket Payments”. There is also a box where you can enter the performance that you would like an additional ticket for if any are available. Please ensure you confirm your booking and get an e.mail confirmation.

**Wisepay will close on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** All initial tickets will be allocated on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, extra tickets from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. You can expect to receive your tickets home with your child by Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions please call the office and we will be happy to help.

## Music

The Choir will be singing at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Any choir members that would like to sing please meet Mrs White at the back of the hall at 12:30pm. The Choir will start singing at 1pm in the school hall. Thank you.

## Choir & Orchestra

There will be no Choir or Orchestra on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> or Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Tree Donation

Croft Farm has donated our beautiful Christmas tree. They will be selling non drop trees from 4ft - 9ft throughout the festive period. Croft farm, Leasey bridge lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8HP 01582 832071.

Just pop along or phone for more details, orders for larger trees can be taken in advance and trees can be reserved for later collection. This year they also be selling delicious free range heritage turkeys, call to reserve yours now!

## Please Support Will

A couple of months ago we attended a triathlon for disabled people. We went as spectators, and at the event Will was given the chance to try out a 'RaceRunner', which is a fairly new piece of equipment. It's essentially a walking frame with large bicycle wheels. There is a drive to include running races at the next Paralympics, using this equipment.

Before trying out the Racerunner, Will said he was scared and didn't want to try it because he can't walk. Within 10 minutes, he had covered more ground unaided than he's ever been able to do in his wheelchair. It was amazing to see.

We are trying to raise money to buy Will his own Racerunner. This weekend he and two of his buddies from Crabtree Junior School have signed up to run 5K at the Superhero's "Winters Wonderwheels" event at Dorney Lake near Windsor. We are renting a Racerunner for Will for the day and Will can't wait. He's determined to complete the full 5K.

We have set up a justgiving site, for anyone who may be interested in what he's doing and wants to find out more.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/willtorun>

Thanks for your time and interest.

Dave and Rebecca Horton

## From the Parents' Association

### DIARY DATES

**Saturday 2 December - Crabtree Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 26 January - Kids Disco**

**Saturday 10 March - PA Quiz Night**

**UNIFORM SHOP DATES** (*Open Fridays 8:50am - 9:30am*)

**December 8th, January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19th**

### COME TO THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE - THIS SATURDAY DEC. 2nd

It's here! Be sure to come enjoy the Crabtree Christmas Fayre at the Junior School this Saturday from 11am – 2pm. The feeling will certainly be festive with carols & sing-a-longs. The kitchen will be serving up hot, yummy lunches so come hungry and save room to visit the cake table after! The Year 6 students will be running their own enterprise stalls and games, and don't miss the excellent Raffle and Tombolas! Please see the attached Donation Info and Fayre Flyer. See you there.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHALLENGE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING

Many of us will be giving our credit cards and computers a workout as we start holiday shopping. It's the perfect time to remember EasyFundraising to earn money for the school. Most major retailers will give a percentage of your spending back to Crabtree – at no cost to you! Crabtree supporters earned a total of £250 last year at Christmas. Let's see if we can't top that this year! Just register at the website below and click through to do your shopping! [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta)

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## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Amelie</b> , for a fantastic attitude to her learning. Always trying her best and an excellent role model to others.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Harry</b> , for having a really positive attitude to his learning and improving his handwriting.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Sophie</b> , for being a well-mannered, hardworking and delightful member of the class.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Louise</b> , for her brilliant stickman story!
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Sofia</b> , for really focusing on her diary entry in order to catch up in English and taking on every new challenge.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>George</b> , for his incredible effort in English lessons recently and producing a moving diary entry about the Christmas truce.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Lucas</b> , for always listening well, trying his hardest and progressing well.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Ben</b> , for becoming an effective editor and author! Excellent work!

## Sports Champion

Ace, for developing his confidence to perform in gymnastics.

## Challenge Champions

Miss Weaver for winning the Hertfordshire Sports Apprentice of the year! We are all very proud of her.

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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

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

