



# Crabtree Junior School

2<sup>nd</sup> April 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

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

## Diary Reminders

**Summer term starts  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

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

**Year 5 School Journey**

## From the Headteacher

*What a day! Tears galore as we have said our goodbyes to our two Emmas. We wish both well – Miss Simmons as she moves to her new school in Bournemouth and Miss Thomas as she embarks on her new adventure away from teaching. I am so grateful for the contributions both have made to this school for the benefit of your children.*

*The Gym Display on Tuesday and Wednesday was a wonderful 'swan song' for Emma T and also gave her successor, Amanda Tizard, a glimpse of our expectations! Thank you to all the staff for helping Emma to put on this fabulous display – it really is one of the highlights of the Crabtree calendar.*

*There has been more chocolate in the staff room this week than I feel a Healthy School should really admit to! I hope you have a chocolate-y weekend ahead but most of all I wish you a restful Easter break in the midst of your families. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the summer term on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Ian Patrick, Headteacher*

## From Miss Thomas

I would like to thank all the pupils and parents for their amazing support during my time at Crabtree. It has without a doubt been my happiest time in teaching throughout my career.

The children are amazing with their attitude to please and do well. I would like to wish every one of them success and happiness and thank them for their never-ending enthusiasm. I will be keeping in touch with Crabtree and will be looking out with great interest to see how everyone progresses.

I would also like to thank all the staff at Crabtree: they are so supportive and , understanding, and always prepared to make so many sacrifices for the children ... and for me!

Good luck to everyone. Please keep fit, healthy and happy.

Best wishes and love always.

*Emma (Thomas)*



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## Whole school photograph

As the children may have told you, one of the school gifts to Miss Thomas was a whole school photograph which was taken 'in secret' on a blustery day earlier this term. There is now an opportunity for you to purchase this photograph as a memento – we don't usually have the chance to photograph the whole school, so this is a 'one off'. A proof card has been sent home today. If you would like to place an order we would encourage you do so online at [www.kittleorders.com](http://www.kittleorders.com) using the following details:

Photo ID: k5Bako4

Password: BBVHbgV

If you select the 'deliver to school' option, there is no charge for delivery. Alternatively, the proof card can be returned to school with your cheque payment **by 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, latest (ignore the deadline on the card).

## Year 3 swimming

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to help with the swimming walks next term. We have emailed the parents whose names are down to walk the first session on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and will publish the full rota next term. If anyone else would like to volunteer to walk one day, please get in touch!

## From Mr Bishop

### Whole-School Concert

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there will be a whole-school concert in the summer term. The date for this is **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - not 4<sup>th</sup> June as previously advised, as we have had to change the venue to Harpenden Public Halls to accommodate us all. The concert will involve all the children in the school. This is a very exciting musical event and will include singing from year-groups, choirs, orchestra and various instrumental ensembles. The children have already been busy preparing and I would ask that they use the holiday to learn their song words so that they can be as close to being memorised, by the beginning of term, as possible. All words can be found on, and printed off from, the school website at [http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/letters\\_notices.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

I hope that every child in the school will take this opportunity to make their best effort to prepare for this concert - every voice and each performer counts and together we can make this a fantastic event!

The songs to be performed are as follows:

Year 3: Do-re-mi

Year 4: Gospel Medley

Year 5 and Year 6: Rhythm of life ( each class has its own words )

Link: [50+ videos Play all Play now Mix - rhythm of life lyrics \(Better Sound Quality\) by YouTube](#) and Cup Song (see video on school website at [http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/letters\\_notices.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html))

In addition, there will be 2 Whole-school songs: "Consider yourself" and "Food Glorious food" (These can be practised using the clips from the film).

The orchestra will perform:

Storm

Klezmer Wedding Dance

Match-of-the-Day

Prelude

The choir will perform:

Mary Poppins Medley

Tomorrow

It's a hard knock life

Final details of timings and tickets for this event will be confirmed at the beginning of the new term.

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### Orchestra

There have been a number of unexplained absences from orchestra practices recently. It is important that we know where a child is, if they are not at orchestra. Please ensure that the office is informed if your child is unable to attend.

### Choir

Please can members of the choir ensure that they attend every practice from now on until the date of the concert – Monday lunchtimes at 12.30 prompt.

## From the Parents' Association

### Open PA Committee meeting on 28 April, Everyone welcome

The PA Committee would like to invite all Crabtree parents to come along to the Skew Bridge on 28 April from 8.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to chat to the PA Committee at an informal meeting, hear more about the work we do to raise money for the schools and how we spend your money. We would also love to hear if you have any suggestions, either for fund-raisers or for how we can spend PA funds. We hope you can join us.

### Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz night. A great time was had by all and congratulations to North London Derby who were the worthy winners. We made £2,100 for the schools, which is a fantastic amount. Thank you too for your generous donations to the scout and explorer helpers at the end of the evening.

### Where has your money gone this year?

Since the start of the academic year PA Funds have been spent on the following:

Infants School: London eye visit and subsequent workshops, tricycles, play kitchen, loads of other outdoor toys, maths Numicon equipment and the new artificial grass beneath the kitchen window.

Junior School: for the hall chair stacking system, iPads & storage/charging trolley, lunchtime toys, music and drumming lessons and the four new goalposts.

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.

