



# Crabtree Junior School

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

## 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 "Responsibility"

### Diary Reminders

#### Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Fayre – Juniors  
11am – 2pm

#### Sun 4<sup>th</sup> December

3.50pm Choir singing at  
Batford Lights Up

#### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December

Rotary Carol Concert

#### Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Production –  
Dress rehearsal to school

#### Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Language Fair

*Dear Parents,*

*At the end of term Mrs Doran will be leaving Crabtree to take up a teaching position in a school in Luton. Miss Eastlake will be returning to the school to teach Birch class for both the spring and summer terms.*

*Also, Mrs Gaines has accepted a Year 2 teaching position at a school in St Albans; initially, this will be for two days a week until the end of the summer term. From January Mrs Mercer will be teaching Cedar class Monday – Thursday and Mrs Gaines will teach the class on Fridays only; this provision will continue for the rest of the academic year. From September 2017 Mrs Gaines will only be teaching at her new school.*

*This will no doubt change the dynamics at the school as between them both Mrs Doran and Mrs Gaines have served the school community for over 25 years!*

*It is difficult to sum up in a few words their individual contribution to the school, but there is no doubt that they have made a 'significant' difference' to our community, to your children's lives.*

*We wish them well in their individual ventures and trust that they will keep in touch.*

*Ian Patrick*

*Headteacher*

## Christmas Play Tickets

Last Thursday we sent out the Christmas Play ticket letter with the newsletter (copy attached). The Monday evening performance for the whole school is now completely full but we still have seats available for the two afternoon performances.

If you haven't yet booked your seats please do so via Wisepay.

If you would like to apply for additional tickets please email the school office, who will allocate these as soon as the booking is closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

Tickets will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

[Christmas Play Letter](#)

[Christmas Fayre Flyer](#)

## PE

### St Albans District Speed Stacking Festival

Last Thursday we took 2 teams from the Year 3 and Year 4 Speed Stacking club to the festival at Roundwood Secondary school. We had a great time not only competing ourselves but watching James Acraman the GB Champion show us his amazing skills!

Our children did brilliantly with the Year 3 children coming 11<sup>th</sup> and our Year 4 children coming 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done to all that took part!



## Music

### [Choir](#)

Please learn your words - available on the school website - ready for the following performances this weekend:

Crabtree Christmas Fayre: I hope that as many choir members as possible will be available to sing at 1.00pm. Please assemble in the school hall at 12.50pm.

Batford Light-up: Those taking part should meet me at 3.50pm on the grass area on the left of Station Road. Please wear school uniform. We will sing from 4pm until about 4.15pm.

### [Performance Platform](#)

We had an excellent concert on Monday in which 33 children took part. We were treated to some lovely performances.

Several of the performers were new to these platforms and it was great to hear them! Others were old-timers who showed great technical and musical skill. Congratulations to all who took part. Look out for dates for next term's platforms and remember to encourage your children to sign up as soon as possible.

### [Orchestra](#)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December will be the final rehearsal of term. Parents will be very welcome to come and listen to a short performance of Christmas carols at the end of that rehearsal. It will start at 3.50pm and be over by 4.15pm at the latest.

Mr Bishop

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers for their 'Christmas Jumper Day'. The children will be allowed to add a Christmas jumper (or something Christmassy) to their uniform that day, in return for a small donation to Save the Children.

## Christmas Tree Donation

Once again, Croft Farm has donated our beautiful Christmas tree, which will be arriving at the beginning of December.

Croft Farm will be selling Nordman non drop trees ranging in size from 3ft - 12ft throughout the festive period. As well as Christmas Trees, this year



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## Flyers:

**Raring 2 Go!**

## E-Flyers:

**Aldwickbury Tea with  
Father Christmas**

**Mayors Schools' Music  
Night**

**Frogmore Paper Mill  
Christmas Fair**

**HCB Family Christmas  
Concert**

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they also have a small flock of Heritage Free Range Turkeys. The birds have been orchard reared, gobbling the windfall apples happily, and will be plump and delicious by Christmas. Just pop along, or phone for more details. Croft Farm, Leasy Bridge Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8HP 01582 832071.

Thank you very much to Mr Franks for collecting the trees again for both the Juniors and the Infants this week.

## From the Parents' Association

### "A Merry Crabtree Christmas Fayre" THIS SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11am-2pm!!!

Bring the family and come ready to eat, drink and be merry! It's going to be a fun and festive afternoon of great food and games, AMAZING prizes and stalls, visits with Father Christmas and much more. The Junior School choir will be singing and R&M Butchers are providing the sausages to go with our hot soup, sweet treats and mulled wine. Come hungry and ready to start feeling Christmassy with your Crabtree friends.

### Helpers Needed: Can You Spare an Hour?

Please can you volunteer for one hour this Saturday at the Fayre? We are desperately short of volunteers and just one hour will really make a difference! We need a few helpers from 12:30-1:30 or 1:30-2:30 in various stalls including Santa's Grotto. And we could really use help in the cash office all day (please give an hour whenever you can!) Thanks to all whom already have signed up. You make the day great. Please contact Katy if you can help: [Katy\\_goody@sky.com](mailto:Katy_goody@sky.com) or 07808 721737.

### Christmas Shopping CHALLENGE!

Great news! In the past few weeks, lots of Crabtree parents have signed up to EasyFundraising and started earning money for the school with their online Christmas shopping! Well done! This could add up to a lot of £ for new computers, play equipment and much more for your students – all at NO EXTRA COST to you! Please remember to go to the EasyFundraising website FIRST when you make a purchase online this Christmas (not just gifts, food & drink too!). Sainsburys, Waitrose and M&S make donations for online orders. John Lewis, Toys R Us, Argos and many more retailers will give up to 3% of your purchase to the school.

Sign up now: [www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta).

**The PA will award Crabtree's Top  
EasyFundraising Shoppers in January. Will it be  
you?**

### Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Hallie</b> , for her participation and enthusiasm in English lessons.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Micayla</b> , for learning her lines and knowing when to say them.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Ed</b> , for super effort with spelling practice.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Rebecca</b> , for great effort in all her lessons this week from Christmas decorations to PE and everything in between!
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Charlotte W</b> , for self-motivated learning.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Sophia</b> , for showing a positive learning attitude.

**Elm** **Jake**, for being a role model to others in all areas.

**Elder** **Hardie**, for being an all-round joy to teach.

## Sports Champion

**Will H** for super speedy speed stacking at the festival last week.

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.

