



# Crabtree Junior School

3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 "Hope"

### Diary Reminders

#### Mon 6th March

12.45pm Y6 Football  
Tournament

3.15pm Y6 Netball - Away

#### Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March

11.30am Y6 Saracens Tag  
Rugby Festival

3.15pm Y6 Gym Practice

#### Weds 8th March

9.10am Spring Festival  
Rehearsal

Yrs 3 & 4 Islamic Workshop

3.15pm Y6 Football - Away

#### Thurs 9th March

8.10am - Elm Vaulting  
Practice

#### Fri 10th March

House Captains Day - Non-  
Uniform day for Salvation  
Army

8.10am - Elder Vaulting  
Practice

Y6 School Nurse - National  
Child Measurement  
Programme

### Dear Parents,

*As the fund raising gets truly underway I would like to draw your attention to the comments below from the 4 presentations that we have delivered to parents. The 'full' survey results can be accessed from the school's website from the following dedicated link:*

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/documents/news\\_dates/School%20Groups%20Project/SGP\\_Survey\\_Results\\_from\\_Parent\\_Presentations.pdf](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/documents/news_dates/School%20Groups%20Project/SGP_Survey_Results_from_Parent_Presentations.pdf)

*A number of parents have approached the school to ask if there will be any more presentations in the near future... quite simply, 'Yes'!*

*The dates are: Thursday 16th march and Thursday 23rd March. Both presentations will be at 7:30 in the Junior school. Please do come along to one of the presentations and hear/see/discuss this fantastic enrichment project for your children.*

### School Grounds Project - Feedback from Parent Presentations

After each presentation we asked parents to complete a short online survey and we are delighted to be able to say that everyone who completed the survey was supportive of the project. Here are some further results from the survey:

- Total number of parents who attended the 4 sessions - 65
- Number of parents with children in Infants - 27
- Number of parents with children in Juniors - 22
- Number of parents with children in both schools - 16
- 96% of parents were willing to contribute to the project financially
- 62% would help with fundraising
- 42% would contribute their time/skill

### Comments that sum up why parents feel this way:

- Good benefits for school, clear plans, less money than expected.
- I feel that the project will benefit the school massively and I am enthusiastic to help raise funds.
- Good plan well thought out, will be a great benefit for the children and the school.

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Summer Party Poster

Dinner Bills

- It is the right thing to do for our kids' fitness and wellbeing and turns a school weak link into an asset.
- It's an opportunity to improve the school for my own children and future pupils. Seems a relatively small cost for the long term gains and maximises the potential of the school's existing property.
- Exciting opportunity for our children and future generations of children.

## School Grounds Project Events!

### Movie Night at Crabtree on Friday 24th March, 6pm

Launching the first of our School Grounds Project fundraiser ideas from the Junior School. For just £4 the kids can come and hangout with their friends while watching one of a choice of 4 movies. Popcorn and a drink included. Movies to be shown are Trolls (U), The Secret Life of Pets (U), Swallows and Amazons (U) and The BFG (PG). Book tickets online:

<http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/87017>. Parent help is also much appreciated, contact

### Yr 3 Assembly



*A huge thank you to Year 3 for a fantastic assembly this morning. It was great to hear and see examples of work that has been covered since September. Although the 'healthy eating' theme was commendable surely there must be time for a few sweets!!*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Ian Pattrick,*

*Headteacher*

## Midday Supervisors required

We are presently recruiting for midday supervisors to work either two days a week or every day for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes starting at 11.50am.

If you are interested in this role or know of anyone in the local community who would like this job please contact the office.

## Chess

We are organising a Chess Tournament for children in Year 5 & 6. This is open to all children whether they attend Chess Club or not. The sign-up sheet is on the sports noticeboard so if your child would like to take part please encourage them to sign up. The draw will take place next Friday morning during Chess club and the children will be provided information on when they will play their matches.



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:

**2017 Street Party  
Sessions**

**Codicote Easter Tennis**

## P.E

### District Level 2 Indoor Athletics Competition



Last Friday we attended the District Indoor athletics competition at Herts Sports Village. We had an exciting morning of competing against 6 other schools in the Harpenden District. All the children tried hard and we had some great performances, particularly in the field events.

We were ecstatic when the results were called and the boys came 1st and the girls came 2nd! Crabtree finished first overall! Crabtree boys and girls will now be representing Harpenden in the Level 3 County School Games Competition on Tuesday 21st March at Woodson Park in Ware. Thank you to the parent helpers and supporters.

## From the Parents' Association

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### Get on Your Bike Sunday 11th June 2017

Here's the challenge: Cycle 100 miles or 100km with a team from Crabtree in an effort to raise £5000 for the School Grounds Project. Both routes will start and finish at the school and pass through the beautiful Chilterns. We're recruiting riders, support crew and a welcome back party! For more information contact [johnstyles@hotmail.com](mailto:johnstyles@hotmail.com).

*Watch this space and follow us on Facebook at 'Crabtree Schools' Parents' Association' for info on these and other fundraising initiatives coming up.*

### Quiz Night - Tables Going Fast!

There are still a few tables (and spaces on tables) left for the annual Crabtree Quiz Night on 11 March. Don't miss the fun, get a group together or join a table by contacting Jane Sims (07729260330 [jane.sims2@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.sims2@googlemail.com)) Payment for reserved tables is now due. The cost is £12.50 per person. A chili supper will be provided with a vegetarian option also available. There will be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Good luck quizzers!

### Please Help with Uniform Shop Stocktake

Can you help with our annual stocktake on 15<sup>th</sup> March? We still need 2-3 more volunteers to help for an hour or so from 9am. Email [chloe.hawkins1@gmail.com](mailto:chloe.hawkins1@gmail.com).

## Like to Organize a Party?

The Summer Fayre is one of Crabtree's biggest events of the year, and we're looking for 1 or 2 people to shadow this year's planning in order to take over organizing the event next summer. Please consider if you could help us in this way, or encourage a friend who you think may be good for the role! Email [caroline\\_a\\_smith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk).

## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Amy</b> , for her wonderful, mature and enthusiastic approach to her learning.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Micayla</b> , for always being ready to start the lesson and trying her best.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Matthew</b> , for consistent hard work and an enthusiastic approach to learning.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Jamie</b> , for working to improve his focus in class and managing to breathe through a whole facemask on World Book Day.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Ellis</b> , for making a great effort to improve his writing and showing a good understanding in his reading group.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Owen</b> , for his fantastic effort to edit and improve his writing.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Benny</b> , for writing a fantastic report on Miptors!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Tom Be</b> , for showing so much enthusiasm on his trip to the British Museum.

## Sports Champion

**Amelie I** for patient, cooperative and creative teamwork in her gym group.

## Challenge Champions

**The Year 6 Indoor Athletics Team** for being District Champions.

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

