



Crabtree Junior School

04th May 2018

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
3**

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**Year
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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

This week's school value is:

"Hope"

Diary Reminders

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 10th May

Year 5 – Table Tennis

School Letters

PA News

Book Fair Competition

Flyers sent home

Primary School Challenge

Dear Parents & Carers,

'Learning without Limits'

This phrase has been running through my mind all week and it prompted me to examine the way our children are learning (and being taught) here at Crabtree.

In my experience it is all too easy to pigeonhole children and, in doing so, to inadvertently place a glass ceiling on their learning. As a society we undoubtedly tend to underestimate the potential of our children. As parents (me included) we often look for a set of predetermined milestones in our child's development. As teachers, we are trained to drive the children towards age related expectations, sometimes by specific and 'one size fits all' methods of teaching and learning. However, what has struck me recently during my learning walks throughout the school is the dedication, enthusiasm and flair of the teachers here at Crabtree.

Teachers, and indeed parents 'in the know', understand that there is much more to children than meets the eye! When they are presented with engaging and stimulating experiences, children intuitively take full advantage of opportunities to learn. We owe it to our children to encourage, nurture, challenge and inspire them. Only then will they be enabled to tap into their full potential and achieve their true goals.

As Maria Montessori put it... "The child is endowed with unknown powers, which can guide us to a radiant future. If what we really want is a new world, then education must take as its aim the development of these hidden possibilities."

Mr Emeny
Headteacher

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School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

18th May
8th June
22nd June
13th July

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

Thirteenth Wish – Book Launch

Family Support Worker Vacancy

Art Show

Herts Ad – Community Awards

Wisepay Reminders

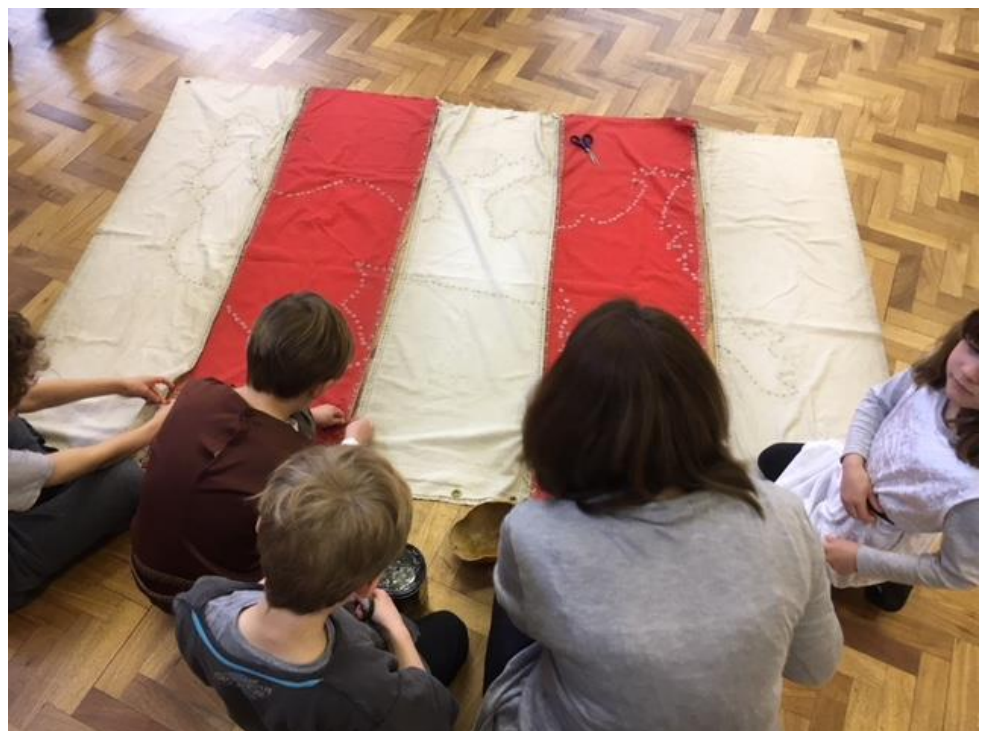
Year 6

Leavers Performance – Thursday 19th – 6:30pm

Leavers Assembly – Friday 20th – 9.15am

Year 3 Viking Day

On Wednesday the Year 3's enjoyed their fantastic Viking experience.





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



Sport

Year 3 & 4 Speed Stack



Well done to our Year 3 and 4 Speed Stackers who competed at Roundwood Secondary school on Tuesday afternoon in a Level 2 School Games competition.

All the children enjoyed the experience with the Year 3 girls coming 7th and the boys 9th and the Year 4 girls came 3rd and the boys 4th.

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Behaviour at after-school clubs

As you know we offer a large range of after school clubs for your children to take part in – many of them with large groups of children.

Although the majority of children that participate in the clubs are keen to learn and improve, unfortunately there have been several instances of bad behaviour and children who have disrupted these activities.

We are extremely keen to continue to offer these extra-curricular clubs, however any children who continue to disrupt these sessions will no longer be invited to attend.

Book Fair

Win a £5 voucher to spend at the upcoming Book Fair. Design a poster encouraging children to read and win one of 5 vouchers to spend at our book fair.

The fair will be held in the hall on May 16th and 17th and entries for the competition must be in by Friday 11th May – Good Luck!
See attached flyer for details.

School Photos

Please ensure all photo orders are returned to school on the morning of Tuesday as they are being collected in the afternoon. Thank you.

Ella P cast in Radio Drama

Congratulations to Ella who has recently been cast as the child in an Abbey Theatre Radio Drama 'The Old Fighting Cocks', by Mial Pagan.

If anyone would like to listen to Ella's performance the play is available at <http://www.abbeytheatre.org.uk/about-us/audio-plays/>

Chess Tournament

Once again we will be running our in-house Chess Tournament for children in years 4, 5 & 6. The sign- up sheets are on the sports noticeboard for anyone who would like to take part. Wednesday 9th is the deadline for sign-up.

The chess captains spoke to the children in assembly today and we are looking forward to some exciting matches!

Street Cheer

Congratulations to members of our Street Cheer club who performed at the Harpenden Mencap fundraising concert last Saturday. Abi was very proud of the girl's performance and feedback from the concert has been excellent.

Thirteenth Wish – Book Launch

Camilla Chester, the local Children's Author who have visited our school previously is launching her new book, *Thirteenth Wish* on Monday 14th May 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Harpenden Library.

It is an exclusive ticket only event – only 8 tickets remaining – to secure your ticket please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/camilla-chester-17154134230>

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Charlie , for full participation on Viking Day!
Rowan	Ruby , for great enthusiasm and real determination to progress.
Ash	John , for active participation in all lessons this week.
Birch	Evie R , for her consistent hard work and focus. A fantastic class member.
Teak	Max , for great enthusiasm in lessons and a focussed approach to his work.
Redwood	Freya , for excellent writing in our Stormbreaker unit.
Elm	Danny , for having a much more positive attitude towards SATs and working hard.
Elder	Henry , for always making an effort to challenge himself, especially in English.

Sports Champion

Olivia A – for excellent skill and enthusiasm at the speed staking festival.

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.

