



Crabtree Junior School

4th November 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

This term's school value is "Responsibility"

Diary Reminders

Sat 5th November

PA Firework Night

Weds 9th November

Yr3 Flu Vaccinations

Book Fair 3.15pm – 4pm

Thurs 10th November

Yr5 & Yr6 District Cross Country

Book Fair 3.15pm – 4pm

Fri 11th November

9.10am Yr3 Assembly to parents

Y6 Football & Netball Away

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Bethany, Year 3 and Gabriella, Year 6 who have been awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Town Mayor's Christmas Poster Competition 'The Meaning of Christmas'. Bethany and Gabriella have been invited to a presentation ceremony at the Town Hall and are also invited to stand on the stage during the Christmas Lights switch on, on Sunday 27th November, where the overall winner of the competition will be turning on the lights.



This week year 5 have taken Crabtree children and parents back to 2000BC to visit the Mayan civilisation with the help of Doctor Who and his wonderful assistant, leading to an extremely fun and informative assembly. We were able to visit farmers, scribes, priests, a game of Pok-ta-Pok and save the children from being sacrificed in an extremely early version of 'Who doesn't want to be a Mayan sacrifice?' You could tell by the big smiles on the children's faces that they enjoyed sharing all their learning with the school and their parents, especially the chocolate songs. All of the children worked really hard to learn their lines and put enthusiasm and determination into delivering such a great assembly. Well done year 5!

Ian Pattrick

Headteacher

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Christmas Fayre Flyer

E-Safety

Please remember to complete the following E-Safety questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CrabtreeE-safety>. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible as the outcome of the questionnaire will enable us to ensure the content of our e-safety meeting is relevant to us all. It would be great to see as many parents as possible on Wednesday 23rd November at 6.30pm. Many thanks.

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District Table Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday evening I took 16 Year 6's to play in the Harpenden and St Albans District Table tennis Tournament at Marlborough School. The children really enjoyed the experience and made major improvements as they played each game. We have been practising on school tables so playing on table tennis tables was in itself a new challenge. We played against some very talented players and the children more than held their own. Well done to all the children. I was so pleased with how they all improved throughout the evening.

The results were:

Girls Team 1 came 1st in their group winning 11 out of 12 games. They went through to the semi- finals and played Wheatfields who beat them and then went on to win the tournament,- so all the teams were very strong competitors.

Girls Team 2 came 3rd in their group winning 3/12 games.

Boys Team 1 came 3rd in their group winning 5/12 games

Boys Team 2 came 3rd in their group winning 4 / 12 games

SHARE Harvest Collection

Thank you very much for all the generous Harvest Festival donations. The SHARE scheme operates to provide local professionals and charities with food to offer anyone they encounter, in the course of their work, who is in need. Much of the food that you donated has already been distributed to local families. The majority of your donations allowed SHARE to make up 15 complete bags providing a family in crisis with enough food for a few days. The rest of your donations have been given to a local charity working with vulnerable women and children.

Music

The next **Performance Platform** will be on Monday 28 November. Please sign up in good time - don't leave it until the last minute! Do make the most of this opportunity to perform to your friends and parents. They love hearing you play and there is nothing to be scared of! I look forward to seeing your name on that list!

The **Choir** will be performing Christmas songs at the Crabtree Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December. There will be song words on the website soon, so that they can be learnt in good time!



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.



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From the Parents' Association

FIREWORKS THIS SATURDAY!

Tickets are selling fast for Crabtree's Firework Spectacular THIS SATURDAY, 5th November. Buy yours online: www.crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk. Gates open at 5:30pm. Come early to enjoy the BBQ, snacks, music and stalls, of course followed by the main event – the amazing fireworks and bonfire. See you there!

Can you spare an hour to help out?

We could use a few more helpers with the event. Just an hour to help on a stall or to assist with set up/ clean up this weekend would be much appreciated. Please consider supporting the school in this way. Contact Stuart Robson srobson@informatica.com or 07818043773.

And next time you're in town check out our display in the Harpenden Building Society window, created by the Infants.



CHRISTMAS FAIR COUNTDOWN!

"A Merry Crabtree Christmas" Fair is coming in just 4 weeks! Mark your calendars for Saturday 3rd December. This year we've made it easy to keep up with dates and reminders leading up to the event; just print out the attached Christmas Fair Countdown printable! Keep it handy for all the info you need about booking Santa's Grotto tickets online, schedules for sending in donations to school and more!

Artists Wanted

Can you do face painting or henna at the Fair? If so we'd love to hear from you. We also are looking for someone to help paint room signs for the event. Please get in touch with katy_goody@sky.com.

Christmas Shop with Easy Fundraising

Let's make sure Crabtree families take advantage of earning FREE funding for the school this holiday season – by using Easy Fundraising when you do Christmas shopping online. All you need to do is create a free account and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers will come to the PA. Sign up now: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

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Stars of the Week



Cedar	Will H , for his excellent attitude to work during maths and working independently to produce repeating patterns.
Rowan	Alfie , for a positive attitude to learning in maths - excellent recall of times tables.
Ash	Polly , for her excellent attitude to learning in RE. She produced careful work and detailed illustrations.
Birch	Ewan , for challenging himself in swimming this week – moving into the deep end.
Teak	Adam , for using all the skills we have been learning in English.
Redwood	Archie M , for being a fantastic role model in maths.
Elm	Katie , for showing patience and kindness in Jigsaw lessons.
Elder	Harry , for knowing when to accept help. A great start to this half term.

Sports Champion

Isobel for being able to learn a new skill and apply it directly to her performance in netball.

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.

