



# Crabtree Junior School

4<sup>th</sup> December 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.

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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  
"Cooperation"**

## Diary Reminders

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Christmas Fayre

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

12.30pm Performance  
Platform

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

1.30pm & 6.30pm

Whole School Concert

## From the Headteacher

*Dear Parents,*

*Thank you to Year 6 for a very informative assembly related to WW2. The assembly presented a 'potted' history from the declaration of war in 1939; The Battle of Britain – including a 'near' life size model of a Spitfire; evacuation and end of war celebrations – well done to all, it was fantastic!*

*Thank you to all those parents who attended our E-safety evening on Wednesday. The school received many positive comments, from parents, related to the content of the presentation which gave us all food for thought. The school will host another E-safety evening in the summer term.*

*The school is eagerly waiting the Christmas Fayre tomorrow with all its fun and celebration. Once again, it is with significant gratitude that we thank the Parents Association for enabling this annual event to take place.*

*Mr Patrick*

*Headteacher*

*E-Safety thought of the Week:*

*'Kids used to pass notes around in school. Now they're putting it onto pages with 500 million users'*

## Curriculum Activities and Visits –

## A Note from the Chair of Governors

As you will be aware, the school asks for voluntary contributions to cover the costs of day activities and school visits which enrich curriculum topics. The school's policy states that where the shortfall in contributions towards the cost of the activities is more than 5% then the activity may be cancelled. These costs and contributions are reviewed annually and in the last school year, across the nearly 20 activities run, the shortfall ranged between zero and 29%. These

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activities were still provided to the children, with the shortfall carried by the school, though we will need to more actively review contributions on an event by event basis this year. We thank you for your support of these activities and would kindly ask all parents and carers to help us keep these additional activities running.

Like all schools, Crabtree receives additional "Pupil Premium" funding for pupils who are eligible for free school meals; funding designed to narrow the attainment gap between economically disadvantaged pupils and their more advantaged peers and to try to ensure equality of access to all aspects of the curriculum. We use part of this money at Crabtree Juniors to cover the full cost of activities and visits for these pupils, which does not count towards the 5% shortfall target. If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office in confidence for further details.

## Whole School Concert

Our Christmas performances this year are on:

- **Tuesday 8th December at 1.30pm (ALL year groups)**
- **Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm (ALL year groups)**

We are only able to allocate a maximum of one ticket per family (IN TOTAL, not per performance), as numbers are restricted by Health and Safety regulations. If there are any spare tickets, we will advertise these to parents on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

All tickets are being allocated via Wisepay. Please log on, select 'Trips & Visits' then choose 'Tickets & Events' from the menu on the left hand side.

If you do not have a Wisepay login please contact the office with your ticket requirements, and they will be allocated for you.

**Tickets are being sent home with the children today.**

**Orchestra Players – please ensure that instruments are in school (these can be left in school ready for the 6.30pm performance).**

## PE

District Year 3 and 4 Speed Stack Competition

Last Thursday we went to Roundwood Park Secondary School to take part for the first time in the Sainsbury School Games Level 2 Speed stacking competition.

We have been running a lunchtime Speed stacking club this half term and all the Year 3 and 4 classes have had a training session to get them ready and able to perform a 3:3:3 and a 3:6:3.

I took a boys and girls team from Year 3 and Year 4 and they had great fun whilst displaying how quick they had become since they first learnt to stack.

Crabtree came fourth overall out of 7 schools which was a good first time result and something we can definitely improve on for next year!



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## E-Flyers:

**Christmas Crafts at Ashridge**

**Harpenden Concert Band**

**Loko Dance**

**Bushido Karate Spring 2016**

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## Music

### Performance platform

This will be on Monday 7 December 12.30-1.00. Parents of performers welcome.

### Choir Practice

Choir practice will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.15am (instead of Wednesday, therefore the last of the term).

### Orchestra

**There will be no rehearsal after school.** Please can all instruments be brought into school for a practice during school time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

After the Christmas Concert there will be no more orchestra practices this term.

## From the Parents' Association

### Crabtree Disco

The next Crabtree Disco will take place on Friday 29 January 2016. Details of how to order tickets will follow in the new term.

We will be trying out a new online booking system for tickets and we would really appreciate it if you could test it out for us. We are particularly interested in whether it works well enough to be used for next year's Firework event so the more people who test the system the better. You can always buy tickets via the usual methods if you'd rather!

## Stars of the Week



### ***Dreams & Goals – Celebrating Difference – People who try to solve problems (27<sup>th</sup> November)***

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Stella</b> , great contributions during thinking hat problem solving lessons.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Jenna</b> , for being able to solve problems in class and out in the playground.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Lily</b> , For demonstrating excellent problem solving skills in maths.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Freddie</b> , for being generally resourceful in the classroom.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Thomas</b> , for solving several design problems successfully when creating a musical instrument.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Katie</b> , for showing great enthusiasm in French and participating well in class. Très Bien!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Emily</b> , for her excellent oral skills in French and for accepting gracefully to be the model for the rest of the class in most lessons. Excellent!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Jasmine</b> , for finding many ways to persuade an audience.

## ***Dreams & Goals – Celebrating Difference – People who try to use kind words. (4<sup>th</sup> December)***

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Jude</b> , for looking out for others and having a caring manner.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Charlotte</b> , for being a very caring and supportive member of the class.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Rebecca</b> , for treating everyone like she would like to be treated (respectively).
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Joshua</b> , for being a quiet considerate and caring class member.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Amber</b> , for being a quiet and considerate member of Tea. She has a caring nature for all in the school community.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Harry</b> , for supporting others and using kind words to praise other children's work – particularly in English this week!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Charlie K</b> , for always being thoughtful towards others.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Charlie Y</b> , for always, always, always choosing to be kind, whatever the situation.

## **Sports Champions**

**Gautham**, for attending the Speed Stack club and making such amazing progress over the weeks to be our fastest boy!

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.

