



# Crabtree Junior School

5<sup>th</sup> January 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  
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**Year  
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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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is**

**"Responsibility"**

## Diary Reminders

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 6 Netball - Away

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Present Swap Shop

*Dear Parents,*

I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas holidays and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The children have had a brilliant start to the new term with lots of enthusiasm about our new reward system 'proud pegs!' I'm sure they will be telling you about their achievements as class role models over the coming weeks.

They all seem very rested and excited to be back at school for what is quite a short half-term with lots of things to look forward to.

*Leanne Williams  
Assistant Headteacher*

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## Wisepay Reminders

### Year 4

Roman Workshop

Verulamium Museum

### Year 5 & 6

Samba Band

### Year 5

Young Shakespeare Company

### Year 6

Crucial Crew – St Albans Fire Station

Netball League Matches (club members only)

Football League Matches (club members only)

Year 6 Netball v Abbots Hill – selected team

**School Uniform Opening Times**  
**FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30**

**19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

## School letters

*Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy*

### Spring Diary Dates

### Gym Display – Practice Sessions

### Helen O'Grady Drama Classes

## Attendance

It has been surprising to have so many children absent from school the last 2 days due to family holidays. It is the schools policy that a Notification of Absence form is completed **a minimum of two weeks** before the absence and handed into the office so that class teachers are aware of the children that will be absent from their lessons.

Could we ask that all parents follow the schools procedures if they wish to request to take their children out of school during term time. Thank you.

## Lost Property

We currently have a huge pile of lost property which we do not have the space to store. Named items will be returned to the children, any items that have not been claimed will either be taken to the uniform shop or clothing bank next weekend.

Can you please check your child's uniform, PE Kit, coats etc. to ensure all items are clearly named. Thank you.

## Gym Club & Display

A reminder that Gym Club starts next week for children in Year 5 & 6. Please find attached to the newsletter a copy of the Practice Session timetable.

There will be three performances of the Gym Display this year.

- Tuesday 20 March – 1:10pm
- Tuesday 20 March – 6pm
- Wednesday 21 March – 9am

2 tickets will be available to each "family". Further details of how to obtain tickets will be e: mailed to Year 5 & 6 parents in February.

## Present Swap Shop

An entrepreneurial group of young ladies in Year 5 would like to help raise money for the school field project and have come up with the fantastic idea of a 'present swap shop'.

Please donate any unwanted Christmas gifts to the school for the children to then buy at a cost of 50p or £1. These gifts could also be things which you no longer need but are still in good condition and would be valued by someone else, for example books or games.

Please donate items from next Monday to the class teacher. We will hold the swap shop straight after school on Thursday 18th January, so send children in with some money to buy. Thank you very much for supporting the girls in this.

## Music

Choir will be starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8.15am.

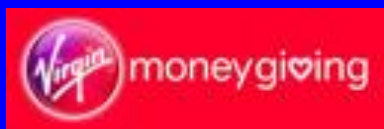
Orchestra will be starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. There will be no orchestra on 22nd January but it will continue every Monday thereafter.

## Samba Band – Year 5 & 6

Mr Bending will be running a new Samba Band club starting later this month. The club will take place during lunchtimes but the days will vary.

Thank you to those parents that expressed an interest by e:mailing the office before Christmas. Could we now ask that children that definitely want to take part in this club sign up on wisepay please. We will not take any payment at this stage.

The cost will be £25 per child and will include 7 lessons plus a performance to parents.



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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#### Act2Act Auditions

#### Harnessing the Power of Emotional Intelligence Workshop for Parents

#### Starlight Kids Musical Theatre

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## Drama Voucher

A parent won a term's worth of drama lessons (worth £80 - £90) in the Crabtree Christmas raffle but is unable to use it. The voucher is available to use for anyone who is not currently attending the Helen O'Grady drama classes at Crabtree on Fridays. They would be happy to exchange the voucher for a donation to the School Grounds Project. If you are interested please call the school office.

## PA Uniform Shop

As you may know this is run by parent volunteers. All uniform orders must come through the school offices and will need to be paid by cheque only (no cash).

## From the Parents' Association

Please put these dates in your calendar and join us in support of Crabtree schools & community

### January

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Kids Disco*

*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Uniform Shop Open 8.50 - 9.30*

### March

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - PA Quiz Night*

**GET YOUR DISCO TICKETS!** Our winter disco for Crabtree students is coming up on Friday, 26th January from 5-6pm for Infants and 630-730pm for Juniors students. Tickets are available to purchase online for £3.50 each. Get yours now and find more information about the evening here: <http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/133642>

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHALLENGE WITH

**EASYFUNDRAISING** Thank you to all who made the effort to use EasyFundraising for your online Christmas purchases. It's a great time of year to earn funding for the school... but don't stop now, you can use EasyFundraising year round! So who was our top earner for Crabtree this holiday season? Stay tuned, we'll announce the winner of our shopping challenge soon! And if you are ready to give EasyFundraising a try, just register at the website below and click through to do your shopping! [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta)

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