



Crabtree Junior School

5th February 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 "Caring"

Diary Reminders

Mon 8th February

Yr5 Gym Display at SJL

Yr6 Height & Weight Measuring

Tues 9th February

District Tag Rugby

Thurs 11th February

9.10am Yr 6 Assembly

Fri 12th February

Yr6 Netball - Away

Dear Parents,

Next Tuesday, 9th February, is Internet Safety day. At Crabtree Junior School we will be spending some time considering cyber bullying, inappropriate messaging, on line 'risks' and safety rules to be applied at school and home.

We do feel that our pupils are gaining a good understanding of safer internet use and we would appreciate it if you, as parents, could ask them what they now know.

As always, please remain vigilant regarding your child's on-line access – Pc, phone, ipad etc. Regular parental 'checks' as to what is being accessed is your responsibility, as I have said... 'not because we do not trust them, but because we need to ensure that they are safe'.

Ian Pattrick Headteacher

E-Safety thought of the Week:

It's possible that children may sometimes come across things online which are inappropriate for their age and stage of development. You can use filters to block this content and prepare your child by showing them the best ways to avoid it.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/article-repository/Parental-controls/>

Parking

Once again we are disappointed to have received a complaint from a neighbour of the school about the poor parking. A car was parked on the zig-zag lines outside the school yesterday, which was dangerous to both the pedestrians trying to cross the road and other cars trying to manoeuvre around the parked car. We should also point out that we encourage residents to report to the police the registration numbers of cars that infringe parking laws.

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

School Dinner Bills – Final Reminders

Flyers

Primary Times



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.



New Assessment Procedures

We can confirm that Mr Patrick's presentation on Thursday 25th February from 7:00pm – 8:00pm will be going ahead. Any other parents wishing to attend please inform the office.

P.E

Year 6 Football v Redbourn

After playing in the pouring rain last week it was a relief to be playing on a dry pleasant evening at Redbourn. There was only one pitch so our games had to be played consecutively but the boys waited patiently supporting each other which was great to see. A big thank you to Mr Ruckley and our two SJL boys for refereeing and managing the teams.

The A team played first with some talented players on both teams there was some great displays of exciting football throughout the game. The boys all worked well both in attack and defence and it was Danny that scored first but then Redbourn managed to get a goal back just after half time. This was to be the final score 1 - 1. But it was not without some powerful shots on goal from both teams and some outstanding saves from Adam O.

MVP: Adam O

The B team went on after a very long warm up so straight away were on the attack. We were much more fluid with our passes this week and the boys communicated really well. Harry scored the first goal of the match and we held on to the lead for a good proportion of the match with some excellent saves from Daniel. However Redbourn just managed to get through our defence and scored to make it 1 – 1 in the second half. Great play from all the boys.

MVP: Freddie

P.E. T-shirts – Change of Colour

We have been liaising with the school uniform shop about changing the colour of the P.E. t-shirts from white to blue.

The new colour t-shirts will be brought in on a phased transition with the expectation that from January 2017, all pupils at the Junior school will be wearing a blue t-shirt.

Eisteddfod

Don't forget to have a chat with your child about Eisteddfod and encourage them to enter into one of the performance categories. The deadline for entries is Friday 18th March but do send forms in as soon as they are completed.

All the information is in the letter sent out on 2nd February. You can read the letter at http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html or request a copy from the School Office.

School Dinner Bills

School Dinner Bill reminders have been sent home today. Could you please ensure that these are paid by **Wednesday 10th February**. Our preferred payment method is by Wisepay. Thank you

Free School Meals

Did you know your child could receive a free school meal if you receive any of the following?

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:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

To apply or find out more information please visit:
www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March and to celebrate we will be asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

Chess Club

We are hoping to start running the Chess Club again this term for children in years 5 & 6, this would run on a Friday morning from 8.10am – 8.50am. We have one parent willing to run the club every other week. Are there any other parents that would be prepared to help on a fortnightly basis so we could run the club each week? Please let the office know if you can help.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for exciting new sports equipment. This year, whenever you shop in a Sainsbury's Supermarket, you will receive one voucher for every £10 you spend. All vouchers earned in a transaction will be issued on a single piece of paper. In Local stores, you will still get a 1 voucher for every £5 spent. Please send your vouchers into the office via the register or pop them in the collection box in reception.

February Half Term Holiday Club at Crabtree Infants' School

S4YC are running a holiday club at Crabtree Infant School from Monday 15th to Friday 19th February, 8am to 6pm each day. The club is not restricted to Crabtree pupils. Booking form is attached.

Easter Holiday Club at Crabtree Infants' - 'School's Out'

Crabtree Infants' will be running a new holiday club starting during the Easter break called 'School's Out'. This is being run by members of the Infant school staff and is open to children aged 4 – 11. The club will run from 8am - 6pm every day during the Easter holiday with an option of a shorter 9am - 3pm time slot. A booking form is attached; please return this to the Infant school office.

If you wish to book at this stage and make the payment nearer the

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time, please do so, this will allow the club staff to plan their staff ratios in good time. Have a look at their website <http://schoolisoutclub.weebly.com/> and like them on Facebook 'School's out holiday club'.

New Secondary Free School

A public meeting has been arranged for the new secondary free school on Monday 22nd February – time to be confirmed. More details will follow.

From the Parents' Association

Thanks for a Dynamite Disco

The PA would like to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make last Friday's disco a success, including all who used the new online ticketing option. The event made a profit of £759. Rock on!

Crabtree PA Quiz

The next PA event is for the parents! The annual Crabtree Quiz is Saturday 12 March, with a main meal and cash bar. Table booking forms will be sent home soon.

Easy Fundraising!

Did you know your online shopping could earn money for Crabtree Schools? Just sign up for Easyfundraising.org.uk and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers can go to Crabtree Schools' Parents' Association. For example, Clarks is donating 5% of purchases! We currently have 36 families participating. More would be great. It's easy, it's free and it all adds up to more money for our schools.

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – People who work well with others.

Cedar	Millie Ha , for working well during group activity about e-safety.
Rowan	Tom , for always working to his best ability, taking others opinions into account in class and in the playground.
Ash	Sasha , for being a wonderful team player in and out of class.
Birch	Indira , for working well in a variety of group situations.
Teak	Dexter , for always engaging with other members of his group and where appropriate supporting them too.
Redwood	Gracie M , for always contributing during group work and supporting others so their voices can be heard too.

Elm

Charlotte, for offering suggestions in a thoughtful way whilst taking on board the opinions of others.

Elder

Meg, for always including others in decisions when working in groups. A real role model.

Sports Champions

Louis J, for being extremely inclusive to all team members.

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.

