



Crabtree Junior School

5th June 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

This term's school value is "Appreciation".

Diary Reminders

8th – 12th June

Year 6 School Journey

Tues 9th June

Rounders Tournament

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Summer concert DVD

School meals invoices

Scholastic Book Club

From the Headteacher

In a very short week, we have achieved so much! I am sure that all of you who attended our inaugural summer concert will agree with me that it was an extraordinary and joyful event. We have so much musical talent and enthusiasm at Crabtree and the concert was a wonderful vehicle to showcase that. I know that many of you have already spoken to Mr Bishop and showered him with superlatives. We are really very lucky that he shares his musical expertise with the Crabtree community and we thank both him and the peripatetic teachers and parents who gave so much to make the event happen.

To borrow the words from a parent who emailed yesterday morning: "The sight and sound of the whole school making music together packed an emotional punch and, with an average age of 9, it was a very good standard. Mr Bishop has put the 'mmmmmmmm' in to Crabtree mmmmmmusic!" See below for other plaudits.

We have learned a great deal from the organisation of such an event and scheduling will be tighter next time ... because there will surely be a 'next time'. We are thinking that this should become a biennial fixture on the Crabtree calendar, so Year 3 and 4 parents can look forward to the next summer concert in two years' time.

Finally – thank you to the audience, not only for being so supportive of the children's efforts, but also for your generosity in supporting our House charities. From your donations to the retiring collection, we are now able to send a further £200 each to the RNLI, Brittle Bone Society, Harpenden Trust and Children in Need.

*Ian Patrick,
Headteacher*

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Last call for Sainsbury's vouchers: please bring these to the school office at the start of next week.



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.



CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Raring 2 Go

Summer concert DVDs

It's not too late to order a DVD of the summer concert. See letter attached.

Summer concert plaudits

Thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to write to comment on this week's summer concert. We thought it would be nice to share some of those comments with you.

"The fully inclusive aspect was especially good to see: and how wonderful to have created an event, other than Sports Day (also a great school event) which genuinely involves the whole school."

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable event for the parents and children alike. Our girls were very proud of themselves indeed, truly inspired by Mr Bishop's obvious enthusiasm."

"Thanks for all the effort that you made to create such a memorable evening for all of the Crabtree parents."

"Thank you so much for the great concert last night. I very much appreciate how hard Mr Bishop and the rest of the staff worked to put the concert together."

"It was an excellent school concert last night. The children sang and played their instruments beautifully. I particularly enjoyed the boys' choir and it was lovely to hear the whole school sing together."

"The orchestra was astonishing and I was moved by all the Year 5s and 6s singing the Rhythm of Life. It truly was a community event and lovely to see ALL the children involved."

"The event was thoroughly enjoyable; it was a delight to see my children and the whole school take part, with some wonderful and entertaining singing and playing. Importantly, I am sure the experience for the children was extremely beneficial, both preparing and practising for the concert and playing in the spotlight in front of so many people. This can only help to increase their confidence and resilience, and promote team building."

And finally ... if there are any lower school pupils (or parents!) who are now keen to emulate Year 5 and 6 in 'The Cup Song', take a look at Mr Bishop's 'how to' video on the school website at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html

PE Team Shirts

Please could all Number 3 t-shirts be returned to school so that we have a full stock for up and coming tournaments.

School Meals invoices

Invoices for this half term are being sent home today. Prompt payment would be appreciated so that the reconciliations for the end of year can be made and any refunds processed if necessary.

From the Parents' Association

Countdown to the Summer Fayre, Saturday 4 July 11.30- 2.30pm – four weeks to go!

Raffle tickets

We hope you have managed to sell many of your raffle tickets. Please let us know if you would like more tickets – remember all money raised goes to our schools.

Poster competition

A reminder that the deadline for the poster competition is next Friday, 12th June. This year we are having an American theme as the Fayre is on 4th July, so you may want to use that inspiration in your poster. We have all the usual stalls, refreshments, bbq, cakes, crafts as well as lasertag. The Fayre is from 11.30 – 2.30pm on 4th July.

Please take entries to the school office: there will be a winner from each of the Infants' and Junior Schools who will be given a £5 voucher to spend at the Fayre.

Summer Fayre donations

In order to make the summer fayre as successful as possible, we need your donations. Please can you start to collect the following:

Toys, books, DVDs (No videos), old bikes and scooters, jars to fill with sweets for the kids tombola, adult tombola items like alcohol bottles and unwanted gifts.

Enterprise zone

Year 5 and 6 have been asked to come up with ideas for the enterprise zone – with a prize for the most profitable stall! There has been a suggestion of a Beat the Goalie stall but if any of the kids have any ideas they should speak to their teacher or email heather_wilton@hotmail.com

The kids will need to arrange a rota to cover their stalls for the duration of the Summer Fayre (11.30 – 2.30)

Class allocations

The stall allocations have been handed out to members of each class now and we would be grateful if you could spare some time to join us in putting on this important fundraising event! If you can also help out on the Friday afternoon before the Fayre and on the Saturday after the Fayre closes we would appreciate a hand!

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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.

