



# Crabtree Junior School

06<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

## 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)

## Diary Reminders

### Monday 09 September

Year 4 Swimming starts

After School Clubs commence

3.20pm – Year 4 Meet the Teacher (Ash classroom)

### Wednesday 11 September

3.20pm – Year 3 Meet the Teacher (Cedar classroom)

### Thursday 12 September

Year 5 – Saxon Day – no costume required

3.20pm – Year 6 Meet the Teacher (Elder classroom)

### Friday 13 September

3.20pm – Year 5 Meet the Teacher (Redwood classroom)

## School Letters

PA News

SGP Update

Diary Dates

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that we have only been back for a week. The school is full of life and there is a really positive buzz as you walk around, which is great. I have been so impressed with the way in which the children have settled into their new classes. They are all eager to get back to their learning and ready to throw themselves into the year ahead.

Thank you to parents for providing them with the stationery needed to support their learning. We are very grateful to you for helping us out with any funding – even this small change, makes a big difference.

Next week you will have an opportunity to come along and meet your child's new teacher. The 'Meet the Teacher' session is an opportunity to learn a little more about the year ahead and what the expectations are for their new year group. I do hope you will all be able to come along.

Do please, check the calendar as it is a busy term (as always!) and there are a lot of events for both children and parents.

Don't forget to keep the evening of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December free, as we will be holding our school carol service at St Albans Abbey and I know that it will be a fantastic event.

I expect that there will be some very tired children (and staff) this weekend. Settling back into the early mornings and the school routine can be exhausting!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I very much look forward to seeing you all at the events this term.

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

## Young Voices – The Largest School Choir in the World!!!

We have registered for our **Upper School Choir** to take part in the Young Voices Concert on Thursday 23 January at the O2. Mrs White talked to the children about this in assembly earlier this week.

We would like to give as many members of our choir the opportunity to attend as possible, but at the moment there are still lots of unknowns!

The children will be travelling by coach with Crabtree staff, leaving during the school day and returning at approximately 10pm – 10.30pm.

The cost for the children will range between £30-£45 depending on the number of children we take – this includes their entrance, travel and a Young Voices T-shirt, torch and wrist band.

## Flyers sent home

Drama Llamas

Helen O'Grady Drama

Herts Carpets

## PA Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Times

## 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

Parenting Puzzle

Football for SEND children

Loko Dance

Monkey Music Training



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Parents can purchase tickets at an additional cost of £23 each through the school but will need to make their own travel arrangements.

So we are ready to go when bookings open, sometime this month (we haven't been given a date) we do need a commitment now if your child would like to attend and we will have to be strict with sign up deadlines.

The event is set up on Wisepay for you to inform us that your child would like to take part and also to indicate how many tickets you would like. At this stage we will not be taking any money until we can confirm our costs. When payments are made, please note, they will be non-refundable. **Wisepay will close at midnight on Monday 9 September.**

### **Year 3 – Wisepay**

Year 3 children have today been given a letter with their Wisepay log in and password details. Any questions next week when you log in to pay for trips etc please contact the office.

### **Trips & Events 2019/2020**

As we did last year, we are just finalising all our trips and events for 2019/2020. Each year group will receive a letter next week with all the dates and costs and Wisepay will be set up ready to take your consents and contributions.

### **Year 5 & Year 3 events**

We do have some events fast approaching, as per the diary dates, copy attached. Next Thursday **Year 5 have their Saxon Day**, no dressing up needed, and the following week **Year 3 have their Stone Age day** and the teachers have said that if the children would like to dress up they can, but please don't go to any expense. We appreciate they didn't wear much in the stone age so perhaps, greens, greys, animal print would be great!

### **Pencil Cases**

Thank you for providing your child with a pencil case for the start of term. Just a reminder for you please to ensure their equipment is named and that it is kept stocked throughout the year so they have everything they need in school.

- 4 x HB pencils
- 2 x Blue Berol Pens (Yr 4-6)
- 1 x sharpener (contained)
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x 15cm ruler
- 1 x highlighter (Green)
- 1 x highlighter (Pink)
- 1 x purple ink biro
- 2 x whiteboard pens
- 2 x Pritt stick
- Set of colouring pencils

Optional

Dictionary (pocket size)  
Thesaurus (pocket size)

### **Absence – reminder**

If your child is going to be unexpectedly absent from school, for example due to illness, can you please e: mail or telephone the school on the first day of absence **before 9am**. Thank you.

### **Contacting Crabtree Staff**

All e:mail communications for Crabtree staff should be sent to the school office on [admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **School Uniform – Essential School Wear**

Please only order online with Essential School Wear. Currently they do not have "shop" facilities so they do need to receive the order online. Thank you.

online school payments, or the Spend and Raise logo below to raise funds for the PA when you shop online



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### External Clubs

There are still spaces available on some of our external clubs, so if your child is now interested please do sign them up. All the booking forms are on the school website.

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/clubs.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html)

### Car Park and Playground

At the start of a new year, a reminder that parents and children are not permitted to walk through the staff car park under any circumstances. Also, if you child cycles to school please ensure that they dismount before entering the school playground – bikes must be walked across the playground for everyone's safety. Thank you.

### Football - Fridays

We are going to rotate the football clubs on a Friday starting next week. We are doing our very best to keep clubs and activities going while we are without a field but space is limited and the safety of the children is our priority. After half term we expect to be back on the field.

Please see timetable below for those children who signed up to attend.

Year 5 & 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
13 Sept	20 Sept
27 Sept	4 Oct
11 Oct	18 Oct
25 Oct	

### Year 6 Tag Rugby Club

We have a rugby festival approaching and we are keen to get the children training. Rugby club will **NOT** be running next Wednesday. The first session will be Wednesday 18 September and will take place on the grass area at Crabtree Fields. If your child is part of the Tag Rugby club (you signed them up last term) they will need an adult to collect them from school at 3.15pm and take them to Crabtree fields and collect them again at 4.30pm. Please ensure children have their kit and a water bottle in school.

Please keep checking the newsletter for updates.

### Crabtree Dad's cricket Match

The match v Manland Dads is the final meeting this year of these very competitive teams! It's on Sunday 8 September at 1pm at Harpenden Cricket Club, please come down and support – the bar will be open!

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.

