



Crabtree Junior School

6th November 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
"Cooperation"**

Diary Reminders

Tomorrow is

Crabtree Firework Night

Doors open at 5.30pm

Fireworks at 6.30pm

Monday 9th

3.30pm – 7.30pm Years
4,5 & 6 Parent
Consultations

Wednesday 11th

Year 5 Young
Shakespeare Workshop

3pm – 4pm – Book Fair
in hall

Thursday 12th

3pm – 4pm – Book Fair

Friday 13th

Children in Need Day

9am Year 4 Assembly

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents

A big thank you to Year 3, pupils and teachers alike, for a fantastic Egyptian assembly this morning. Costumes were great - thank you parents, and the 'content' provided a learning opportunity for all. A 'huge' well done.

The school has just achieved the Bronze Sainsbury's School Games Mark. The award is in recognition of our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2014/15. This year (2015/16) we will be working towards the silver award!

Next Monday, 9th November is our first parent/ teacher consultation of the year for Years 4-6. The teachers and I look forward to seeing you from mid-afternoon. As you know, we have 'trials' an electronic diary system this term; it would be good to hear your feed-back as to whether the system worked well and if it is a system that you would like us to continue with - you can either mention this to me on Monday or send a brief email to the school office.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Wright who had a baby boy, Samuel, on Wednesday.

Mr Patrick

Head teacher

E-Safety thought of the Week:

'FUGLY – Fat and ugly

This is one of the most commonly used acronyms used to bully online, designed to insult a victim's personal appearance. If you have witnessed a young person sending this term, then it is likely that they are using the acronym to insult a peer. Equally, if a child receives this term, it would suggest that they are a victim of cyberbullying'

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Crabtree Junior School Art Project

Book Fair Poster

Father Christmas ticket request Forms

Christmas Fayre Donations

Flyers

Number 7 music academy



P.E

Lauren, Logan, Tom, Liam, Arthur, Louis, Jasmine, Georgia, Levi, Danny, Xander, Sophia, Aoife, Caroline, Daisy and Jasmin.

Table Tennis

On Wednesday we took 4 teams of Year 6 to the U11 District Table Tennis tournament at Marlborough School. We have been practising on a Tuesday lunch time on an array of different tables and the children have made great progress in a short period of time. Thank you very much to Mrs Keen for donating her Table Tennis table to the school and Mr Franks for arranging delivery to the school.

The boys competition had 14 teams entered and the girls had 10 so it was fantastic to see so many children enjoying this fast paced and relatively new sport.

All 4 teams did extremely well with some tightly contested matches losing some by just 1 point! The boys and girls A teams both made it to the Semi-finals however lost to Kings School and Garden fields. Both teams came 4th overall and I was extremely proud of all the children's efforts.

Crabtree Sports and Play Leaders Course

This week was the first of our Sports and Play Leaders training sessions. We had great attendance from both Year 6 classes and it was fantastic to see what leadership skills and qualities the children are already aware of.



Crabtree Junior School Art Project 2015/16



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**E-safety Instragram Guidance
(for parents with children in
Secondary School)**

Hairspray

URC Nursery Nearly New Sale

St Luke's Open Morning

Harpenden Colts Girls Football

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This week has seen the start of the Crabtree Junior School Art Project and we are delighted with the beautiful pictures that are being created. Every child in the school will be taking part in this project with local professional artist, Liz Sergeant. If you haven't yet sent back your permission form, attached, could you please return this to the school office by the beginning of next week.

Christmas Card Competition

Stuart Porter are running their annual Christmas Card Competition and we have been invited to send in our entries.

If your child has decided to take part and set their creative juices loose on their Christmas Card design, can they be returned to school no later than Tuesday 10th November.

The winner will be drawn on Friday 13th November, with the winning designer picking up a £50 book voucher and a framed copy of their card. The winning School will also receive a £500 donation.

Bookfair

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at school next week. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and to get your hands on the latest Tom Gates or Wimpy Kid book.

As you may know, the school receives commission for every book sold and this is our main source of new titles for the library. So help us to stock up with exciting new library books before the end of term and tick off a few jobs from your Christmas list at the same time.

Where: The School Hall

When: Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November

Time: 3.15pm-4.00pm

Cash Only

Midday Supervisors required

We are presently recruiting for midday supervisors to work either two days a week or every day for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

If you are interested in this role or know of anyone in the local community who would like this job please contact the office.

From the Parents' Association



PA newsletter

Crabtree Fireworks - see you on Saturday 7 November! Doors open at 5.30pm with fireworks starting at 6.30pm prompt!

Crabtree Firework Display in the Harpenden Building Society window

Thanks to the children and teachers at the Infants School who have created a fantastic firework display for the window of Harpenden Building Society in town to advertise Crabtree Fireworks. The display will be in the window all week and a picture is attached to this newsletter.

Can you volunteer?

If you are able to give any of your time to help with the fireworks, either on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon or evening or on Sunday morning then we'd love to hear from you, please contact Stuart Robson on 07818043773 or srobson@informatica.com

For more details on the Fireworks event visit our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CrabtreeFireworksSpectacular> . Please like this page and share with your non-Crabtree Harpenden friends. The more the merrier!

Countdown to the Christmas Fayre -

Saturday 5 December

Your donations would be very welcome

Please see below setting out what to collect and when to bring it to school.

What to do	When
Save jam jars or clear plastic cups and fill with sweets for the children's' tombola. These ALWAYS sell out.	Start collecting now , but bring to school Friday morning 4 December
Donate an item for the adults' tombola - bottle, jar, tin - edible, drinkable or toiletries. Friday 4 December will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola donation.	Start collecting now , but bring to school Friday morning 4 December
Bring in your delicious homemade baking for the cake stall, either on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. We sold out of cakes really early last year, so we are keen to get as many as possible.	Friday afternoon 4 December or Saturday morning 5 December
Sort out any good-condition toys, CDs, DVDs (but no videos or cassettes please), books, teddies or games you no longer need that can be sold at the Fayre.	Start collecting now , but bring to school Friday morning 4 December
Donate any unwanted gifts for men and women for Rudolph's wrapping room. Your child can select a lovely gift for relative and have help wrapping it up. This is another stall that sold out last year.	Start collecting now , but bring to school Friday morning 4 December
Donate any spare small prizes for the lucky dip, e.g. party bag leftovers	Start collecting now , but bring to infants or junior school offices between Monday 23 Nov and Monday 30 Nov

Father Christmas

Book a slot for your child / children to see our special guest, Father Christmas. Ticket request forms will be emailed on **Friday 6 November**. Please return forms by **Monday 16 November**. Slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis and tickets handed out via book bags.

Left-over Halloween Sweets

Please keep any left-over sweets from trick or treating for the kids tombola jam jars.

Festive Photo-booth

We are pleased to announce the return of the Festive Photo-booth after last years successful debut. Booking forms will be sent around in the next few weeks.

Raffle

We've already started collecting raffle prizes and would love any exciting donations such as one-off use of a sporting season ticket or even a night at someone's holiday home...! Or any other ideas? If you could help, please email us.

Can you help us?

Rotas for each class stall will be going up in due course, so please sign up for a slot if you can. Also, if you can spare any time in the run up to the Fayre, please let us know, or if you can help with the general set up or clearing up, again we'd be really pleased to hear from you.

Children's Poster Competition. Calling all creative Crabtree children

Would you like to design a poster to advertise the Christmas Fayre? If so, here are some things you could include in your poster: The Fayre will be running from 11am until 2pm on Saturday 5th December. There will be Christmas Carols at 1.30pm. There will be cakes, tombolas, books, toys, photo booth, crafts, games, a raffle, Rudolph's Wrapping Room and the chance to visit Father Christmas.

There will be 2 poster competition winners - 1 for the Infants and 1 for the Juniors. Entries need to be sent in to the school office by **Wednesday 25 November**. Winners will be chosen before the Fayre and each gets £5 to spend at the Fayre.

For any questions, suggestions or offers of help please email:

Sally (sallymstyles@gmail.com) or Sharon (shazzacowell@yahoo.co.uk).

Thank you as always for your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – Celebrating Difference – People that accept that everyone is different.

Cedar	Chloe
Rowan	Amy
Ash	Alex
Birch	Holly

Teak	Alex
Redwood	Max
Elm	Caitlin
Elder	Sophia

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.

