



# Crabtree Junior School

8<sup>th</sup> February 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)

**This week's school value is:**  
**"Mental Health Week"**

### Diary Reminders

#### **Monday 11 February**

PM – Year 5 to SJL Gym Display

#### **Wednesday 13 February**

Year 6 – Rainforest Dave  
Year 6 – Netball Match v St Dominic's

#### **Thursday 14 February**

9.15am – Year 4 - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies  
6pm – Year 4 - Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

#### **Friday 15 February**

NSPCC Number Day – dress as a Rock Star of a number.

### School Letters

PA News

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that last week we were all building snowmen, making snow angels and tobogganing down hills!

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the whole school has been thinking about how we can look after our 'mental health' just as we look after our 'physical health'. Mrs Wheeler and myself have been talking to the children in assemblies and every class has had an opportunity for further discussion and taken part in a variety of activities each day.

As a school, we are extremely keen to continue to do all we can to develop our knowledge and understanding of children's mental health and, in doing so, adjust the way in which we support the Crabtree children through their journey with us. It has been a fantastic week and the children have been very engaged in all the activities and discussions. Hopefully, this has been evident in any discussions that you have had with them at home. If you haven't yet, do please ask them what they have learnt this week. It is important that they feel that they can talk and sharing what they have learnt is a great place to start.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Mental Health Information Evening on Wednesday. We were very lucky to have such fantastic speakers and I know that all who attended felt that it was a very informative evening. Many thanks to Professor Jim McManus and Jen Beer for agreeing to come along and support us. If you would like more information about the Hertfordshire Just Talk campaign do please have a look at <https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx> and remember that the key message is – 'Talking about mental health shows strength'.

We will be hosting more events in the future and do keep your eye on the newsletter where we will let you know of any local events and be sharing snippets of information with you each week. This week is 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

In line with our move towards becoming a healthier school we will be changing our policy on birthday treats. After half term, I would like to ask that you no longer send in any cakes or sweets when it is your child's birthday. We would like to stop handing out any 'treats' and as a class we will acknowledge the birthday (possibly with the wearing of the 'birthday hat!') and celebrate the old fashioned way – with a song!

After half term, we will also be checking the snacks that children come to school with. Several children have now started to bring in chocolate bars, crisps and family size packets of biscuits, which I am sure you agree is far from healthy! We would ask that after half term all children bring in a healthy snack – preferably a piece of fruit or vegetable. More information will follow next week.

I received a fantastic letter from Rt Hon Damien Hinds MP and Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP this week to congratulate Crabtree Junior on the Key Stage 2 assessment results that we achieved last year. As 100 % of our children reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, we are in the top 1% of primary schools in England. Quite an achievement and a credit to the staff who

## Flyers sent home

Artshed

## School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

8<sup>th</sup> February  
1<sup>st</sup> March  
15<sup>th</sup> March  
22<sup>nd</sup> March

## Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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## E-Flyers

Hygiene Bank  
Back to School & Beyond  
Boosting Resilience  
Name the Bus  
School Maths  
Growth Mindset



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have taught them throughout their time in the junior school.

Next week is the much anticipated performance of the Year 4 play! I have enjoyed listening to the rehearsals - it certainly sounds fantastic! The children are all very excited and I am looking forward to seeing them perform.

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

## The 5 Ways to Well-Being

**Evidence suggests there are 5 steps we can all take to improve our mental wellbeing.** If you give them a try, you may feel happier, more positive and able to get the most from life. We have talked to the children about recording what they do and how it makes them feel. It would be great if you could have a go at doing each of these at home yourselves and hopefully it will become part of your everyday lives.



### Connect

Connect with people around you. Spend time with your friends and family. Make new friends. Use different ways to communicate.



### Be Active

Go for a walk or a run. Cycle, dance or play a game. Walk to school instead of getting the bus. Go to the park. Try a new activity.



### Take Notice

Take time to be still, reflect, and become aware of your surroundings. Notice what you are thinking and be aware of what's going on in the world around you: the everyday and the unusual. Be curious. Savour your favourite food.



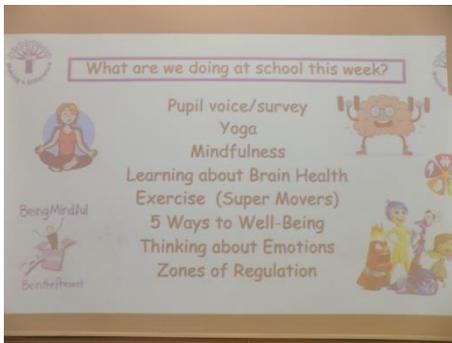
### Keep Learning

Set yourself a goal. Learn something new. Research something you're interested in. Learn a new word or a random fact. Visit a museum.



### Give

Do something nice for a friend. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Raise money for charity. Be a good role model. Take action to improve your neighbourhood.



## Year 4 Production – Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

We are looking forward to welcoming guests of our Year 4 children to our performance of “Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies” next week.

Tickets have been sent home with the children today. We do have space at the 9.15am performance, if you require any additional tickets please contact the office.

Please ensure you bring your tickets with you to the performance.

## Wisepay

We are having instances where parents are turning up for school events thinking they have signed up on Wisepay to attend and yet they are not on our list. You need to always “confirm” your booking – you often need to scroll down the page to see this. You will then get an e:mail from Wisepay which shows you are booked. If you don’t get an e:mail confirmation then your booking will not come through to the school system.

We always do our best to accommodate parents when this happens but please be advised that we do have to restrict the number of adults in the hall to comply with fire safety regulations.

## NSPCC Number Day – Friday 15 February

We have moved our Number day to next Friday. During the day, all the children will take part in a variety of maths related challenges. In exchange for a small donation to the NSPCC the children are invited to come dressed as either a “Rock Star” or a “Number”.

## Blogs

We are currently updating the school website, during this process all year groups will be e:mailed their blogs fortnightly.

## School Uniform

We are moving to an online ordering system for our school uniform. You will be able to place an order online and have it delivered to your home or to the supplier locally in Harpenden. The aim is to have this up and running after Easter. We will let you know as soon as it is live.

## District Rugby Champions

On Thursday we attended the Harpenden District Rugby Tournament. It was a windy day and the pitches were extremely muddy but each and every one of our children battled their way through the mud and ran hard, tagged with passion and supported each other to score a series of great individual and team tries.

We won all our pool games and went on to play Kimpton in the final and it was literally try for try. The nerves within the crowd were unbearable! Then we scored the final try as the claxton sounded!

A massive well done to all the children and our coaches Mr Cross and Mr Jenkins who have worked hard and deserve the win! Thank you to all our supporters. Get ready for the Saracens Festival on 7<sup>th</sup> March!



## Hygiene Bank – week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March

Parents from the Infants School are setting up Hygiene Bank in Harpenden. It works the same way as a food bank but they are collecting Hygiene products such as nappies, toothpastes, body wash, etc. The attached document provides more information.

There will be a collection box in the entrance to the Junior school for the week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March where you can drop off your donations. Thank you.

## Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Monday after school 4 Year 5 children, (Charlie, Max, Kavin & Ben) attended a Hertfordshire Maths Challenge at Garden Fields School, in St Albans. They tackled a variety of maths challenges involving calculation, estimation, mathematical vocabulary and logic. The boys impressed Mrs Wellham with their enthusiasm and team work

## Year 7 – Katherine Warrington – Taster lesson

If you have applied for a place in Year 7 at Katherine Warrington School in September, there will be a Taster Lesson Morning as follows:

Date: Saturday 2nd March

Venue: Roundwood Park Primary and Secondary School.

Time: There are two timeslots: 1) 9.30am -11.00 am OR 2) 11.30am - 1pm.

Your child will be asked to select one of three activities designed to inspire learning and enjoyment in Science, Computing/Maths or English. The lesson runs for an hour and it will give students a feel of what it will be like to be at Katherine Warrington. During that time the Headteacher, Tony Smith, will work with parents to explore ideas and hopes for the school and also bring you up to speed on the build programme, explain options regarding accepting a school place and the continued interest list. The newly appointed staff - Heads of English, Maths, Science and SENCo will run the lessons and will be there to meet students and parents.

Such an event on a Saturday may be impractical for you. Non-attendance will not in any way affect your application to the school. For further information and sign up, please go to the KWS website at [www.kwschool.co.uk](http://www.kwschool.co.uk)

## School's Out, February Half Term Club

We are running a School's Out February Half Term Holiday Club. There are two choices of sessions available; 8am to 6pm (£30 per child) or 8.45am to 3:15pm (£25 per child). You will receive a 5% discount for two or more bookings on the same date. Activities will include cooking, arts, crafts, sport, music activities etc. Bookings can be made at [www.crabtreeinfants.herts.schy.uk/log-in](http://www.crabtreeinfants.herts.schy.uk/log-in)

Please do not hesitate to contact School's Out on [schoolisout@outlook.com](mailto:schoolisout@outlook.com) or call 07561 330413 if you have any queries or would like any further information.

## Stars of the Week – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February



Cedar	Aditya for a fabulous non-chronological report about a dinosaur.
Rowan	George for an excellent non-chronological report.
Ash	Amelie for her great oral work in French. Excellent!
Birch	Daisy for outstanding contributions in class and excellent effort all round.

Teak	James for always 'going the extra mile' in his learning.
Redwood	Kavin for his excellent linguistic skills in French. Tres Bien!.
Elm	Sofia for always giving 100% in attitude and learning.
Elder	Evie for application and effort in English.

### Sports Champion – Lower School

Aditya for brilliant speed stacking at the tournament.

### Sports Champion – Upper School

Chloe H for always doing her best in PE Lessons.

### Stars of the Week – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February



Cedar	Kate for a fabulous non-chronological report on a dinosaur.
Rowan	Adam Si for brilliant enthusiasm across all subjects.
Ash	Josh C for being a fantastic stage manager in rehearsals, controlling the sound effects and back drops brilliantly.
Birch	Benji for being a fabulous hard working member of Birch.
Teak	Amy for showing a consistently fantastic attitude to learning.
Redwood	Olivia for a real boost in her attitude to learning this week – a class role model.
Elm	Olivia for always having a positive attitude and brightening everyone's day.
Elder	Tom for amazing confidence and ability whilst playing the trumpet for the class assembly.

### Sports Champion – Lower School

Emily D for great hockey skills and encouraging team spirit.

### Sports Champion – Upper School

Zach for some fabulous tries in the District Rugby

Jose for amazing tagging in the District Rugby.

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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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

