



# Crabtree Junior School

8<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**Year  
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**Year  
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**Year  
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**Year  
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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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is  
"Appreciation".**

## Diary Reminders

**NEXT WEEK IS  
SATS WEEK**

**Mon 11 – Wed 13 May  
Year 5 School Journey**

**Tuesday 12 May  
Year 4 Football  
Tournament, pm**

**School letters (email)**  
*Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy*

**Disco ticket request form**

**Year 5 Mayan workshop  
(sent as hard copy on Thurs)**

**HCC eSafety Newsletter**

## From Mrs Doran

*I have the pleasure of writing to you this week, while Mr Patrick and Mrs Renier are out of school 'being trained'!*

*It was nice to reclaim the school today after the disruption from yesterday's polling ... but we had good exercise walking 'the long way round' the hall all day*

*Year 6 have worked hard all year in preparation for next week's SATs and we wish them all well in their tests. Hopefully all the children will have a restful and relaxing weekend to be in sparkling form on Monday morning.*

*Meanwhile, Year 5 will be packing their suitcases in readiness for School Journey. Hopefully, the sun will shine over the Herts Young Mariners Base next week. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures and if you want to see the photographic evidence, keep an eye on the Year 5 blog. In the spirit of this term's school value, I would just like publicly to show appreciation for the adults who make this trip possible by abandoning their own families to accompany the Year 5s. Thank you.*

*Finally, Mr Wood is off to buy duck food this lunchtime! Our mother duck is back in residence in the pond next to the dining hall. One member of staff has already seen the ducklings but they are currently in hiding. Hopefully they will be out and about next week and we will be able to count them!*

*Pamela Doran,  
Senior teacher*

## Annual School Survey, from the Chair of Governors:

The governors would welcome your feedback on all aspects of school life at Crabtree Juniors. Our annual survey can be accessed from the link below and this year includes some additional questions from the PA. Please do take the time to complete the survey as your responses help with many aspects of school planning. The survey will close on Monday 18th May.

<http://crabtreejns.limequery.com/index.php/544854/lang-en>



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.



## Summer Term Reading Challenge

We hope the children are busy working on their book cover entries. A reminder that the competition closes on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/documents/news\\_dates/reading\\_challenge.pdf](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/documents/news_dates/reading_challenge.pdf)

## eSafety

Herts County Council has published an eSafety newsletter which contains useful information for parents. The newsletter is being sent to you as an email attachment to this bulletin.

## Aldwickbury Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Year 4 pupils, Ben C, Thomas J, Max and Elliott, who took part in the Aldwickbury Maths Challenge last week. There were two competitions, each with 36 teams competing: the two Crabtree teams were placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in their section – a great result. Well done!

## Swimming Championships

Luka and Ruel (Year 5) are representing St Albans District in the 2015 Herts Primary Schools Swimming Championships in Watford tonight. They will be part of a team of 32 swimmers in years 5 & 6 from the district to compete in this event. In 2014, 2012 and 2011, St Albans District won this event. Good luck, boys!

## Renewal of free school meals applications (for September 2015)

The Education Benefits Team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to remind parents that free school meals will be automatically renewed again, so there is no need to reapply and letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal. Any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both.

You may not be aware that there is a direct benefit to your child if you register for FSM, even if you do not intend to take up their school meal entitlement: the school receives 'pupil premium' amounting to £1,300 p.a. to be spent for the benefit of *your* child. In addition, the school's general funding formula is in part based on the number of FSM children at the school.

Your child may qualify for a free meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- 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

If you are not currently in receipt of FSM for your child and think you may be eligible, please go to: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp/>

## Whole School Concert

The ticket request form for this summer's concert accompanies this newsletter. As explained last week, due to the constraints of the Public Halls auditorium, only one seat per family is guaranteed but a further ticket can be requested and will be allocated if possible (by drawing lots if oversubscribed). Please return the reply slip by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Chewing Gum

Please remember that chewing gum is not allowed at school under any circumstances. Please send your child in with a healthy snack instead.

# 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:

### Premier Sport

May half term Sports Holiday  
Club at Crabtree Junior School

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May

**BOOK NOW!**

## Flyers:

Premier Sports Booking Form

### Contact us:

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[governors@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

## From the Parents' Association

### School Disco

Ticket request forms for the Disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (5-6pm for the infant children and 6.30 – 7.30pm for the Junior children) have now been sent home with the children and are attached to this newsletter. Please return to the school office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

As always we would be very grateful for any parents who can stay at the disco and help to supervise and hand out the vast quantities of squash that the children get through. If you can help please email:

[chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk)

### Easy2Name

If you are looking to order name labels you can earn Crabtree Schools 20% commission by using the Easy2Name website. Just type Crabtree School into the Fundraising Group section when you check out. [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com)

### Summer Fayre volunteers

The Crabtree Summer Fayre is only 8 weeks away and we are looking for volunteers to help out with preparation. Could you help with the following:

- Spare an hour to staple raffle tickets
- Lend us a gazebo and help us put it up on the day of the Fayre
- Learn how to Henna and help our longstanding Henna stall organizer Mohinder run the stall at the Fayre

If you could help with any of these jobs or spare any amount of time then please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk) and we will find you a job!

### Crabtree Ball – Coming in Summer 2016

Next year will see another Crabtree Summer Ball and the team who have organized the last two are looking for another willing volunteer to join the team and help them plan for 2016 and possibly beyond. If you are creative and good at organizing then email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk) who will put you in touch with Amanda and Kat.

## Stars of the Week

**Cedar**

**Evie**, for a huge improvement in concentration and focus.

**Rowan**

**Louis**, for his superb pronunciation in French.

**Ash**

**Noah**, for being such a reliable community member.

**Birch**

**Cameron T** for improved focus and excellent participation.

**Teak**

**Will**, for always being willing to support the class with his excellent computing skills.

**Redwood**

**Harry**, for tackling the main part in our French play.

**Elm**

**Edward K**, for superb effort and attitude all through Year 6.

**Elder**

**Charli**, for being a really great Year 6 pupil.



## Challenge Champion

**Theo** (Year 6), for working hard to improve his writing resulting in an amazing piece of narrative writing this week.

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.

