



Crabtree Junior School

9th January 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 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

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

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 13th Jan

Year 3 Fieldwork outing

Wednesday 14th Jan

Astrodome (Year 5)

School letters (hard copy)

- School lunch bills

School letters- by email:
please contact school office if
you require a paper copy

- Term dates
- Spring term topic webs
- Disco tickets
- Clubs:
Camera Kids
Mad Science

From the Headteacher

Happy new year to you all.

Unfortunately, the Crabtree staff returned to the very sad news that our colleague, Mrs Linda Smith, died on Christmas Day. I shared this news with the children in assembly on Wednesday morning.

Some of you will know that Linda had been unwell for some time after being diagnosed with cancer. She was a longstanding member of the community: she was a lunchtime supervisor here for the past 21 years and, for 18 years, combined this with her Teaching Assistant role at the Infants' School; before that she was a parent at the schools. Linda was also our closest neighbour, living right opposite the school.

Many school staff are attending Linda's funeral this afternoon and I know you will join us in sending our thoughts and prayers to the family. If any parents would like to make a donation in Linda's name, the request is that monies are sent to Ovarian Cancer Research or to Grove Rennie Hospice Care. We would be happy to collect contributions to add to the donation we shall be making from the school or you can send a payment directly to the charities.

To end my letter on a happier note, Mrs Clements is no longer able to disguise her bump ... so I am delighted to confirm there is another Crabtree baby on the way.

Ian Patrick, Headteacher

Term Dates and Topic Webs

The calendar for this term is attached to this newsletter; please contact the office if you require a hard copy. This information is also available on the school website at:

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

Any new dates or unavoidable changes in date will be notified via the weekly newsletter.

Also coming home are the topic webs to keep you informed about what your



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Flyers

E-flyers

Skills and Drills

Wizard of Oz auditions

child will be learning this term.

My Maths

Please note that the 'first level' login details for My Maths have now changed. Username: crabtree; Password: yellow

Once in to the Crabtree site, your child's individual log in remains the same.

School uniform

We have spoken to the children about school uniform standards in assembly this week. Although it is a voluntary uniform code, we feel strongly that the wearing of uniform enhances the sense of community and we do ask that all children wear the Crabtree uniform correctly. You will find that when the children reach secondary school, uniform rules are rigorously enforced and we would like the good habits to begin at Crabtree.

- Footwear should be black school shoes and not trainers, knee-high boots, 'Ugg' boots or similar. If you wish your children to wear boots for walking to school in inclement weather, please could they pack their school shoes to change into during the school day. Socks and tights should be black, grey or navy and not patterned.
- During the school day, children should wear a Crabtree jumper or cardigan over their polo shirts if they need an extra layer (or a plain navy version). A large number of children have been wearing assorted sports hoodies recently and we would prefer that this trend does not continue.
- Crabtree fleeces are for outdoor use only and should not be worn in the classroom over or instead of a sweater. .

Lunch bills

School meal bills for the current half term are coming home today. It would be appreciated if these could be paid promptly.

Music notices

Orchestra resumes next Monday after school (12th January). If there are any new instrumentalists who would like to join, please feel free to come along and give it a try.

Choir rehearsals also re-start on Monday . These take place at 12.30pm and are open to children from all year groups.

Sports notices

Next week's sports practices

Tuesday 13 th	Lunchtime	Gym – Teak
	After school	Gym – Elm
	After school	Netball – Year 6 + Redwood
Thursday 15 th	Lunchtime	Gym – Elder
	After school	Netball squad
Friday 16 th	Lunchtime	Rugby
	After school	Football

The full gym club timetable is available on the school website at: http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html

Mad Science and Camera Kids clubs

Both of the above after-school clubs are open to all Year groups (Camera Kids on Mondays; Mad Science on Tuesdays) and there are still a few places available. Please see the attached flyers and contact the providers directly to book a place. Please note that funding may be available for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium: if this applies to your child and you would like to take advantage, please contact the School Office.

National Children's Measurement Programme

Year 6 parents were sent a letter earlier this week regarding the NCMP. Please don't forget to return the reply slip if you wish to opt out.

Public Health bulletin

The School Nurse has alerted us to a Public Health England bulletin relating to Meningitis C and the importance of immunisation. The bulletin is attached to this newsletter for your information.

From the Parents' Association

Happy New Year from the PA

Funds raised last term

After a busy autumn term we are pleased to announce that we raised over £9,500 for Crabtree Schools. This is an amazing amount so thank you to everyone, parents and children, who have supported PA events.

PA Quiz

Due to an unfortunate clash with the Sir John Lawes Quiz Night, we have decided to change the date of Crabtree's PA Quiz in March. We will confirm the new date in the next week so please look out for it.

School Discos

The next disco for the children will take place on Friday 23 January (infants 17.00 – 18.00 and juniors 18.30 – 19.30). Ticket request forms will be sent out this week. As always we would welcome any parents who would be happy to stay and supervise the disco. If you can help with this then please email chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk

Any gifts needing a new home?

If you received any unwanted Christmas gifts that aren't quite your cup of tea, please save them for Rudolph's Wrapping Room. Please bring anything you would be happy to donate to the school office in January.



Stars of the Week

Cedar	Holly , for hard work in Maths and excellent knowledge of times tables.
Rowan	Josh , for consistent hard work and effort.
Ash	Harry , for being an absolute joy to teach every day this week.
Birch	Cameron L , for great participation and enthusiasm in lessons this week.
Teak	Max , for showing fantastic maturity and being an extremely kind member of the class.
Redwood	Romily , for a fabulous start to the new term, particularly in Maths.
Elm	Lucas B , for a great start to school in 2015.
Elder	Matthew , for a really positive start to improving his work this term.

Challenge Champions

Felix, for persevering with decimals in Maths.

The Harpenden Gang Show Cast – well done to all Crabtree children taking part

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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.

