



# Crabtree Junior School

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## 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 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 term's school  
value is:**

**"Responsibility"**

### Diary Reminders

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 6 Football Tournament  
- Away

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 5 - Quicksticks  
Hockey

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 5 – Singing Workshop

Year 6 – Spring Festival

Year 4 – 6Ts Cricket - 3.30-  
6pm

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Non-uniform Day – Dogs  
Trust

### School Letters

PA News

Dinner Bills

School's Out for Easter,  
Holiday Club

Dear Parents & Carers

Where do I start with my contribution to this week's newsletter? Each successive week seems to be busier than the previous one here at Crabtree Juniors.

Undeterred by the persistent and inclement weather we welcomed a number of talented visitors into school recently: Year 5s enjoyed the Astronomy Roadshow event and Year 4s were totally captivated by the Roman Workshop Experience.

In addition, it cannot have escaped your attention that we all dressed up as our favourite book characters - part of our World Book Day celebrations. It has to be said that some of you must have spent many hours sourcing and preparing outfits for your children, they looked absolutely magnificent!

I would like to thank all members of staff, and Mrs Meredith in particular, for the hard work they have put in to make this another special week and certainly one to remember. Of course, the memories of such events will be treasured by your children in years to come.

### **Signing your children up on Wisepay to attend events**

During my time here I have been amazed at the number of extra-curricular activities offered to your children. However, as a result, I am concerned about the additional pressure being put on the office team due to amount of time they have to spend chasing parents for responses.

I am therefore respectfully asking you to please sign up by the deadline. Unfortunately if a child's details are not signed up by the deadline I am afraid we will be asking the teachers to invite another child to attend.

I am confident of your support in working with us to ensure we can continue to offer all that we do.

Mr Emeny  
Headteacher

## Flyers sent home

Artshed

## School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> March

## 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

Teach in Herts Recruitment Fair

Oaklands College Lambing Weekend

Jamboree Disco

Easter Hockey Camp

Managing Strong Feelings Workshop

My Feelings Matter Workshop

I would just like to add that I have had a fantastic first week back at Crabtree, it's been lovely to start to get to know the children, parents and staff and I am very much looking forward to getting fully involved in areas of school life. I am sure you agree Crabtree is a very special school.

Miss Simmons  
Deputy Headteacher

### Wisepay Reminders

#### Year 5

School Journey Instalments

Singing Workshop

#### Year 6

School Journey Instalments

#### Year 5 & 6

Gym Display Tickets

Today Year 3 performed their class assembly to their parents and families. It was a wonderful assembly. The children all delivered their lines with expression, accuracy and good timing. The singing and co-ordinated actions were amazing and it was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves, whilst performing.

Thank you to Max from Year 5 who led the children beautifully in their French poem, it was evident you had taken the time to practice out of school and it was much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children enjoyed performing it.



## Social Media

Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that parents have been using social media to 'air' feedback about the school. Could we please ask you to refrain from doing so. Crabtree operate an open door policy and therefore if there is ever anything you wish to discuss please come to speak to us in the first instance. We would appreciate your support. Thank you.



## School Dinner Bills – Price Increase

Please be advised that the cost of the children's school dinner will be increasing from £2.35 to £2.40 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## Fundraising thank you

This week we received a lovely letter from The Salvation Army thanking us for the donation of £251.31 from last year's House Charity non-uniform day.

## Sport

### Saracens Rugby Festival 2018



Yesterday we attended the Saracens Harpenden Tag Rugby Festival at Harpenden RFU.

We took our entire rugby club of 34 Year 6 children and had a fabulous afternoon of rugby.

It was a non-competitive festival but the children were pleased with their performances, across the 3 teams we won 8 games, drew 4 and lost 3.

Everyone played well, they have trained really hard in all weathers this term and this was a great way to end our season.

A massive thank you to Mr Russell Brooks who has been an inspiring coach.

Mrs Tizard

## Netball



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On Monday, our Year 6 Netball teams played against Manland. All the girls played some excellent netball, despite the cold weather. They had clearly listened well at our last training, in the snow, and they were all; confidently driving into spaces, giving their team members options for passes, using the whole court and most importantly fighting for the ball.

Although both teams lost on this occasion, the score doesn't reflect, what I feel personally, was some of the best netball the girls have played.

Well done ladies, you made me proud!

Thank you to those parents that have been preparing our refreshments and clearing up afterwards, it doesn't go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Mrs Mercer

## **Gym Display – Final Rehearsals**

A reminder for next week – please note a later finishing time.

**Year 5 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 3:15pm – 4.45pm**

**Year 6 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 3:15pm – 4.45pm**

**Please don't forget to book your tickets on wisepay. An e:mail was sent home earlier this week with all the details.**

## **Clubs – Summer Term**

Next week we will be e:mailing home details of the clubs that will running at school for the first half of the summer term. You will be able to sign your children up to join using the usual Wisepay system.

We do have some new clubs starting after Easter. Yoga will be taking place on a Thursday morning and Mad Science will be offering lots of fun experiments on a Monday after school. Mr Woolfson will also be back for Golf on a Wednesday.

These new clubs are all being run by external providers and there will be a cost associated with them. All details will be sent home next week.



## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Maissa</b> , for fabulous effort in all curriculum areas. Keep it up!
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Daniel</b> , for always being ready to listen.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Phoebe</b> , for her enthusiasm in every French lesson – “Fantastique!”
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Luisa</b> , for her hard work in maths this week. It’s great to see her grow in confidence!
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Stanley</b> , for always showing superb effort in maths lessons, leading to some fantastic progress in learning.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Kanishk</b> , for super effort and a positive attitude to learning.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Indira</b> , for making excellent progress in French – super!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Sevi</b> , for listening carefully, applying himself in English and producing a great review piece.

## Sports Champion

**Ralph** – for excellent commitment and leadership as rugby captain.

## Challenge Champions

**Year 3** for an amazing, confident performance in their assembly.

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.

