



# Crabtree Junior School

9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## 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 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

#### Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December

2.15pm Yrs 3 & 4  
Christmas Production

6pm Whole School  
Christmas Production

#### Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December

9.10am Yr 3 Grandparents  
Tea Party

#### Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December

Yr3 watching Infants Play  
'School Christmas Dinner'

2.15pm Yrs 5 & 6  
Christmas Production

#### Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December

Save the Children  
Christmas Jumper Day

*Dear Parents,*

*Looking at the 'Diary Reminders' it certainly is a busy count down to the Christmas holidays!*

*We look forward to seeing both parents and grandparents next week at various productions and we even finish the week off with a festive jumper day, what more could you ask for!*

*At the end of term we will be saying a farewell to Mr Pollard who takes up a position at St Lukes School in Redbourn. Our best wishes go with Mr Pollard as he seeks a new direction to his career.*

#### Rotary Concert

*A group of Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at the annual Rotary Carol concert, held in high Street Methodist Church on Wednesday evening - an event that really does signal the start of Christmas.*

*As part of the choir made up of 12 schools from Harpenden and surrounding villages, our children sang beautifully and were a credit to the school.*

*In addition, Gracie C did a reading, with great confidence to a full church. Well done to all involved.*

*Ian Pattrick*

*Headteacher*

## New School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire schools are implementing a new school closure notification system which we will be using if the school has to close for any unforeseen circumstance such as severe weather. This system will automatically alert the Local Authority, radio stations and the Hertfordshire Transport team. Parents can register for this service to receive automatic texts or emails when the school is closed and when it is re-opening.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

## Mini Tennis Club

## Dinner Bills

number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration

process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of their child's school.

To sign up, parents/guardians will need to go to the following link and follow the instructions below, which should take no longer than five minutes:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

## Christmas Productions

The Christmas Production tickets have all been sent home with the children this week. You must bring the tickets with you to the performances as they need to be handed in before you enter the school hall. Can we remind you that you cannot bring siblings to the productions because there is no space and we will have to turn them away.

## Music

### Choir



Many thanks to those in the choir who sang so beautifully at the celebration in Batford, on Sunday, to mark the switching on of the Christmas lights. It was a bitterly cold afternoon but the children's lovely singing warmed the hearts of the appreciative audience. Thank you very much for your support.

### Orchestra and choir

There will be no more orchestra or choir rehearsals this term. Thanks to all those who have been so loyal and attended rehearsals each week. Next term we will be preparing for the grand concert to be held at the end of the year. Watch this space!

Mr. Bishop

## Tuck Shop

Something very exciting is happening at Crabtree Junior School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The tuck shop team will be proud to open the tuck shop again at morning break. In order for the shop to run smoothly and efficiently, we have decided to organise a weekly timetable. Each year group will be allocated a day on which they can buy their snacks from our shop.

**Tuesday:** Year 3

**Wednesday:** Year 4

**Thursday:** Year 5

**Friday:** Year 6

As we are a healthy school, we will be selling delicious healthy snacks such as rice cakes, chocolate flapjacks, fruit and yo yo bars! Our products will



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.



# CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## Flyers:

## E-Flyers:

**ASD coffee morning**

**The Nuture Programme**

**Mobile Phone Campaign**

**ASC – Support Sessions**

**St Nicholas Christmas Fair**

**Saracens Rugby Camp**

**Child Anxiety**

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cost between 40p and 60p. We recommend you do not bring more than £1 each week. Also, we would appreciate it if you could bring your pound in smaller coins (5p, 10p, 20p and 50p) so that our money box doesn't run out of change! Our promise to you, the products we sell will not contain nuts.

We would like to remind all Crabtree parents that one of the reasons why we, the children, are running the tuck shop is to enable us to build on lifelong skills such as looking after our own money. So we would really appreciate your support and help us make sure that your child:

1. Brings a purse which they will keep in their school trays and in which they will keep their tuck shop money.
2. Looks after his/her coins really carefully.
3. If he/she were to find money on the playground he/she would immediately take it to the office.
4. Check out our "menu" in their classroom before their playtime so they will know what they want (this is to avoid very long queues!).

We hope that you are just as excited as we are about the tuck shop returning, and thank you in advance for your support!

The tuck shop team.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers for their 'Christmas Jumper Day'. The children will be allowed to add a Christmas jumper (or something Christmassy) to their uniform that day, in return for a small donation to Save the Children.

## Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be open from Monday 12th December. Children can post their cards into the box ready for the House Captains to distribute each day.

## From the Parents' Association

### What A Wonderful Christmas Fayre!

Thank you for a very Merry Crabtree Christmas Fayre! We greatly appreciate all of the helpers who donated, baked, wrapped, and gave their time and support in many ways. And thanks to the families who came and spent the afternoon feeling festive with us. We topped last year's fundraising and had a wonderful time celebrating Christmastime together at Crabtree.

### Christmas Shopping CHALLENGE!

Great news! More Crabtree parents have signed up to EasyFundraising and started earning money for the school with their online Christmas shopping! Well done! This could add up to a lot of £ for new computers, play equipment and much more for your students – all at NO EXTRA COST to you! Please remember to go to the EasyFundraising website FIRST when you make a purchase online this Christmas (not just gifts, food & drink too!). Sainsburys, Waitrose and M&S make donations for online orders. John Lewis, Toys R Us, Argos and many more retailers will give up to 3% of your purchase to the school.

Sign up now: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta).

**The PA will award Crabtree's Top EasyFundraising Shoppers in January. Will it be you?**

## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Olivia</b> , for her fantastic expression in the Christmas Production.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Maya</b> , for her amazing efforts with the Christmas Performance.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Nina</b> , for her patience and perseverance with tasks.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Stanley</b> , for working really hard to improve spellings especially during editing.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Sammy</b> , for being engaged and focused in his reading and spelling group.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Eva</b> , for being an all-round lovely person. She is a kind friend to all and an excellent role model.
<b>Elm &amp; Elder</b>	<b>All the Year 6 children who ran stalls at the Christmas Fayre</b> and made £700! £233 will be distributed equally between the house charities – what an amazing achievement!

## Sports Champion

**Alexandra** for great dedication to her role as play leader.

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)

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