



Crabtree Junior School

10th February 2017

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

This term's school value is
"Hope"

Diary Reminders
Next Week is Half Term
Fri 24th February -
Yr6 Indoor Athletics

Dear Parents,

Safeguarding – Attendance and punctuality

One of the school's many safeguarding responsibilities is the monitoring and evaluation of each child's attendance and punctuality. Ideally, all being equal, 100% attendance and punctuality is the aspiration for every child, however with illness or an unavoidable absence, traffic jam etc. the school recognises that this target is not always possible to attain.

Taking the above into consideration there is an expectation from the DFE, and the school, that 95%+ is both attainable and appropriate; any less can have a negative effect on your child's education.

I mention the above as there are some instances where attendance figures etc. at the school are falling below the 95% figure and indeed, in some cases below 90%.

As a school it is our responsibility to 'challenge' any figure below 95% and, therefore ask questions to substantiate the reasons 'why' – the vast majority of which will, I am sure, be justified.

From now on the school will be sending out letters to parents where attendance figures fall below 95% - attendance will be evaluated each ½ term.

I do hope that parents see this as a protective measure that will ensure maximum attendance and effect maximum progress.

O.K. now I have got that off my chest..... Have a relaxing and enjoyable break..... I am decorating – my wife is 'overseeing'..!!

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Patrick,

Headteacher

P.E

District Tag Rugby Competition Champions 2017!!!!



On Thursday afternoon we attended the Harpenden & District Tag Rugby Tournament. It was freezing cold but we played some very exciting rugby.

The team has trained hard under this year's newly appointed coach Mr Finch, and due to the previous two years wins we were all feeling the pressure.

However, the team did not disappoint with fabulous passing, running and defending from all players. We played some very hard games and it was great to get to the final where we came up against The Grove. We won the match with a convincing 7 tries to 3.

Well done to all the children who played in extreme cold conditions and thank you to all parents and supporters who cheered us on. A massive thank you to Mr Finch for his expertise and we look forward to the Saracens tournament on March 7th.

Music

Performance Platform

We enjoyed our first platform of the term on Monday when 12 children performed to a very appreciative audience. It was lovely to hear young pianists Amelie, Charlotte, Dexter, Polly, Jose, Siena, Benny, Kanishk and Boo. Some of these children have been playing for some time and are becoming quite accomplished while others are starting out on their musical journey. It was great to hear them all. We also enjoyed Alistair on trumpet - what a great sound he makes - Rafferty on cello and Lilly singing a song from Les Miserables. Toby's performance was particularly special as he had written the piece himself. A big thank you and congratulations to all who performed.

Next Performance Platform will be on Monday MARCH 13. 12:30 in the hall. Please sign up ASAP.

Orchestra: Please could players continue working at Circus Music in their practice. More new music will be handed out after half term as we prepare for the summer concert.

From the Parents' Association

Quiz Night Sign Up is NOW OPEN

It's time to put those brain cells to the test and sign up for the annual Crabtree Quiz Night. A chili supper will be provided with a vegetarian option also available. There will be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. The cost is £12.50 per person, which includes a £5 voluntary donation. To reserve a table for 8-10 people please contact Jane Sims. (07729260330 jane.sims2@googlemail.com)

Tables are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each team should have a 'key contact' who will need to complete forms and

School letters

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organize payment to secure the table by Thursday 2nd March. If you need help getting a table together we can put you in touch with other quizzers.

Crabtree Parents Summer Party - Save the Date!

When: Saturday 20 May, 2017 at 7:30pm

Where: Crabtree Junior School

Full details and ticket information to follow. Stay tuned!

Fundraising for Crabtree's School Grounds Project

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Matilda , for her positive and enthusiastic approach to her learning.
Rowan	Amber , for being positive, hardworking and enthusiastic in French.
Ash	Carys , for accurate and precise work in French. A pleasure to teach.
Birch	Amber , for her real have a go attitude in maths – she is working fantastically.
Teak	Alys , for excellent use of noun phrases to create emotive sentences.
Redwood	Katherine , for her fantastic contribution during English lessons.
Elm	Katie , for being a conscientious and proactive learner.
Elder	Katie , for her dedication to developing and continually improving her lovely writing.

Sports Champion

Gabriella, for selection into the National Cross Country Final representing Hertfordshire.

Challenge Champions

District Tag Rugby Winner 2017 – Ben W, Greg, Sebby, Gabriella, Matt, Tom B, Harry, Ary, Amber, Elizabeth, Hannah and Katie.

Mrs Wheeler for being such an inspirational teacher.

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

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