



Crabtree Junior School

10th July 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.

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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

This term's school value is "Appreciation".

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 14th July

Year 3 and 6 Parent-teacher meetings, 1.15 – 5pm

Wednesday 15th July

Year 4 and 5 Parent-teacher meetings, 1.15 – 5pm

Thursday 16th July

OPEN EVENING

New Joiners meeting, 6.30pm

School open 7- 8.30pm

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Lingua Fanatics (Year 3)

Camera Kids

From the Headteacher

Year 6 have had a busy time with cycling proficiency on four days this week and a day at their new secondary schools on Thursday. They all seem to have had a lovely day and are enthusiastic about moving on in September. Whilst we are always sorry to see children go, we know we have done our job when they are so ready for the next stage of their education.

All children spent time in their new classrooms yesterday morning and we welcomed the Year 2s and introduced them to their teachers.

A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for organising another successful Summer Fayre. The good weather I ordered helped make it a very enjoyable – and profitable! – afternoon. Thank you to all those who contributed to the running of the event in any way and very many thanks to those who spent generously for the benefit of the Crabtree Schools – see below for details of monies raised.

Although I don't want parents to feel we are always asking you to put your hands in your pockets, you will already know that we do rely heavily on your financial support. To this end, please see my 'cheeky plea' further down in this newsletter. If you are able to help with funding our new sports teamwear, I would love to hear from you.

We are now racing towards the end of the year. Open Evening takes place on Thursday next week, when you will be able to see examples of the wonderful work that has been achieved in the classrooms this year. The meeting for parents of new Year 3s begins at 6.30pm. The open evening begins at 7pm. Please don't arrive early as doors will not be opened until the teachers are back in their classrooms. The school will remain open until 8.30pm to allow you to wander round not just your own child's classroom, but also to see what has been going on in other year groups. I look forward to seeing you all.

*Ian Pattrick,
Headteacher*



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.



Orchestra, *from Mr Bishop*

The orchestra will be performing at the Open Evening again this year on Thursday 16th July. Please could orchestra members please arrive at 7.45pm; we will be performing at 8pm in the school hall.

There will be an orchestra practice as usual – the last one of this academic year – on Monday 13th July.

September staffing

Apologies to Mrs Wellham, whom we missed off from the staffing list last week. Mrs Wellham is stepping down as Elm class teacher but is staying on at Crabtree in a new role: from September, she will be working two days a week, providing management cover for Mrs Doran and Mrs Renier.

School Team kits, *from Mr Patrick*

Those of you whose children have represented the school in team sports recently will be aware that our team kits have been massively depleted over the years and we would very much like to purchase new football and netball team kits, including tracksuit tops for both the children and the staff coaches, so that Crabtree no longer looks like the poor relation at District and County events!

Unfortunately in these days of austerity budgets, the school does not have the money to fund new kit. The full cost of the new kits would be approximately £700. Are there any parents who would consider contributing to this cost ... maybe as a leaving gift from Year 6s who have used the kit for the past four years?! £15 will purchase a set comprising t-shirt and shorts/skort and tracksuit top. Thank you

Library Update, *from the Library Team*

Lists of outstanding library books have gone up on the classroom doors this week. Please ensure that your child brings back their book by Monday 13th July so that we can process them all by the end of term.

A huge thank-you to everyone who has donated books recently. Our library is looking wonderful ahead of next term, but if you are having a clear out over the summer don't forget that we are always grateful for relevant and appropriate fiction or non-fiction books in good condition.

Finally, to keep our kids reading over the summer, please find in the attachments the **Summer Reading Bingo Card**. Print it out and see how many squares your kids can cross off. If they bring us back the list of the books they read in September we will compile a list of Crabtree's favourite holiday reads and share it.

Reading Challenge winners, *from Mrs Renier*

This year's reading challenge 1st prize winners were treated to a trip to the magical Roald Dahl museum on Wednesday. We enjoyed a session in Miss Honey's classroom and had an interactive talk in the replica of Roald Dahl's writing hut, where Freddie had the opportunity of becoming Mr Dahl himself! We finished our morning session with a fantastic writing workshop. After our lunch we walked around the village of Great Missenden on which many of Dahl's settings were based.

All in all, a fabulous day and I hope this will motivate more children to enter our challenges, as this trip will be our first prize again next year!

School Reports

Year 3- 5 school reports are being sent home today. The teachers have spent a lot of time writing these reports. Please do also read the letter from Mr Patrick that accompanies the reports and explains the new assessment and reporting system.

A reply slip is enclosed if you would like to add any comments to the report. Don't forget too that the teachers are available for five-minute appointments throughout the afternoon on Tuesday 14th July (Years 3 and 6) and Wednesday 15th July (Years 4 and 5) if there are any issues arising from the reports.

Year 6 reports and SATs results will be sent home on Monday next week.

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:

**Sports Xtra
Summer holiday club
Crabtree Junior School
27th July – 14th August**

**Play in the Parks,
Summer 2015**

Summer Cookery Classes
St Helen's Primary School,
27th - 31st July
3rd - 7th August
10th - 13th August
10.15am - 12.15pm
price: £25 per child

5-8 years and 9-12 years.

Children make two dishes, one sweet,
one savoury.

Book at www.cookeryconfidence.co.uk
or email claire@cookeryconfidence.co.uk

Midday supervision

We are looking for midday supervisors for September following the resignation of two of our regular helpers. If you can spare an hour and ten minutes in the middle of the day, either every day or even just one day a week, please pop in to the office to speak to Mrs Shadbolt.

Lost property

The lost property bin is overflowing once again. Do come in and 'rummage' at the end of the school day if you think you are missing any items. Any items left unclaimed at the end of term will be recycled to the school uniform shops or to charity.

Inhalers / Epipens

Please could parents of children who have inhalers or Epipens in school remember to come to the office at 2pm on the last day of term to collect the devices. No medication should be left in school over the summer holiday.

Autumn term clubs

The following external providers will be offering clubs at Crabtree during the autumn term. A charge applies. Places are limited and booking is open now. For children in receipt of Pupil Premium, please contact Mrs Baillie-Lane to see if the school can assist with payment.

Camera Kids Photography Club – see flyer attached)

Lingua Fanatics:

French (Year 3) / Spanish (Years 3 and 4) – see flyer attached

Fine Art 4 Kids – go to: <http://www.fineart4kids.com>

Sir John Lawes transition project

There are still spaces for Year 4 or 5 beginner flute or clarinets. Please see letter on the website at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html
and return the form on Monday next week if interested.

From the Parents' Association

Summer Fayre Thanks

Thank you to all the teachers, parents and children who supported the Summer Fayre on Saturday, we hope you all had a great time and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine.

We are very grateful to everyone who helped to make the event such a success, including everyone who helped on a stall, donated goods, baked cakes, lent us a gazebo, took part in the music, dancing displays and football tournament, and everyone who came along on the day. We are delighted to say that we raised £6.5k for the schools which is a fantastic amount.

Particular thanks go to all the year 5 and 6s who ran stalls on the Enterprise Zone. They did a brilliant job and made a fantastic amount of money for the school.

See the newsletter next week for a round-up of what your money has been spent on this term.

Welcome Back to School Family Event, Saturday 3rd October

The next PA event is a family event for Saturday 3rd October, which will be an informal get together for all Crabtree Families to say 'welcome' to the new school year. There will be some games and crafts for the children, an open bar, refreshments and more details to follow. Put the date in your diary!



Stars of the Week

Cedar	Chloe , for her consistently hard-working, mature and sensible attitude.
Rowan	Louis , for always having a smile on his face.
Ash	Louis , for having been a ray of sunshine all year round.
Birch	Cameron T , for working so hard this term and becoming a very responsible learner.
Teak	Noah , for steadily building a more responsible attitude towards his studies.
Redwood	Ella , for her incredible enthusiasm, always.
Elm	Poppy , for her conscientious and diligent attitude to topic work this week.
Elder	Jack , for his attitude towards all work this week.

Challenge Champions

Seb and Cameron L (Birch) for competing a triathlon for Macmillan Cancer

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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.

