



# Crabtree Junior School

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

## 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 week's school value is:

**"Being Ready"**

### Diary Reminders

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Yr 3 Islamic Visit

Yr 4 Roman Day

Junior School Admissions  
deadline

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Non-uniform day - Yellow  
House raising money for  
Cancer Charities

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school this week. They have all come back full of energy and enthusiasm, which is great!

Although the children were not at school on Monday, the whole staff team came into school to take part in Steps training. This is a therapeutic approach to behaviour that the Infant School have been using and we are now introducing across the Junior School. We are very keen to involve the parents as we further develop this approach and we will be holding a parent's session later this year.

It was lovely to see all the Year 2 parents at the Parents Presentation earlier this week. Children from Year 3 - 6 were invited to show their work to the parents and talk about life in the Junior School. They spoke with incredible confidence and it was wonderful to hear their obvious sense of pride in the school – the parents were all extremely impressed.

I was fortunate enough to go along to the Harpenden and Wheathampstead District Scouts 70<sup>th</sup> Gang Show this week. WOW! I was blown away by the talent of all the children. Truly amazing! It was brilliant to see so many current Crabtree pupils – and some very familiar faces of ex-Crabtree pupils. Congratulations to all the pupils, past and present, who took part – it was a fabulous evening's entertainment.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss E Simmons

Head of School



I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Executive Head for the Trust. I am very pleased to be here and to have the pleasure of working with this Trust. It has been an exciting first week that has shown me so much about life with Crabtree Academy Trust. The children have been very welcoming, demonstrated very high levels of engagement and greeted me with big smiles. I have had some lovely conversations with children in class and on the playground and I look forward to spending more time with all of them. Both schools have passionate and committed staff and leaders that work so hard to help achieve successes for the children and each other and it is a privilege to work with them.

It is an exciting time for the Crabtree Academy Trust as we look to build for the future and achieve even higher standards for our learning community. I am excited to be part of it and I look forward to working with you all.

Mr S Pope

Executive Head

Crabtree Academy Trust

## School Letters

PA News  
Dinner Bills  
Gym Club Timetable

## Flyers sent home

Helen O'Grady Drama

## School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

25<sup>th</sup> January  
8<sup>th</sup> February  
1<sup>st</sup> March  
15<sup>th</sup> March  
22<sup>nd</sup> March

## Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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## E-Flyers

Mayors Film Matinee  
Monkey Music  
Family Toolkit



## Year 4 – Robin Hood & The Hoodies

We have received this mysterious letter into school this week.

Dear Crabtree Junior School,

I understand that the Year 4 play is to be performed twice on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February.

I believe that these performances should be moved to Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February due to the planned performance day being Valentine's Day.

Given that us parents have few "date evenings" as it is, to choose Valentine's Day as the performance day is somewhat cruel to those of us who still have a spark of romance simmering in our aged hearts despite years of broken sleep, sibling arguments, Disney's Frozen and Lego Batman.

Notwithstanding that many of Year 4 teachers are of an age where they have yet to secure a husband, putting a spanner in their Valentine's evening works may risk a failure-to-materialise proposition.

Given that Robin Hood made a vow to steal from the rich and give to the poor, it would be appropriate for his acts to be performed on 13<sup>th</sup> February, the feast day of St. Polyeuctus, the Patron Saint of vows.

So, in the name of love, St. Valentine and St. Polyeuctus, please move the Year 4 play performances to 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours,

A glimmer of hope.

## In Response....

Dear Glimmer of Hope,

Although we are very understanding of your situation and agree that this is a very special evening for many people, we are unable to move the date of the Year 4 production. We have studied the diary dates in detail, but due to 'Rainforest Dave' visiting the Year 6 all day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and the various external bands and groups using the hall in the evening, we simply cannot find an alternative date. We will however, bear in mind your thoughts and plan more carefully next year.

We do hope that you find another evening to keep the spark of romance simmering.

We can guarantee that although the Year 4 play may not be a 'romantic' event to attend, it will be highly entertaining and very enjoyable.

To make the evening a little more special we will open a bar and offer snacks prior to, and during the performance.

Yours

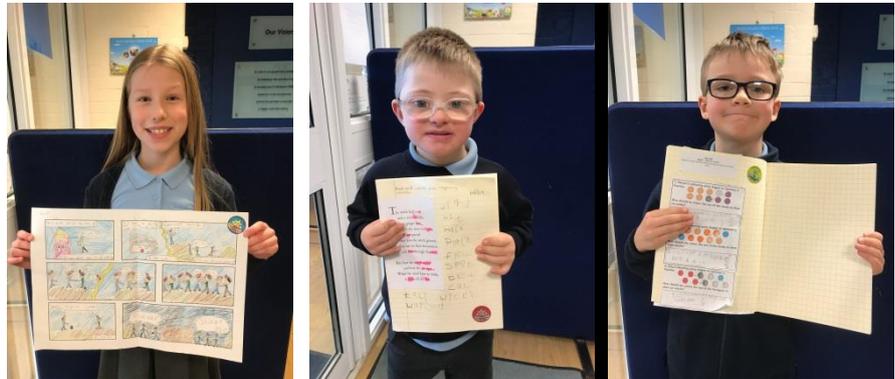
Crabtree staff team.



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There has been lots of great learning taking place in school this week.



### Choir

A reminder that there is no Upper School Choir on Monday morning.

### Gym Club Timetable

Now that Gym Club has started please find attached a copy of the practice timetable as a reminder. There was an incorrect date for Teak – their after school session is Thursday 21 March not Tuesday. Thank you.

### NSPCC Number Day – Friday 1 February

We are working in conjunction with the NSPCC to run a Number Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. During the day, all the children will take part in a variety of maths related activities. In exchange for a small donation for the NSPCC, the children are invited to come dressed as either a “Rock Star” or a “Number”.

### Green Team – House winners

**Congratulations to GREEN house who were the winners last term. As a reward, all members of GREEN house can come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 16 January.**

More information about house activities will be shared soon.

### Can you help us improve our library?

Our wonderful library needs a coat of paint so we are looking for a team of enthusiastic parents to help us decorate on the weekend of 9/10 February. Please let the school office know if you can help at all during that weekend. Thank you.

### Stars of the Week



Cedar

Harriet for excellent contributions during class discussions.

Rowan

Erin for brilliant enthusiasm in her learning this week.

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Ash	Arianna for her fantastic attitude to learning this week and following the Crabtree rule of “being ready” so brilliantly. Keep it up!
Birch	Scarlett for consistent high effort and being a good role model.
Teak	Bruno for making a great start to the new year and showing a fantastic attitude to his learning.
Redwood	Darcy for excellent work in maths this week.
Elm	Rebecca for always standing out for her brilliant attitude to learning.
Elder	Boo for an excellent start to the spring term, especially in maths

### Sports Champion – Lower School

Katya – Birch – for a great attitude to all PE lessons and a fabulous start to the spring term.

### Sports Champion – Upper School

Yasmin – Teak for a great attitude to all PE lessons and a fabulous start to the spring term.

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.

