



# Crabtree Junior School

11<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**Year  
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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

**Tues 15th November**

Yr 5 Young Shakespeare Company

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 4 Hindu Workshop

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need Day – Non Uniform – in exchange for a donation to Children in Need

9.10am Yr 4 Assembly to parents

*Dear Parents,*

### Fireworks

I would like to echo the sentiments of the Parents' Association (presented towards the end of the newsletter) for the fantastic event last Saturday. The school is extremely appreciative of the fundraising activities year on year and truly recognises the immense amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure each event's success – thank you. As a special mention, the school would like to thank Stuart Robson and his team of firework stewards. The organisation of such a presentation is a year in the making and requires a significant amount of preparation and planning – this does not go unnoticed and the school applauds your commitment. A very 'heart felt' thank you from both the school and the pupils who benefit from all the funds raised.

### Year 3 Assembly



The whole school was treated to a fabulous assembly on Thursday. The youngest pupils in the school made their Egyptian topic come alive through song, dance and a story. They all performed with confidence, spoke their lines with clarity and clearly enjoyed delivering it to an audience. We would like to thank the parents for providing fantastic costumes for the children and for their support as the children learnt their script and song lines. We appreciate it can't have been easy listening to your children singing about the pains of mummification! We would also like to thank everyone for being a wonderful audience today. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing to their parents, family and friends.

*Ian Patrick*

*Headteacher*

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Christmas Fayre Flyer

Dinner Bills

## Plea from the office

### Permission slips

It would be appreciated if reply slips could be returned promptly to the office please. More and more time is being spent chasing for permission slips as we have to have the correct paperwork in place for the children to take part in these activities.

### Wisepay

Could we ask that were a payment is required that you use Wisepay if you are able to. Please contact us if you need help with your account. This will make the whole process far more time efficient for us.

Thank you

## E-Safety

As a school we are more than happy for children to wear watches as part of their uniform, however, this week it has come to our attention that some pupils have been bringing in watches with cameras on. We would ask you not to send in watches with cameras to school please. Cameras on watches are not suitable for school as we want to avoid any unnecessary E-Safety situations arising. Thank you for your support.

Please remember to complete the following E-Safety questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CrabtreeE-safety>. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible as the outcome of the questionnaire will enable us to ensure the content of our e-safety meeting is relevant to us all. It would be great to see as many parents as possible on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm. Many thanks.

## P.E.

### District Cross Country 2016

On Thursday, we went to the Rovers Football Ground to take part in the annual District Cross Country races; everyone taking part represented Crabtree brilliantly!

There were 16 schools competing; 5 children in each race, so there were a lot of children to compete against.

Our children have trained hard and should be very proud of their achievements as there were some extremely competitive races on the day.

Well done and thank you to all the parents who supported the event and trained with the children as well!

Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Matilda J 11 <sup>th</sup>	James 6 <sup>TH</sup>	Gabriella 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greg 7 <sup>th</sup>
Elodie 33 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex 10 <sup>th</sup>	Katie G 28 <sup>TH</sup>	Cameron T 12 <sup>TH</sup>
Libby 35 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 34 <sup>th</sup>	Amber 48 <sup>th</sup>	Sebby 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lexie 37 <sup>th</sup>	Archie G 35 <sup>TH</sup>	Elizabeth 54 <sup>th</sup>	Felix 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Evie 58 <sup>th</sup>	Adam 48 <sup>TH</sup>	Hannah 55 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 31 <sup>st</sup>



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Netball Kit Sponsorship

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We were fortunate last year to receive sponsorship for our new football kits and we are now looking to buy new netball kit.

We currently have 43 girls attending Years 5 and 6 netball and we endeavour to include everyone to play in the teams.

We do not have enough Crabtree kit for all the girls to wear and it would be fantastic to be able to order more netball kit to enable this in the future.

We are therefore looking for some sponsorship to help purchase this kit. If your company or if you have any contacts who might be interested in helping sponsor this in any way, please could you contact me for more information.

Thank you in advance Mrs Tizard.

## Warm clothing

Please can you ensure that children come into school with a coat, all playtimes are outside unless it is raining.

The children will also need extra layers for PE, please send them in with leggings, joggers and jumpers. Alternatively, they can wear dark coloured base layers under their PE tops (but not under their normal school uniform). Thank you for your co-operation.

## Music

The next **Performance Platform** will be on Monday 28 November. Please sign up in good time - don't leave it until the last minute! Do make the most of this opportunity to perform to your friends and parents. They love hearing you play and there is nothing to be scared of! I look forward to seeing your name on that list!

The **Choir** will be performing Christmas songs at the Crabtree Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December. There will be song words on the website soon, so that they can be learnt in good time!

## Christmas Tree Donation

Once again Croft Farm have donated our beautiful Christmas tree, which will be arriving at the beginning of December. They will be selling Nordman non drop trees ranging in size from 3ft - 12ft throughout the festive period. As well as Christmas Trees, this year they also have a small flock of Heritage Free Range Turkeys. The birds have been orchard reared, gobbling the windfall apples happily, and will be plump and delicious by Christmas. Just pop along, or phone for more details. Croft Farm, Leasy Bridge Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8HP 01582 832071.

## From the Parents' Association

### Fireworks Thank You!

Bonfire Night was a blazing success! What an amazing night of fun and fireworks with a record amount raised for the school - more than £12,500. This event brings in about 30% of the PA's annual fundraising, which is all invested right back into the school to benefit Crabtree children. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the school, ESPECIALLY all of the parents who volunteered in many roles. Without you the night would not be possible! Also, the PA gives a special shout out to organizer Stuart Robson for his enormous efforts and dedication to this event.

## Countdown to Christmas Fayre, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

"A Merry Crabtree Christmas" Fayre is coming in 3 weeks – and so is **SANTA!** Book your children's visit with Father Christmas in the Crabtree Grotto. Tickets are available online until 15<sup>th</sup> November. Slots are limited! <http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/67679>.

We know this is a busy time of year, so we've put together a Christmas Countdown to print out and keep at home with reminders of what you can help donate and bring in over the next few Fridays. This Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November we're collecting Lucky Dip prizes at the school offices. Thanks in advance! (Christmas Countdown attached)

## Christmas Shopping CHALLENGE!

Who will be Crabtree's top shoppers this Christmas? Do your holiday shopping online using Easy Fundraising and you can win DOUBLE this season - a prize for you from the PA and the gift of free funds for Crabtree from Easy Fundraising. Stay tuned for more details of our competition. In the meantime, get using Easy Fundraising when you shop online. It's easy, just create a free account and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers will be go to Crabtree. No cost to you, just a benefit for the school.

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

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