



Crabtree Junior School

11th December 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.

Year
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Year
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Year
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Year
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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
"Cooperation"**

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 15th Dec

9.10am Year 3
Grandparents tea Party

Wednesday 16th Dec

School Christmas Dinner
Years 5 & 6 Christmas
Party

Thursday 17th Dec

Years 3 & 4 Christmas
Party

Friday 18th Dec

Last Day of Term –
School Closes at 2pm

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Thank you to over 300 of our parents who attended the Christmas concert on Tuesday. Although the school hall was not the intended venue for the celebrations I had many parents say how they very much preferred the 'intimacy' – your comments have been noted!

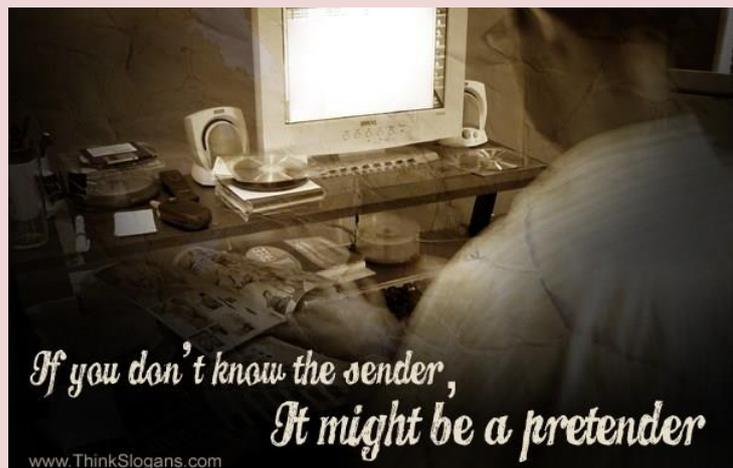
As usual Mr Bishop and his team composed an array of engaging pieces performed eloquently by the orchestra, choir and Year groups alike.

Again, a huge thank you to all of my staff who rehearsed and rehearsed and made the event a memorable experience.

Your generosity this year raised an amazing £444; a very 'neat' £111 for each of our 4 charities!

Mr Pattrick

Headteacher



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Music

Congratulations to all the children for their beautiful singing and playing at both Christmas performances this week.

Thank you to all the parents who help with orchestra on a weekly basis. It is such a help to have you there, with or without your instruments! Your orchestra and choir need you!

New members of the choir (Wednesdays 8.15 - 8.45) and orchestra are welcome to join in the new term in January. If you are a beginner instrumentalist and not sure whether you are ready for the orchestra, then do have a word with me or your instrument teacher. It would be great to have all those established players who have yet to join! - I know there are quite a few of you out there! Clarinettists especially!

Mr. Bishop

PE

Crabtree Inter House Gymnastics Competition

Over the last half term the children have been working within their Houses to practise and perform a group gymnastic sequence. There have been some excellent sequences with the children demonstrating a great understanding of fluency, control, creativity and formation.

Well done to all the children. The results are below.

Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
3	Jupiter/Mars		Saturn/Neptune	
4	Saturn/Mars		Neptune	Jupiter
5	Jupiter	Neptune	Saturn / Mars	
6	Jupiter	Mars	Neptune	Saturn
Overall	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Neptune



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E-Flyers:

Mini Schools Tennis



Inter House Speed Stacking

After our first competition this term and having taught everyone in Year 3 and 4 to Speed stack I thought it would be fun to have our own competition. So on Thursday lunchtime the Year 6 House Captains battled their Year 3 and 4 teams against each other. It was highly exciting with 66 children taking part in a 3:3:3 stacking relay of 4 children. Next time we will do the 3:6:3!

Well done to Mars and Jupiter joint winners overall!

Year 3	Saturn	Mars	Neptune	Jupiter
Girls	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	2nd	3rd	4th	1st
Year 4				
Girls	4th	1st	3rd	2nd
Boys	4th	2nd	3rd	1st



Year 6 Football and Netball at The Grove.

On Friday we took 36 children over to The Grove to play football and netball.

The children were really excited to play their first matches representing Crabtree and everyone was determined to do their best.

The A team netball and football were against some very tough opponents who tested their skill and resilience as teams. The Netball lost 3 – 5 with Gagan being named MVP (Most Valuable player) and the football lost 5 – 0 with Arthur being named MVP.

The B teams played strongly and the netball won 12 – 7 with Lily being named as MVP and the football drew 3 – 3 after some great end to end football. Toby

was named MVP.

Areas to improve for our next game would be to improve our footwork in netball and to increase our number of shots on goal in football.



Well done to: Lily, Gagan, Caitlyn, Lauren, Phoebe, Ella M, Ella P, Sophia, Emily, Charlotte, Meg, Georgia, Ellis, Jasmine & Sophie



Well done to: Greg, Raffa, Logan, Tom, Arthur, Lois, Harry, Xander, Toby, Danny, Sam, Levi, Adam, Eddie, Adam, Daniel, Oscar, Charlie, Freddie, Aryan and Felix.

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From the Parents' Association

Crabtree Disco

The next Crabtree Disco will take place on Friday 29 January 2016. Details of how to order tickets will follow in the new year.

We will be trying out a new online booking system for tickets and we would really appreciate it if you could test it out for us. We are particularly interested in whether it works well enough to be used for next year's Firework event so the more people who test the system the better. But you can always buy tickets via the usual methods if you'd rather!

Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Fayre a huge success on Saturday, to those who volunteered, donated items and to those who came along to spend money!!

We made a staggering £4,700 profit which is great news and up on last year.

A few post Fayre bits and pieces. If you won a raffle prize you will have already been contacted by Sally Styles, or she will contact you this weekend. Prizes will be in the school offices for collection. The silent auction winners have already been contacted, sorry if you missed out.

Cake tins, cake boxes and posters are all in the junior school office awaiting collection. Please do collect ASAP.

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – Celebrating Difference – People who know how to give and receive compliments

Cedar	Olivia E , for always being kind, thoughtful and caring towards other members of the class.
Rowan	José , for being an enthusiastic member of class and being quick to offer a positive opinion.
Ash	Ted , for being a delightful member of Ash.
Birch	Lily , for being kind and considerate towards others, looks for the good and tells people.
Teak	Inaki , looks for opportunities to celebrate the achievements of others.
Redwood	Sarah , for coming into school with a bright and bubbly attitude and recognising other children's achievements.
Elm	Kasia , for thinking of others always and being genuine when giving compliments.
Elder	Daisy , who is always positive towards others.

Sports Champions

Greg C, who always works at a high standard in all P.E lesson, but in the gym lesson made sure all his team members achieved this as well!

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.

