



Crabtree Junior School

12th October 2018

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

Diary Reminders

Monday 15th October

Yr 4 – Swimming

Tuesday 16th October

7pm – 8pm – e-safety presentation to parents

Thursday 18th October

Parent consultations

Friday 19th October

Yr 4 - 9.15am – Ash – Class Assembly

PA – Popcorn & Pyjama Night

School Letters

Governor Nomination Form

PA News

Social Media, use of images – Years 4-6

Book Fair Competition

PA Christmas Poster Competition

Dinner Bills

Dear Parents & Carers

What a wonderful way to end the week – the first class assembly. A huge well done to Elm, who presented to the whole school and their parents this morning. It was wonderful to hear about everything they have been learning and to see them present all their knowledge and skills to us with such confidence. The gymnastics was a surprise – as several girls flipped, bent over backwards and did the splits! All the children in the class were fantastic and it is clear Year 6 are a very talented bunch. I have to give a special mention to Toby, who played the piano while the class sang – fabulous!

This week we have been talking to the children about behaviour and manners. As a school, we are keen to encourage all the children to be polite and well-mannered at all times. We talked about the importance of saying "Please," and "Thank you," as well as saying "Good Morning," or holding the door open for adults and always walking calmly around the school. Year 6 have been reminded of their role at the top of the school and the way in which they can be excellent role models for their younger peers – something I hope they will all aspire to.

It would be great if you could reinforce the importance of good behaviour and manners with your children at home. We will be continuing to talk to the children next week and will be focusing on the learning behaviours (Attitude to Learning – 'Responds appropriately to instructions and does not disrupt lessons') and walking quietly around the school.

We have a busy week coming up, so do please check the calendar. I look forward to seeing you at the E-Safety Presentation (Tuesday 16th), Parent's Consultations (Thursday 18th), the Ash Class Assembly (Friday 19th) or the PA Movie Night (Friday 19th).

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

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Flyers sent home

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

19 Oct
9 Nov
30 Nov
14 Dec

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

Primary School Maths

Thermal Imaging Camera

Wisepay Reminders

Whole School

Trips for the forthcoming year

To be returned to School

Whole School

Photograph Orders – **deadline Monday 15 October**

Eisteddfod performance entries

Years 3 – 5

Nasal Flu Immunisation – **deadline Friday 19 October**

Years 4 - 6

Use of Images – **deadline extended – Monday 15 October**

A snap shot of our week!



Congratulations to our Year 6 Sports / Play Leaders who have

completed their 4 week course!

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for two parent governors on the Junior's local governing body. Governors do not need any formal qualifications or have education expertise – just enthusiasm, a modest amount of time they can commit to the school, and a willingness to ask challenging questions in a supportive way. There is extensive training and support available to help you grow into the role.

If you would like to learn more about being a governor, you can contact our Chair of Governors, Phil Kendall, on pkendall@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk Phil will host a drop in session at the school from 9am – 10am on Friday 19th October to discuss the role.

Please complete the nomination form attached, and available from the school office, and return it to the school office marked for the attention of the Chair of Governors by 3pm on Thursday 25th October.

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents need to make an application on line or on paper by the closing date of **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. It is recommended that parents complete the application process by Friday 26th October, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

Katherine Warrington School - Applications

The application for Katherine Warrington School is separate to the 4 preferences permissible by Herts County Council (HCC). The Katherine Warrington School is an additional choice for parents. Application forms can be completed by visiting www.kwschool.co.uk/admissions and submitted to HCC.

Mobile Phones

Any Year 5 and 6 children that bring mobile phones into school need to switch them off when they reach the school gates. They are not allowed to use their mobile phones anywhere on the school grounds. Miss Simmons has spoken to all the children and they are aware of the importance of this rule and that as soon as they enter the classroom they need to place their phone in the box, which is then kept in the school office. No phones are permitted to be left in school bags during the day. Please reinforce this message with your children.

Sharing Food

Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to bring cakes, chocolate or snacks to school to share with their friends. Although this is a very kind gesture, we have a large number of children with allergies and the risk is too great. If it is a birthday and you would like to provide something, we would suggest that you provide a packaged sweet/cake that can be sent home at the end of the day. Ideally a healthy snack or treat for the children would be best – there will be more information coming shortly with regards to healthy eating, snacks, packed lunches and reinvigorating our drive to be a 'Healthy School'.

E-safety Parents Meeting – Tuesday 16 October

Please remember to sign up for our e-safety presentation on Tuesday – we very much look forward to seeing you.

Year group trips – 2018/19

We still have a number of parents who have not signed up for trips or communicated their plans to us. We are trying to avoid the additional work load of e:mailing parents individually to get a response. Your support in allowing us to finalise our trip admin would be very much appreciated.

Use of images – Years 4-6

Having checked through the use of images forms this week there are a considerable amount of children for whom no form has been returned. This makes is very difficult for teachers when taking photos or filming the children during school activities. Please, if you haven't done so already, return the use of images form attached to school next week.



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



School Uniform Shop

Could we please remind parents that our uniform shop is run by a team of dedicated volunteers. The shop no longer opens every Friday morning because there are not enough people to run it. On the mornings it is open it is incredibly busy and sometimes mistakes will be made, however in those cases the office and the uniform shop work closely to resolve them as quickly as we can. We would ask you to respect that our volunteers are not on 'shop duty' all the time and would prefer not to be approached about uniform queries whilst attending the school for other events or when collecting their children. Thank you.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at Crabtree Juniors on the 7th and 8th of November. In return for hosting the fair, the school receives commission which we use to buy up to date books for the library and the classroom shelves. Our timing is great this year as the new David Walliams, Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries books will have just hit the shelves so you can stock up on Christmas presents. We have 5 x £5 vouchers to spend at the fair to win. One for each year and an overall school winner – see the flyer attached to the newsletter for details. This year's competition is to compose a poem about a favourite character from a book. Entries must be handed in to the school office by Monday 5 November – Good Luck!

“Jump n Juice” Family Boot Camp raising funds for Jossie – Sunday 21 October, High Beeches School Field – 2pm – 3pm

This event is being organised by Katherine Scott in conjunction with Louise Condon and her team from 'Jump n Juice' to raise funds for Jossie in Year 1 who is fighting a rare form of childhood cancer, high risk neuroblastoma and needs to raise funds for treatment overseas that is not funded by the NHS.

Please do come along to support his event which will be suitable for all ages and abilities. We want to raise as much as we can and it will be pay on the door. £10 (adults), £5 (children), £20 (families) with ALL proceeds going to Jossie's Fund. There will be an opportunity to make additional donations if desired as there will be collection boxes and wrist bands that have been provided by 'Solving Kids Cancer'. For further information contact Katherine_scott2004@yahoo.co.uk

Jossie's story can be found by following the link below:

<https://solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/jossie-leavers-journey/>

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Tommy for being such a fantastic role model and giving 100% to all his learning.
Rowan	Freddie for being a great learning partner.
Ash	Maissa for her outstanding hard work and determination in maths this week.
Birch	Liam for demonstrating perseverance and resilience in his learning.
Teak	Ciaran for excellent descriptions in his English Writing
Redwood	Isabella for her enthusiasm and participation in class discussions.
Elm	Amber for being a class role model with her behaviour and trying her best in learning.

Elder

Katie for always working really hard in maths.

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Sports Champion – Lower School

Carys – Elder – for stunning gymnastics and always willing to share her creativity.

Sports Champion – Upper School

Tabitha Rowan – for always being a great PE partner to all in her class.

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.

