



Crabtree Junior School

12th January 2017

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 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

This term's school value is

"Hope"

Diary Reminders

Dear Parents,

EXCITING NEWS.....

After 9 months of research, discussion, planning and decision making the Trust is now in the position to give the go ahead to the field project.

This is fantastic news for the schools as we are now in the position to set our sights on dramatic renovations to both the Junior playground and the Infant and Junior field; renovations that will enhance and enrich your child's experience at Crabtree for many years to come.

Our 'draft' plans present greater playground capacity by extending the width by some 20%, incorporating more seating areas and defining 'extra' play space for both basket-ball and table tennis. The field will have a sophisticated drainage system constructed to promote its use some 85% - 90% of the year.

Obviously, the above comes at a cost but the Trust and the working party are confident that the combination of school funds, Parent Association fund raising and your financial support as parents will guarantee the project's success.

What Next?

We want to share with you all our vision and therefore, we warmly invite you to a series of presentations to hear – and see, our thinking and planning to date. The meetings will provide short presentations followed by an opportunity for us to answer any questions that you may have.

Presentation dates are as follows:

Monday 30th January 7:30 at the Junior school.

Tuesday 31st January 9:00am and 7:30 at the Infant school.

Wednesday 1st February 2:15 at the Junior school.

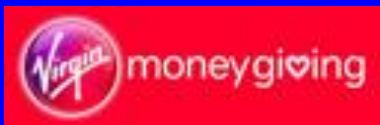
As Headteachers, between us, we have been stewards of the Crabtree schools for more than 16 years now. When we consider all the developments that have taken place over this time there is no doubt

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

School Uniform Order Form

Updated Spring Term Dates 2017



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in our minds that whether you are an Infant or Junior parent it is the right time to go ahead with this fantastic opportunity. Please do come along to one of the presentations listed above; we very much want this to be seen as a project that we all embrace.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Patrick

Headteacher

New School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire schools are implementing a new school closure notification system which we will be using if the school has to close for any unforeseen circumstance such as severe weather. This system will automatically alert the Local Authority, radio stations and the Hertfordshire Transport team. Parents can register for this service to receive automatic texts or emails when the school is closed and when it is re-opening.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of their child's school.

To sign up, parents/guardians will need to go to the following link and follow the instructions below, which should take no longer than five minutes:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

Absence Requests

Can we please draw your attention to the Absence Protocol which can be found on the school website - http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/our_school/absence.html

If parents are requesting a leave of absence for their child they need to write to Mr Patrick at **least one week in advance** (if possible), using the [Notification of Absence Form](#) or sending in a letter explaining the circumstances. We are unable to accept emails. The governors strongly discourage the taking of holidays during term time and unless there are exceptional extenuating reasons, the absence will be marked as unauthorised on the pupil's record.

Warm Outdoor Clothing

There were a few pupils today who did not have a coat to wear during playtimes. As you can imagine they were particular cold and needed to come inside. For health and safety reasons if your child does not have a coat to wear they will be kept inside during play times.

PE

P.E Kit this term

Please can we ensure that children have their P.E kit in school. This half term Year 3 and 6 are doing dance and Indoor Athletics. Year 4 and 5 are doing Hockey and Dance. Year 4 and 5 will need warm P.E kit for Hockey outside.

It is also helpful that the children have trainers in school in case the hall is unavailable and we have to go outside.

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.

Flyers:

E-Flyers:

**Langley Tennis Club Half
Term Camp**

**Roundwood Park Fashion
Show**

Contact us:

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Herts County Junior Basketball Trials take place on :

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February 2017

Venue Herts Sports Village in Hatfield

All the dates and details plus the registration form that need to be completed are attached.

Gym Club 2017 – Years 5 & 6

The date of the evening performance has been changed. This will now take place on **Wednesday 15th March at 6pm.**

The afternoon performance on Thursday 16th March at 1.10pm remains unchanged.

From the Uniform Shop:

Following a price increase from our supplier, the uniform shop have no choice but to slightly raise their prices to you. This is our first price rise in over 10 years and Crabtree still have one of the cheapest school uniforms in the area. This is effective immediately.

We always have a wide range of good quality pre-loved uniform available from 50 pence per item at the shop on a Friday morning.

We are able to sell uniform at such reasonable prices because the shop is run entirely by volunteers, and we'd really welcome some new faces this year - just 20 minutes first thing on Friday after drop off and it doesn't have to be every week. If you are interested, please pop in and speak to us, or catch Chloe Hawkins in the junior playground (outside year 4).

Congratulations.....

To all the pupils taking part in this year's Harpenden Gang Show.

Their hard work and commitment in rehearsals has delivered another fantastic performance. Well Done!

From the Parents' Association

Welcome from New PA Chair, Caroline Elston-Smith



Happy New Year! On behalf of the Parents Association, we hope that you all had a restful holiday and are looking forward to the Spring term. I am really delighted to take on the role of Chair of the Parents Association, although it's not without a little trepidation that I step into the shoes vacated by Imogen who has lead this team so successfully for so many years. Thanks Imogen!

A little about me. I am Mum to Olivia in Year 4 and Tommy in Year 1. We joined Crabtree School in September 2015, and I joined the Parents Association just over a year ago.

We have a really exciting year ahead of us. In addition to our usual variety of events this term - from the kids school disco coming up this month, and the much anticipated quiz night in March, we have a new school wide project that we are looking to support. You will have seen the announcement in the bulletin from the Heads announcing a project which will see the transformation of the playing field and the Junior Playground.

As well as looking for extra help to support the School Field Project in communications, sponsorship and fundraising, we do have some opportunities for people to join the Parents Association either as a committee member or supporting some of our events. Please do email me if you are interested or catch up with me in the playground.

EasyFundraising Christmas Challenge WINNER!

Well done to the Crabtree friends and family who earned the school £254 over the month of December using EasyFundraising! And a big thank you and congratulations to RICHARD B. who was our top supporter for this period and wins our Christmas Shopping Challenge. Please contact caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk so we can deliver your prize! Thank you to all who increased efforts to do your online shopping through EasyFundraising – it really does make a difference. Please make it a New Years Resolution to continue this habit in 2017. Our December total is impressive, but imagine what we can earn this year if we all commit to it! Sign up now: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

Unwanted Gifts? Yes, Please!

If you are having a January clear out after Christmas and have any unwanted or unused gift items, please bring them to the school offices to donate for next year's Christmas Fayre! We'll happily help you out and store them away until we can put them to good use in the tombola and gift room next year! Thanks in advance.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Alex , for her fantastic attitude to independent learning. Well done
Rowan	Otis , for his excellent attitude at the start of term.
Ash	Tom , for consistent effort to <u>all</u> that he does at school.
Birch	Millie , for focused and determined work in Maths.
Teak	Matilda , for great use of metaphors in a poem about the sun.
Redwood	Holly , for creating a wonderful metaphor poem in English.
Elm	Emily , for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Maths.
Elder	Elizabeth , for making such a delicious Parthenon!

Sports Champion

Tom B, for amazing achievements during the indoor athletics lesson.

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.

