



Crabtree Junior School

12th January 2018

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
3**

**Year
4**

**Year
5**

**Year
6**

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:**

"Responsibility"

Diary Reminders

Thurs 18th January

3:15pm – Present Swap
Shop

Fri 19th January

Non-uniform day for the
Alzheimer's society

School Letters

World Book Challenge

Dinner Bills

Flyers sent home

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

19TH January

2nd February

23rd February

9th March

23rd March

Dear Parents,

The children really enjoyed an interactive assembly with the Harpenden Station Manager and two Rail Enforcement Officers on Thursday this week, where they learnt about keeping safe on our railways. They will be bringing home a goodie bag and colouring sheet at the beginning of next week. If they would like to enter the competition to have their picture displayed at the Harpenden station, please could they colour this in and return it to school as soon as possible with their name, year group and school written on the back on the picture. The child of the winning design will receive some prize vouchers.



Thank you to those parents who have sent items in for the 'present swap shop' which will be held next Thursday after school. If you haven't already, please have a good look at home and send something in if at all possible. It would be great to support the girls in their pursuit of raising money for the school field project.

Mrs Tizard, Miss Weaver and Miss Coyne started working with the year 5 and 6 children for their gymnastics display this week during lunch time and after school. Please check the timetable so you know if your child will be staying after school. It is already looking very exciting and I can't wait to see the show.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Kind regards

Leanne Williams

Assistant Headteacher

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

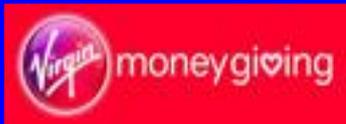
Fab Science

Understanding Eating Disorders

Monkey Music

Name labels

Friends of SJL Comedy Night



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



Wisepay Reminders

Year 5 & 6

Samba Band

Year 5

Young Shakespeare Company

Year 6

Crucial Crew

Parking

Crabtree Academy Trust fully supports a request by neighbours to switch off your car engines when you park adjacent to the school. There has been considerable publicity nationally and locally about the polluting effect of vehicles running whilst stationary. Subsequent pollution is inhaled by our children, staff and residents. This is an important public health issue.

Also, yet another plea to the few of you who are repeat offenders continually (and selfishly) parking on double yellow and/or zig zag lines thus blocking traffic flow and sight lines at junctions. This is a significant impact on the safety of all who travel to school and around the school.

Once again, our thanks to all those of you who are considerate car users.

World Book Day

Which books give you the giggles? Which stories do you want to read together again and again or can't wait to share with your friends? Sharing a story is a magical experience and we're on a mission to find Crabtree's ultimate list. But first we need your help.

We would like you, your parents, grandparents, family friends to vote for your favourite children's book. We will collate the information and compile a top 100 list of Crabtree favourites. The top 10 of the list will then form part of our World Book Day reading challenge.

Please complete the slip below with your favourite book. Each household can vote as many times as they like but only 1 vote per person please. Votes should be returned to Mrs Meredith by 19 January 2018.

We look forward to seeing your suggestions.

Present Swap Shop – Thurs 18th

An entrepreneurial group of young ladies in Year 5 would like to help raise money for the school field project and have come up with the fantastic idea of a 'present swap shop'.

Please donate any unwanted Christmas gifts to the school for the children to then buy at a cost of 50p or £1. These gifts could also be things which you no longer need but are still in good condition and would be valued by someone else, for example books or games.

Please donate items from next Monday to the class teacher. We will hold the swap shop straight after school on Thursday 18th January, so send children in with some money to buy. Thank you very much for supporting the girls in this.

Water Bottles

Although it is cold outside it is still important that the children are drinking water during the day. Please ensure your child brings a filled "named" water bottle each day. Thank you.

PE

Year 6 Netball

On Wednesday Crabtree went to Abbots Hill Girls School with 18 excitable girls. It was a fabulous first match. The girls played brilliantly, the team work was a delight to see and there were great, accurate passes.

I was thrilled how everyone rose to the occasion for their first match and represented our school with great manners, good sportsmanship and some thoughtful netball. The final score for the A team was 4-3 to Crabtree and the B team's score was 4-4.

Thank you to all the parents that supported us with transporting the children to the venue and with encouraging words on the day.

A huge well done to all the Year 6 netball girls, a wonderful start to the New Year, roll on the next match!



Music

Orchestra will be starting on Monday 15th January. There will be no orchestra on 22nd January but it will continue every Monday thereafter.

Samba Band – Year 5 & 6

Reminder for anyone who would still like to sign up for the Samba Band, this is still available on wisePAY under Ticket Payments. The club will take place during lunch times, dates to be confirmed; however they will not clash with the gym rehearsals.

The cost will be £25 per child and will include 7 lessons plus a performance to parents.

Chess Club

Chess Club has now started again on Friday mornings, 8.10am in Teak. Members will only be sent a message if the session has to be cancelled for any reason. Thank you.

Harpenden Gang Show



Congratulations to our pupils from Years 5 & 6 who have been performing in the Harpenden Gang Show this week. We are very proud of the commitment you have all shown and we have heard such positive feedback about how brilliant the show is. Good Luck for your final performances this weekend!

PA Uniform Shop

As you may know this is run by parent volunteers. All uniform orders must come through the school offices and will need to be paid by cheque only (no cash).

From the Parents' Association

DIARY DATES – Mark your calendars!

Friday 26 January – School Disco

Saturday 10 March – PA Quiz Night

Friday 15 June – Summer Ball

UPCOMING UNIFORM SHOP DATES (Open Fridays 8.50am – 9.30am)

January 19th, February 2nd & 23rd, March 9th & 23rd

DISCO TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Don't forget to buy your children tickets for Crabtree's Disco coming up on Friday 26th January. Tickets are £3.50 and must be bought online in advance. The disco runs from 5-6pm for Infants and 6:30-7:30pm for Juniors. Come in a crazy hairstyle and you could win a prize. Parents are welcome to stay and help on the evening, please sign up when purchasing your tickets here: <http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/133642>

QUIZ NIGHT & SUMMER BALL We're looking forward to two top nights on our Crabtree social calendar coming up – the Parents Quiz and Summer Ball. Please mark both dates on your calendars (see above) and start getting a group of friends together to come along. Watch this newsletter and our Facebook page for tickets on sale soon.

EASYFUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS WINNER! Thank you to all who made the extra effort to use EasyFundraising for your online purchases this Christmas. Our top earner and winner of our Christmas Challenge is Phil K. Phil, please pick up your prize from the Junior School Office. Thanks also to our runners up: Jane S, Isabelle D, Katherine H and Kelly E. You are all stars! Please remember to use EasyFundraising, it's easy and free and really does add up. Just register at the website below and click through to do your shopping!
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

****FOLLOW THE PA ON FACEBOOK****
www.facebook.com/CrabtreeSchoolsPA/

Contact us:

Crabtree Junior School
Crabtree Lane
Harpenden
AL5 5PU

www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

Telephone: 01582 623501

admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Sophie S for always trying her hardest and being a superstar!
Rowan	Annabel , for giving her best all the time and being so enthusiastic.
Ash	Ben , for being a super role model in class.
Birch	Zach , fantastic effort and determination with his handwriting. Great improvement.
Teak	Amber , for always showing a fantastic attitude to learning and being a class role model.
Redwood	Jemima , for her determination and grit persevering with fractions this week. Well done!
Elm	George , for working so hard and coming back in 2018 more mature and ready to learn and being a class role model every day.
Elder	Oliver SB , for excellent behaviour and working hard in English.

Sports Champion

The Year 6 Netball Team for a fantastic start to the season, winning their first match against Abbots Hill.

Challenge Champion

Our members of the Harpenden Gang Show for their commitment and dedication. Well Done to you all!

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.

