



Crabtree Junior School

12th February 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.

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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 "Caring"

Diary Reminders

Next week is Half Term

Mon 22nd February

Yr6 Netball – Away

Weds 24th February

Spring Festival Rehearsal

Yr6 Football – Away

Fri 26th February

9.10am Yr 4 Assembly

Dear Parents,

I need to inform you about a clash of holiday dates during the Easter period, academic year 2016/17. The school follows Hertfordshire County Council academic dates similar to the vast majority of primary providers in Hertfordshire. However, Sir John Lawes and Roundwood Park have published dates that differ from ours.

Crabtree Infants' and Junior School

Last day of term Friday 31/3/17; Summer term Tuesday 18/4/17

Sir John Lawes and Roundwood Park

Last day of term Friday 7/4/17; Summer term Monday 24/4/17

If you have any concerns regarding the above can you please contact the appropriate secondary school.

As it is half term next week may I wish you a relaxed and rewarding break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 22nd February.

Ian Pattrick Headteacher

E-Safety - On line Games

All the children know that they should only play games with friends and people that they have met, but we need to ensure we are able to monitor this (please refer to last week's newsletter link from CEOP).

It would also be beneficial for us, as parents to have an insight into what these games entail. Please take time to open and read the attached link entitled **Netaware**. Where possible please talk at home about what your child is doing whilst playing online with friends.

An E Safety speaker that recently visited our school reminded us as teachers, parents and carers that **it is not about removing 'gadgets**

and technology' from the children if they do something wrong, it is about educating them 'how to be safe'. If a child has done something wrong, it is highly likely to be unintentional and much better for us to be open, discuss, review and then continue to enjoy the wonderful world of technology, **in safety**.

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Crabtree Quiz Night Booking Form

Flyers

P.E

Hertfordshire County Cross Country Competition

On Saturday we competed in the annual County Cross Country at Verulamium Park St Albans. We were competing against some excellent runners and there were a lot of nerves!



Well done to all our runners who competed against huge numbers of Primary children.

The boys did fantastically well with Adam G winning the race out of 190 boys! He will be representing Hertfordshire at the Nationals in March with Logan and Greg as reserves. The boys worked hard as a team and came 2nd overall which is an amazing achievement. There were 178 in the girls' race and our girls ran hard and with great determination. Well done to all our runners and we look forward to the National Final on Saturday March 19th.



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.

District Tag Rugby Champions - Again!!!!



CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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E-Flyers:

Save Butterfly World

New Secondary Free School

Extremely well done to our Year 6 Tag rugby team who were crowned District Champions yesterday!

There was great team play from the whole team and their skill, determination and sportsmanship was brilliant to see.

The team played 6 matches in their pool games winning them all and then we were drawn against The Lea in a very exciting final. We were 3 – 2 up at half time and the nervous energy was high! Then with a surge of determination and great skill we scored 3 quick tries. The Lea was not going to give up easily and came back at us with 2 breakaway tries. At last the whistle went and we won 7 – 5! A fabulous afternoon of rugby and our children were a great credit to the school. Also a massive thank you and well done to Simon Andrews who coached the team to victory.

Crabtree 10	St Helens 3
Crabtree 9	Manland 4
Crabtree 9	St Nicholas 2
Crabtree 8	High Beeches 5
Crabtree 9	St Dominics 6
Crabtree 8	The Grove 5
Crabtree 7	The Lea 5

Music

Performance Platforms

The next platform will be on Monday March 7. It will start at 12.30 and finish by 1.00. Please sign up on the notice board. It would be lovely to see some new faces performing next time! Please let me have any piano accompaniments as soon as possible.

Orchestra

I have been impressed by the way many of the orchestra have been working at their parts in between rehearsals. This is excellent - please keep it up! There will be another new piece to tackle after half term.

Eisteddfod

Don't forget to have a chat with your child about Eisteddfod and encourage them to enter into one of the performance categories. The deadline for entries is Friday 18th March but do send forms in as soon as they are completed.

All the information is in the letter sent out on 2nd February. You can read the letter at

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html or request a copy from the School Office.

School Dinner Bills

School Dinner Bill reminder – Please ensure that these are paid urgently. Thank you.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March and to celebrate we will be asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

Mrs Duncan & Mrs Goody will also be running a few sessions in the library where the children can make their own bookmark. These sessions will be at lunchtime on Thursday 25th February, Monday 29th February and Thursday 3rd March between 12pm and 1pm.

Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to attend. Come and join in the fun and help to celebrate our love of books and reading.

Chess Club

We are hoping to start running the Chess Club again this term for children in years 5 & 6, this would run on a Friday morning from 8.10am – 8.50am. We have one parent willing to run the club every other week. Are there any other parents that would be prepared to help on a fortnightly basis so we could run the club each week? Please let the office know if you can help.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for exciting new sports equipment. This year, whenever you shop in a Sainsbury's Supermarket, you will receive one voucher for every £10 you spend. All vouchers earned in a transaction will be issued on a single piece of paper. In Local stores, you will still get a 1 voucher for every £5 spent. Please send your vouchers into the office via the register or pop them in the collection box in reception.

Easter Holiday Club at Crabtree Infants' - 'School's Out'

Crabtree Infants' will be running a new holiday club starting during the Easter break called 'School's Out'. This is being run by members of the Infant school staff and is open to children aged 4 – 11. The club will run from 8am - 6pm every day during the Easter holiday with an option of a shorter 9am - 3pm time slot. A booking form is attached; please return this to the Infant school office.

If you wish to book at this stage and make the payment nearer the time, please do so, this will allow the club staff to plan their staff ratios in good time. Have a look at their website <http://schoolisoutclub.weebly.com/> and like them on Facebook 'School's out holiday club'.

New Secondary Free School

A public meeting has been arranged for the new secondary free school on Monday 22nd February – please see attached flyer for more information.

Fine Art4Kids – Spring Art Course

Booking is now open for the next half term Spring art course.

Details are below and bookings can be made on their website:

February – March – Full details on website booking:

<http://www.fineart4kids.com/online-booking/in-your-school/>

Content: Direct copies of Van Gogh's masterpieces; Starry Night, Van Gogh self-portrait, Wheatfield with Crows, The yellow house,

Sunflowers

Medium: Thick paper using acrylic paint

Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

We also are running holiday workshops in February half term if you would like to attend: <http://www.fineart4kids.com/online-booking/holiday-workshops/>

If you need any more information, please contact emmylou@fineart4kids.com

From the Parents' Association

Book a Table for the Crabtree Quiz

Reservations are now open for the annual Crabtree Quiz on Saturday 12 March. Each team should have 8-10 people. The cost is £12.50 per person and includes the quiz, a meal and voluntary £5 donation. There is also a cash bar on the night. Once you have assembled a team, please email jane.sims2@googlemail.com to coordinate payment and confirm your table with a quiz booking form. If you need help filling a table let us know and we'll try to put you in touch with others looking for a team. Good luck quizzers!

Easy Fundraising

Are you using Easy Fundraising yet? Why not?! We're on a mission to get more Crabtree families signed up with this program which earns FREE MONEY for the school. Just create an account and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers will go to the Crabtree Schools' Parents' Association – and straight to use for your children! So next time you shop online from Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and more, don't forget to buy through EasyFundraising.org.uk.

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – People who choose to follow the class charter.

Cedar	Charlotte , for always remembering to follow class rules.
Rowan	Gus , for always trying his best to follow the class rules.
Ash	Ollie , for always following the classroom charter. An excellent role model.
Birch	Katharine , for always being focused and a great example to others in the class.
Teak	Maddie , for always making the right choices by following the class rules and Crabtree code.
Redwood	Gabriella , for understanding and taking her responsibilities in class and on the playground seriously. She is always looking out for others and is a fantastic team player.
Elm	Sam , for making an excellent effort in every lesson no

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matter what the activity.

Elder

Jasmin, for being very committed to the class charter, every day and every lesson.

Sports Champions

Eddie W, a great role model in all PE lessons of how to achieve your best whilst including others..

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.

