



# Crabtree Junior School

13<sup>th</sup> March 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  
3**

**Year  
4**

**Year  
5**

**Year  
6**

## 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is "Hope".**

## Diary Reminders

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Spring Festival (Mrs Doran's choir): rehearsal am, evening performance

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

County Finals Day – indoor athletics

Book Fair in the hall 3.15pm

Parent consultations

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Parent consultations (Years 3, 4 and 5)

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

District netball rally

Parent consultations (Years 3 and 6)

Book Fair in the hall 3.15pm

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 Assembly, 9am

World Book Day celebration:

*Dress as your favourite superhero*

## From the Headteacher

*Once again, Eisteddfod has shown – if proof were needed – what talented and confident children we have at Crabtree Junior School. Staff started the week on a 'sugar high' after nobly (!) tasting all the cakes entered in the cake baking category, and all the classes enjoyed reviewing the art and craft exhibits – there is certainly creative talent aplenty. Then, on successive afternoons in the latter part of the week, school and proud parents have appreciated the musical, dance and 'miscellaneous' performances of pupils. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Eisteddfod in any way and thank you especially to Mrs Gaines, who organised the entire event.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parent Consultation meetings next week. Please see below for the arrangements for the consultation evenings. A reminder too about the recommended reading prior to your meeting re. the new attainment and progress measures for Years 5 – 6 and objectives for Reading, Writing and Maths – see the links under the 'Recently Added' heading on the home page of the school website: [www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)*

*Ian Patrick,  
Headteacher*

## Comic relief

What a lot of 'funny faces' in school today! Thank you for your donations: we already have £257.97 to send to Comic Relief and this will be supplemented by the proceeds from Year 5's cake sale this evening. This is in addition to the money sent via Sainsbury's after we sold out of red noses yesterday.

## Voluntary Contributions Scheme

The Voluntary Contributions Scheme is now live. A link to the Virgin Giving page is given in the left hand column of this newsletter. Copies of the letters that were sent out to introduce the scheme to parents can be found on the website at: [http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/letters\\_notices.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

Any questions about the scheme should be addressed to our business manager, Mrs Dani Taylor at [sbm@crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk)

**School letters (email)**  
*Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy*

School dinner bill reminders

Fine Art for Kids

Mini tennis



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.



## Parent consultations

Appointment slips were sent home on Wednesday. If you have any queries about appointment times, please contact the school office rather than the teachers.

In order to give 6-min rather than 5-min slots, the timetabling of the parent consultation evenings is very 'tight' and on some evenings the teachers have only one very short break the entire evening. It is important that everyone sticks rigorously to the times given; if parents are late, unfortunately it is unlikely that the teachers will be able to fit them in later in the evening. There is no slack in the scheduling to allow meetings to overrun, so if you find there are matters that need extra time for discussion, please schedule in a further appointment with the class teacher during the usual 'open door' slots between 3.15 and 3.30pm. Equally – especially during 'double' appointments – if you find you do not need the time allotted, please do not feel you have to stretch the appointment to 12 mins. The teachers will be very grateful for a short 'breathing space' between parents!

A bell will sound every six minutes and parents should move into the consultations room as soon as their appointment time is announced by the bell. Consultations will take place as follows:

### Tuesday

- Years 3 and 4: Work trays in Birch; Consultations in Ash
- Year 5: Work trays in the hall; Consultations in Teak
- Year 6: Work trays in Elder; Consultations in Elm

**Mad Science club** will take place in Redwood.

### Wednesday

- Years 3 and 4: Work trays in Birch; Consultations in Ash
- Year 5: Work trays in the hall; Consultations in Teak

**Fine Art 4 Kids club** will be relocated to Rowan class. Please collect children via the external classroom door, as there will be no thoroughfare through the dining hall or through Year 4.

### Thursday

- Year 3 Work trays in Cedar, Consultations in Rowan – **please enter and leave via the external classroom doors.**
- Year 6: Work trays in Elder; Consultations in Elm

Mrs Baillie-Lane's appointments on Monday and Thursday afternoon will take place in her office on the rear corridor.

## Car parking

We are disappointed to have received a complaint from a neighbour of the school about poor parking. The main offender is consistently parking such that their vehicle obstructs the footpath making it impossible for parents with buggies to go past. We ask all parents to park with care and consideration for pedestrians and other road users and within the law. We should also point out that we encourage residents to report to the police the registration numbers of cars that infringe parking laws.

Don't let other people's poor parking be an excuse for you to do the same!

## Stomach bug

Please be aware that a nasty stomach bug has affected a number of pupils this week. If children are affected by diarrhoea or vomiting, please keep them at home until 48 hours has elapsed from the last bout.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school and open for viewing by pupils on Monday and for purchase of books on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3.15 – 4pm. Please come and support the fair and help us to replenish our library stock with the books we receive as commission.

We are looking for some parent helpers to help at the Book Fair, please advise the office if you are available to help on either Tuesday or Thursday.

# 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:

Harpenden Light Operatic Society: "Annie", 23-28 March

## Sports notices

### Netball, from Mrs Mercer

Crabtree girls played another fantastic game yesterday against Wood End. The girls displayed great netball skills- concise footwork, accurate passing, strategic dodging and excellent attitude. They are all rising to all challenges they face in the game and making me very proud. The A team won 16-4 to Wood End and the B team were equally successful with a 5-1 win. Brilliant, you make the game a pleasure to watch and umpire, thank you.

### Gym Display

For parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in the gym display at the end of term, please return your ticket request slips on Monday next week. A copy of the letter is available at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/letters\\_notices.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

### Sports practices

For timings of sports practices please consult the schedule published on the school website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/clubs.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html)

### Football report, from Bobbie and Ben

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March Crabtree Junior School's Football A Team played Roundwood Primary School. Crabtree went into the match feeling pretty confident. After some great passing and tackling by both teams it seemed like a close game. At half time the score was 0-0. Crabtree upped their game in the second half and won a corner. After a brilliant second half performance the final score was 2-0 to Crabtree.

The B Team also played Roundwood' B team. It was a very good match and the team played well winning 3-0.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Crabtree A Team went to Wood End school for a football tournament. We knew that there were 14 teams taking part in the tournament and that the competition could be quite hard. Our first match was against Manland Primary and although both teams played very well the final score was 1-0 to Manland. Our second match was against St Dominic RC Primary, Crabtree played very well and created lots of chances but unfortunately we lost this match 1-0. In the match against The Lea Primary, Crabtree played brilliantly and so after the full 10 minutes we won 3-0. This boosted our confidence. Our next match was against The Grove and again both teams played fantastically but no goals were scored. Wood End Primary were our next match and we knew this would be the toughest. Both teams played very well but due to both teams having amazing goal keepers the final score was 0-0. Our final match was against St Nicholas, the game started well and we were very determined. In the end we were very unlucky and the match ended in a goalless draw.

## From the Parents' Association

### Could you be our next Treasurer?

At the end of this school year the PA's current Treasurer will be stepping down, after several years of doing a fantastic job. As you can imagine will all the huge effort and hard-earned cash and pocket money that are lavished on the PA fund-raising events it is really important that we make sure every penny is properly accounted for. The Treasurer is instrumental in making sure that all the books balance and that all your money is spent to benefit the children of both schools.

So, we are looking for someone with a financial background who would be willing to take on the Treasurer role – could this be you?

As the Treasurer you would need to be available to attend the main fund-raising events, particularly the Christmas, Summer Fairs and the Fireworks display. You would also need to attend the PA Committee meetings, which take place around 9 times per year (in the evenings), and the Finance Committee meeting, which takes place 3 times per year.

If you think you would be interested in becoming Treasurer then please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk). If you would like to have a chat with Rachael about the details of what the role involves then we would be happy to arrange this.

### Summer Fayre Help

We are looking for helpers to coordinate raffle prizes, create a playlist of music and desktop publish a Fayre booklet. If you think you have the skills and time to do any of these jobs please contact [heather\\_wilton@hotmail.com](mailto:heather_wilton@hotmail.com)

### PA Quiz - Best Bid for Manure and Woodchip

At the PA Quiz Night on Saturday 28 March we are delighted to offer hippo bags (dimensions 1m x 1m x 1m) of manure and wood chip for a 'Best Offer Wins' Auction. If you aren't attending the quiz but would like to make an offer on either the bag of manure or the bag of wood chip please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk). Many thanks to Jon and Zoe Franks of Franks Forestry for the donation.



### Stars of the Week

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Owen</b> , for being an inspiring leader in PE.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Ted</b> , for trying his best with everything.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Henry S</b> , for contributing in class beautifully this term.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Anoushka</b> , for consistently hard work in English.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Lilly</b> , for fantastic contribution in Literacy this week.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Ollie</b> , for boundless enthusiasm in all subjects.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Harry</b> , for excellent effort in English.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Jack</b> , for working really hard to re-draft his writing this week.

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If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

