



# Crabtree Junior School

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Please follow us on twitter @Crabtreejnr



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

## Toilet Countdown!

£22,100

### Tuesday 17 March

Year 6 Netball

### Friday 20 March

Downs Syndrome  
Awareness Day – wear odd  
socks

### Monday 23 March

Year 3 Egyptian Day

### Tuesday 24 March

Quick Sticks Hockey

### Thursday 26 March

Parent Tour

Year 6 Netball Rally

### Friday 3 April

2pm School Closes for  
Easter

## School Letters

PA News

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an interesting, if not slightly surreal, week. I think the whole country is now slightly confused by the information that we are constantly being fed about the Coronavirus and how we should be adapting our lives to ensure it has the least impact on us all. However, despite the confusion, as a school, we will continue to follow all advice and make reasonable adjustments which we feel necessary to protect, not only the children (who appear to be the least affected by the virus) but also the wider school community.

As such, we have made some changes today:

- We will no longer have whole school assemblies in the hall. Children will have class assemblies each day.
- We have moved the school gymnastics display to the summer term.
- The PTA film night has been cancelled.
- The Spring Festival at Harpenden Halls will not be going ahead.
- County Athletics Finals next Tuesday have been postponed.
- We have contacted all companies who use our school to ensure that they respect our strict hand washing/ sanitising policy and wipe down all surfaces that they use.
- Breakfast and After School Club will be meeting parents at the door.

If we receive any more advice or information, we will keep you posted.

The week got off to a lovely start with our musicians showcasing their talents to the school and then their parents in our spring concert. It was wonderful to see such a variety of musical talent and I was extremely proud of all the children, especially those for whom it was their first ever performance in front of an audience. A huge thank you to Mrs White for helping us to grow the music offer at Crabtree. We are already looking forward to the next concert in the summer!

I spent yesterday afternoon in the freezing wind at Wood End School, supporting our District Football team. Despite the challenging weather, the boys played brilliantly and were undefeated in their group. They played some excellent football as a team, showing great sportsmanship, but unfortunately just missed out on going through on goal difference.

Today the school is filled with children in sports kit. Every class has run the mile and I can hear the music booming from the classrooms as they do their Super Movers session. I am looking forward to seeing the Loco Dace flash mob at lunch time – I might even be tempted to join in!

Thank you very much to those that have made a contribution to virgin money giving. Our budget is very tight and being able to provide the excellent school sport, music and extra-curricular activities is what makes us an excellent school. Those that have signed up – thank you, your regular contribution will

## Flyers sent home

### PA Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Times

27<sup>th</sup> March

### Stationery Shop Opening 3:15pm in the library

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## 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

Nessie Parents Forum



really make a difference to our children. For those of you that haven't yet had the chance yet to sign up, please find the link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1009753>

Have a lovely weekend and keep washing (and moisturising) your hands!

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

## **Sport Relief**

It was great to see all the children dressed in their Sporty clothes today. We raised £254.15 for Sport Relief. Your support is much appreciated.

## **Year 6 - Elder's charity event**

A huge thank you to everyone that donated or came to visit Elder's clothes and book swap shop. Elder worked incredibly hard to organise and fund-raise for this event and their efforts paid off. We raised a huge £1577.60!

It really was a great success. They should be very proud of themselves- I know I am!

Thank you again for your support.  
Miss Coyne

## **House Competition**

The children were set another house challenge last week. They have been asked to decorate a wooden spoon and were given lots of ideas through pictures and discussions within their houses. There is no set theme; they have just been encouraged to be as creative as possible.

### **The rules**

There will be 5 points for each participant, no joint entries.

There will be 2 winners chosen per class and they will be awarded 20 points.

All entries will be displayed in pots in the front garden.

Please mark the back of the spoon with their first name only (no surnames), the date and house name please.

Entries need to be in by Tuesday 17th March.

Please use normal size wooden spoons that you would use for baking.

You can use paint, varnish, spray and attach things but please remember they will be going on display in the garden so will need to be as weatherproof as possible.

Happy creating!  
Mrs Mercer



## **Music Lessons**

There are currently vacancies for piano lessons this half term with Mr De Paula. The children heard him play in assembly last week. Mr De Paula is a professional musician and very accomplished in pop, rock and jazz, as well as playing classical piano. The cost of 5 lessons will be £80. Please e:mail Elizabeth Low if you are interested in taking one of the places. (lizlow@hotmail.co.uk)



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



## Cello Assembly

Thank you to Sophie and Emily who entertained us with their wonderful cello playing during assembly this week.



## Sport

Yesterday the Year 6 Boys Football team went to Wood End to play in the District Football Tournament.

They played four group games, winning two and drawing 2. They just missed out on getting through to the semi-finals by one goal!

The boys displayed some great moments of football and scored some good goals, putting in practice all they have been learning at training.

Thank you to Mr Light for giving his time to coach the team and referee some games.



## Netball

Crabtree A team played High Beeches on Monday. The girls got into their flow very quickly and made some excellent shots on goal, getting an early lead. Their passing was considered and it was great to see some across court play. The final result was 10-4 to Crabtree and the MVP, chosen by the opposition, was Yasmin Murphy. Well done girls another good win!

Mrs Mercer



## Earring Tape

If your child has pierced ears that need to be covered for PE lessons could you please send them in with their own roll of tape. Thank you.

## Nessie Parents Forum (see attachment)

Nessie is a locally funded support network for children. They work on developing children's mental health and emotional resilience. There will be a parents forum on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fleetville School in St Albans, that parents are invited to attend.

## The Week Ahead

Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Tuesday - Netball
Whole School	
Ongoing Reminders	
Whole School	
Sport	
Music	

### Contact us:

Crabtree Junior School  
Crabtree Lane  
Harpenden  
AL5 5PU

[www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01582 623501

[admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

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

