



# Crabtree Junior School

13th October 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.

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

**This term's school value is "Responsibility"**

## Diary Reminders

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Performance Platform

Mini Basketball Competition

**Tues 18th October**

Yr 5 Monastery Visit

Yrs 4 & 5 Consultations

**Wed 19th October**

Yr 5 Chocolate Workshop

Yrs 4 & 5 Consultations

**Thurs 20th October**

Harvest festival

**Frid 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Yr 6 Assembly to parents

*Dear Parents,*

### Balanceability Training

*Every summer the school offers cycling proficiency training for its Year 6 pupils. Unfortunately, this did not happen in July as the agencies we use to facilitate the training had reduced capacity and could not deliver the training; the same situation will apply next summer.*

*So.... we were wondering if 3/4 parents would be interested to attend a 'Learn to Cycle Accredited Training Day' in Barnet on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and then you could support us in delivering the training to pupils next year?*

*The course combines theory and practical elements to ensure that you would have the confidence and skills required to deliver the programme. The school would be more than willing to fund the day's training.*

*If you would like to find out more please visit the following website:*

<http://www.balanceability.com>

*Please contact the office if you would like to support the school in this way.*

### Curriculum evening

*Just a reminder that the Curriculum evening to parents is next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30.*

*We will be presenting assessment within the school, how we 'track' children's progress and how we use Bloom's Taxonomy to deliver the curriculum.*

*So far only a few parents have indicated to the office that they will attend. If the number is less than 20, unfortunately, the evening will not take place.*

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Dinner Bills

School Photographs

## E-Safety quote for the week



*Ian Pattrick*

*Headteacher*

## Harvest Festival

Next Thursday, 20th October, we will be celebrating Harvest in school. As in previous years we are asking the children to bring in a contribution of food on this day which will be passed on to one of our local food banks through SHARE, a scheme run by High Street Methodist Church. Please find below a list of desirable items:

- Dried pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat and tuna
- Cereals
- Biscuits

As SHARE's storage is limited it is suggested that each child bring in just **one** item from the list- please ensure that all contributions are well within their 'use by' date.

Thank you

## School Uniform

Can we please remind you that all children must wear the school uniform as set out below:

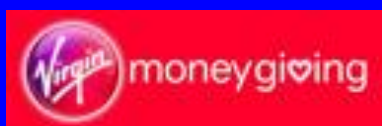
- Light blue polo shirt
- Navy-blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- Grey trousers (short or long)/skirt
- Socks (plain white or dark)
- Black shoes (closed toe)

Polo shirts, sweatshirts and PE shirts embroidered with the Crabtree logo are on sale from the Parents' Association. Order forms are available from the School Office or on the school website. The School Uniform Shop opens each Friday morning.

A number of children are coming into school wearing base layers underneath their polo shirts, trainers and bright coloured socks which is not acceptable.

## Lost Property

There are a number of unnamed items in lost property, please come in and have a look through before the items are donated to the uniform shop next Friday.



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.



# CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## Flyers:

Leighton Buzzard Railway

## E-Flyers:

Frozen sing-along matinee

Please can we remind everyone to label all the children's property so we can return any lost items.

## P.E.

### Year 5 and 6 Netball v Abbots Hill



On Wednesday we took 2 teams of girls from both Year 5 and 6 to play friendly netball games against Abbots Hill. It was our first games and everyone was very excited. All 4 teams played extremely well giving us lots of positive ideas for how to improve our netball skills. Well done to all the girls. It was a really useful start to our netball season.

### Year 5 and 6 Girls Football District Tournament

On Tuesday we attended the District Tournament at The Grove School. It was the girls' first games together and we saw great improvements throughout each game.

- v St Dominics lost 1 - 0
- v The Grove drew 0 - 0
- v St Helens drew 0 - 0
- v Kimpton won 1 - 0

Well done to all the girls for excellent determination and to Alex P who was nominated Crabtree's Player of the Tournament.



## Music

**Reminder: Performance platform** next Monday 17 October 12.30 in the hall. Parents welcome. Those taking part please ensure you are prepared properly.

**Orchestra:** Please note there will be no orchestra practice on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

From the Parents' Association

## Get Ready for Firework Night

Tickets are now available for Crabtree's Annual Firework Spectacular – and this year you can buy them ONLINE! The fireworks and bonfire are on Guy Fawkes night itself, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. What better way to celebrate!

Please buy your tickets early via the school's website: [www.crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk](http://www.crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk).

This is the PA's biggest fundraising event of the year, don't miss it! We rely on many parents and volunteers in a number of roles. Helping out doesn't mean you won't be able to join your family for the fireworks. Please consider joining the team. Contact Stuart Robson [srobson@informatica.com](mailto:srobson@informatica.com) or 07818043773.

## Fabulous Raffle Prizes!

We are looking for fun, fabulous raffle prizes for "A Merry Crabtree Christmas" Fair on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Raffle is always a popular part of the Fair so we are counting on your generosity. Do you own or work for a business that would be interested in donating a prize for kids, parents or even grandparents? It's a great opportunity to get your business' name in front of hundreds of parents. Alternatively, you could sponsor a room or activity or get your business name in our Christmas Fair brochure. Please get in touch with [caroline\\_a\\_smith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you for supporting our Crabtree Community.

## Christmas Shop with Easy Fundraising

Let's make sure Crabtree families take advantage of earning FREE funding for the school this holiday season – by using Easy Fundraising when you do Christmas shopping online. All you need to do is create a free account and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers will be paid back to the Parents' Association to invest in the school. Sign up now [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta)

## Follow Us on Facebook at "Crabtree Schools' Parents' Association"

### Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Isla</b> , for excellent attitude to learning. Trying her best all the time especially with her spellings this week.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Louise</b> , for continual effort in handwriting and in all lessons in general.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Ivo</b> , for embracing every French lesson with great enthusiasm and being so accurate. Très bien!
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Sofia</b> , for being a role model in all lessons.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Ben</b> , for enthusiasm and determination during a maths investigation.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Alastair</b> , for applying all the skills we have been learning in English in his writing.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Izzy</b> , for some stunning evocative imagery within a piece of narrative writing.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Sophia</b> , for being a determined mathematician.

## Sports Champion

**Alex P** for great determination in both the football and netball games week.

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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.

