



# Crabtree Junior School

13<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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## 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  
"Cooperation"**

## Diary Reminders

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Cross Country  
Championships**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**9am Year 5 Assembly**

## From the Headteacher

### Year 4 Assembly

Well done to Year 4 for a fantastic assembly this morning. As one of the children said, 'I can't believe how much work we have got through in only half a term!'

### Children in Need

Thank you for all your support today; it is always very much appreciated. Your generosity has taken our collection to £329.16.

Also, I would like to say how proud I am of the group of pupils who went 'over and above' to raise additional monies for our charity by making Pudsey and Blush badges to sell – Annie, Lucy, Ella, Kasia, Ellis K, Abby, Max and Ellis M. Oh, and a big, big thank you to Mr O'Sullivan for 'ironing' the badges'... such a 'modern man'!

**The playing field.....** as you will have noticed, the school playing field is looking quite sad at the moment. I haven't seen it as bad as this for 10 years or more. As a school we have, on many occasions, considered an overhaul of the whole area: drainage, part astro turf, running track, changing facilities etc.

I do believe that now is the right time to explore both design and costs for such a project; a project that may well be in the region of £200k to complete - yes, we could 'phase' the work, but let's be aspirational from the outset!

What needs to be presented first is a draft plan identifying all the potential changes; from the plan we need costs; from the costs we need someone to explore funding streams - I have a contact for funding streams already, but any other help in this area would be more than welcome.

To consider all the implications of such a project I do need support from those parents that have a skill set related to design and/or costings. So, if you have such a skill set and would be interested in an initial discussion, please contact the office and let's talk! If there is a 'drive' to take this forward the school will form a working party of interested parties (including children), to support the process.

*Mr Patrick*

*Headteacher*

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Crabtree Junior School Art Project

Father Christmas ticket request Forms

## Flyers

E-Safety thought of the Week:



## P.E

Please can you check your child's P.E bag to ensure they have a warm outer layer as we will be outside for P.E and they will require socks, joggers and a jumper. As the field is out of action we will be on the playground and so the children will need trainers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Crabtree Junior School Art Project 2015/16

This week has seen the start of the Crabtree Junior School Art Project and we are delighted with the beautiful pictures that are being created.

Every child in the school will be taking part in this project with local professional artist, Liz Sergeant. If you haven't yet sent back your permission form, attached, could you please return this to the school office by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## Stationery

Please can you ensure that the children have their stationery equipment in school with them at all times. Your child's pencil case should contain, writing pencils, a rubber, ruler, colouring pencils, a handwriting pen (if applicable) and a glue stick.

## Please Start Collecting for Eco Day

Eco Day takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and we would like everyone to start collecting items that would normally be recycled, for example: plastic bottles, cardboard tubes, clothes, newspapers, glossy magazines – **no glass please.**

These items will be used for a variety of activities. Please hand your contributions to your class teacher - week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (**no earlier please**).

## Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for your generosity today donating to Children In Need. The children and staff looked fantastic in their non-uniform/PJs and Pudsey ears. In total we have raised £329.16.

## Congratulations....

to Max and Daniel who competed in a Karate Competition in Newcastle, Northern Ireland last weekend. They were representing Kaizen Central Karate Club competing against Newcastle Karate Club and both came away with a bronze medal – well done boys.



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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## E-Flyers:

**Harpenden Christmas Carnival**

**Sustainable St Albans  
Programme**



## From the Parents' Association

**Countdown to the Christmas Fayre - 3 weeks to go  
Saturday 5 December**

Your donations would be very welcome

Please see below some ideas of what you could donate and when to bring it to school.

Donation ideas	When
Jam jars or clear plastic cups and fill with sweets for the children's' tombola. These ALWAYS sell out.	Start collecting <b>now</b> , but bring to school <b>Friday morning 4 December</b>
Something for the adults' tombola - bottle, jar, tin - edible, drinkable or toiletries. <b>Friday 4 December will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola donation.</b>	Start collecting <b>now</b> , but bring to school <b>Friday morning 4 December</b>
Delicious homemade baking for the cake stall, again always a big selling stall!	<b>Friday afternoon 4 December</b> or <b>Saturday morning 5 December</b>
Good-condition toys, CDs, DVDs (but no videos or cassettes please), books, teddies or games you no longer need.	Start collecting <b>now</b> , but bring to school <b>Friday morning 4 December</b>
Unwanted gifts for men and women for Rudolph's wrapping room. Your child can select a lovely gift for a relative and	Start collecting <b>now</b> , but bring to school <b>Friday morning</b>

have help wrapping it up. This is another stall that sold out last year.	4 December
Any spare small prizes for the lucky dip, e.g. party bag leftovers	Start collecting <b>now</b> , but bring to infants or junior school offices between <b>Monday 23 Nov and Monday 30 Nov</b>

### Father Christmas

Please return your booking form by **Monday 16 November**. Slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis and tickets handed out via book bags.

### Festive Photo-booth

We are pleased to announce the return of the Festive Photo-booth after last year's successful debut. Booking forms will be sent around in the next few weeks.

### Raffle

We've already started collecting raffle prizes and would love any exciting donations such as a one-off use of a sporting season ticket or even a night at someone's holiday home...! Or any other ideas? If you could help, please email us.

### Can you help us?

Rotas for each class stall have been sent to class reps, so please sign up for a slot if you can. Also, if you can spare any time in the run up to the Fayre, or if you can help with the general set up or clearing up, we'd be really pleased to hear from you.

### Children's Poster Competition. Calling all creative Crabtree children

Would you like to design a poster to advertise the Christmas Fayre? If so, here are some things you could include in your poster: The Fayre will be running from 11am until 2pm on Saturday 5th December. There will be Christmas Carols at 1.30pm. There will be cakes, tombolas, books, toys, photo booth, crafts, games, a raffle, Rudolph's Wrapping Room and the chance to visit Father Christmas.

There will be 2 poster competition winners - 1 for the Infants and 1 for the Juniors. Entries need to be sent in to the school office by **Wednesday 25 November**. Winners will be chosen before the Fayre and each gets £5 to spend at the Fayre.

For any questions, suggestions or offers of help please email:

Sally ([sallymstyles@gmail.com](mailto:sallymstyles@gmail.com)) or Sharon ([shazzacowell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shazzacowell@yahoo.co.uk)).

**Thank you as always for your support. We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Stars of the Week



### ***Dreams & Goals – Celebrating Difference – People who include others when working and playing.***

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Olivia</b> , for being a good friend and supporting others.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Nina</b> , for always including others during group work and play.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Amy</b> , for always being inclusive in her work and play, well done.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Eddie</b> , for being so inclusive in class group work, especially in P.E.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Sebby</b> , for thinking outside the box when including others in activities.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Ross</b> , for including others during group work. Especially in Science.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Tom</b> , for always thinking of others even across year groups.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Oscar</b> , for his enthusiasm, his keenness to learn in every French lesson and his ability to help others when learning.

## Challenge Champions

**Sophie L**, for her bravery and resilience.

**Annie**, for thinking of others less fortunate and raising money for children in need.

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