



Crabtree Junior School

14th September 2018

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 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 week's school
value is:**

"Honesty"

Diary Reminders

Monday 17th September

Yr 4 – Swimming

Wednesday 19th September

Yr 4 Ash – Sound Workshop

School Letters

PA News

Nasal Flu Vaccination
Consent Form

Flyers sent home

Top Hat Stage & Screen
School

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of the second week – time is flying! The school day is certainly fast paced, but the children, and staff, all rise to the challenge and fit in an incredible amount every day.

This week we have started all our extra-curricular activities and it has been great to see all the children so eager to participate in what we have on offer. Do please, encourage them to try not only the activities they know that they enjoy, but perhaps something that they have not had a go at before as they move through the school. Extra-curricular clubs are reviewed on a half termly basis.

If they feel a little daunted at the prospect of trying something new remind them that with a 'Growth Mindset', no matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you're still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying!

This week, I have had the opportunity to walk around the school and observe the children in their lessons, something new to me as this is my first year not in the classroom myself. I very much enjoy chatting to the children to see what they are learning and it is wonderful to hear them talk with such confidence – not only about the lesson, but also about their learning behaviours. Those of you who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week will know that this is something we are keen to develop. Perhaps this weekend you can ask your children how they feel they are getting on – do they feel that they are taking risks and showing resilience in their learning, or is this something that they need to work on as they progress through the year.

Next week we will start thinking about our positions of responsibility throughout the school. Every class (Year 3 – 6) will have two school council representatives and two eco representatives. If your children are in Year 6 they have an opportunity to apply for a position as Head Boy or Head Girl and we have also introduced Year 6 Prefects. There will be 4 from each class who will be asked to apply and then have a mini-interview. As well as these roles, for those children in Year 6 there is also an opportunity to become a House Captain or a Sports Captain. And there is more...any Year 6 children who would like to be involved, are invited to train to become a 'Play Leader'. This is a great role and these children will support both the infants and lower key stage two at playtimes.

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities for children to take a greater role in the school community and I am looking forward to seeing them lead on various areas of school life.

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

A snap shot of our week!

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

21 Sept

5 Oct

19 Oct

9 Nov

30 No

14 Dec

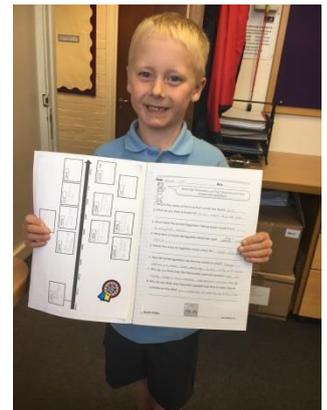
Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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E-Flyers

Golf Scholarship

Fundraising Disco



Primary Science Mark



We are delighted to announce that Crabtree Junior School have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark demonstrating our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said *"Gaining a Primary Science Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud"*.

Thank you to Mrs Bath and the staff team for all their hard work enabling us to achieve this award.





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Car Park

Unfortunately, there were two occasions this week where members of staff very nearly hit families as they walked their children up the entry ramp and through the car park. I cannot stress enough how dangerous this is. It is a blind corner and we cannot see you as we turn into the car park. PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK AT ANY TIME.

The entrance to school is via the Infants pedestrian gate. The path is clearly labelled. Alternatively, you can enter on Crabtree Lane by the mini roundabout.

Crabtree Mile

This year we are introducing the 'Crabtree Mile'. We are aiming to do an extra 15 minutes at least 3 times a week, where children jog or run, to boost health and wellbeing through physical activity at school. Each class will go out at various times during the week and do laps of the field or playground.

It's a simple and straightforward initiative that has been acknowledged for reducing childhood obesity and recognised within the UK Government's 2018 Childhood Obesity Strategy.

Crabtree children are generally very fit and active and we are keen to continue to encourage a healthy lifestyle alongside their PE and extra-curricular sporting activities.

PE T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up on Wisepay to purchase a new house colour PE T-shirt. Please find below confirmation of the colour you should order for your child. Wisepay will close on 28 September so there is still time to order if you would like.

Old House Name	New Colour
Neptune	Blue (current T-shirt)
Mars	Yellow
Saturn	Red
Jupiter	Green

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination – Years 3 - 5

Following the e:mail sent home earlier this week please remember to return your completed Flu Immunisation Consent Forms, attached to this newsletter, to the office by Friday 19 October. Everyone will need to return the form as you need to indicate whether you provide consent or not. Thank you.

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Stars of the Week



- Cedar Finlay, for a wonderfully written fable.
- Rowan Tabitha for a positive attitude to learning.
- Ash Casper for having such a positive attitude to his learning.
- Birch Emily D for consistently displaying a 'growth mindset' towards all her learning.
- Teak Charlotte for consistently showing a fantastic attitude to learning.

Redwood	Hallie for consistently beautiful presentation in all subjects – earning lots of pen licence points.
Elm	Harlon for always showing outstanding behaviour and going the extra mile.
Elder	Sean for being really engaged and involved in English lessons.

Sports Champion – Lower School

Florence for showing great enthusiasm in her first weeks of Crabtree sport.

Sports Champion – Upper School

James W for always listening to the task and then performing brilliantly.

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.



SILVER AWARD



International School Award
2011-2014

