



Crabtree Junior School

14th December 2018

The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

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:
"Meaning of Christmas"

Diary Reminders

Monday 17th December

Eisteddfod Display items to the school hall.

Tuesday 18th December

AM – whole school trip to the Panto

Wednesday 19th December

Eisteddfod Performances

Thursday 20th December

Eisteddfod Performances

Friday 21st December

2pm Term Ends

Dear Parents & Carers

'It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...!' We started our week with the Carol Service. Despite the fears we would be rained off, it was a lovely event. Thank you to all those families who came along to support us. The choirs sang beautifully and there was a fantastic atmosphere – a very Christmassy feel. Fingers crossed, next year will be in a slightly more 'glamorous' location!

During the carols the parents and staff of the Junior School presented gifts to Mrs Patrick – she was extremely touched and has asked me to pass on her thanks.

On Thursday, we had our first 'Book Look' and welcomed you in to have a look at the children's books. It was wonderful to see the pride on the children's faces as they showed you all the things they have been learning this term. Thank you for all the positive feedback – we will be having more 'Book Looks' later in the year.

It was great to see the children, and staff, in their Christmas jumpers today. We had a delicious Christmas lunch and I would like to thank our fantastic catering team – we are very lucky to have such a great team working at our school.

I am looking forward to lots of art, singing and dancing next week....and of course our trip to the Panto!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

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Orchestra

There will be no choir or orchestra on Monday 17 December.

Eisteddfod

Please can children bring display items into the school hall on Monday morning at 8.50am. Please remember to clearly label any item with your child's name and year group. The items will be displayed in the hall and parents are invited to come and review them from 3pm – 3:30pm.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the children will be watching the Eisteddfod performances and they are welcome to bring in a cushion to sit on.

School Letters

PA News

Flyers sent home

No 7 Music

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

11th January
25th January
8th February
1st March
15th March
22nd March

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

St Albans Park Run
Button Batteries
My Teen Brain
Santa Hunt
The Snowman

Panto – Tuesday 18 December

All children will need to bring a packed lunch from home on Tuesday, which will be eaten when we return from the Panto – there will be no school dinners on this day. Please ensure your child has a coat, as we will be walking down to Harpenden.

Art Shirts

The children will all be taking part in Art activities next week so everyone will need an art shirt in school please on Monday and Tuesday.

School Clubs

Please remember to sign your child up for clubs they would like to start in the Spring Term. Wisepay will close on **Wednesday 19 December** to allow us to prepare for them to start in January.

Gym Display 2019 – Years 5 & 6

A reminder if your child would like to take part in the Gym Display next year you need to sign them up on Wisepay to join the Gym Club. Thank you.

House Competition – Christmas Decorations

Congratulations to everyone who entered our Christmas Decoration competition gaining valuable points for their houses.

It was difficult to choose winners but special congratulations to:

Year 3 – Eloise and Dylan

Year 4 – Sophie and Zach

Year 5 – Finn and Amelie & Matilda

Year 6 – Charlotte and Amber

Overall winners: Green House!





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Year 3 Egyptian Day

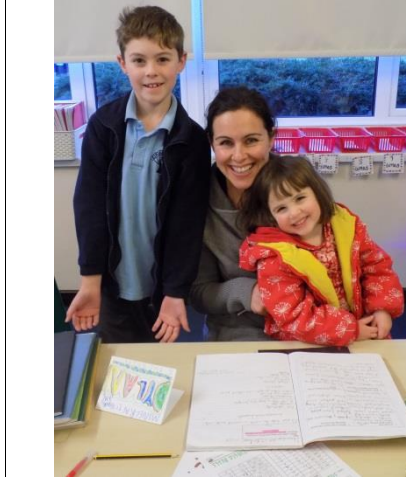
The children had a fantastic day, with opportunities to carve limestone, mummify and dissect a body, make papyrus and build a scale model of the great pyramid of Giza.



Book Look

Thank you to the parents, and grandparents, that joined us yesterday for our first "Book Look". We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the learning that has been taking place this term.





Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

It has started to feel very Christmassy around school with the children dressed in their festive jumpers – Issac had even taken the time to make his own jumper by making decorations to attach – very creative! A big “Thank You” to our wonderful team from Herts Catering that prepared our Christmas Lunch today – it was delicious.



Stars of the Week



Cedar	Aadi for fantastic discussion and ideas during PSHE.
Rowan	Thomas for making an improved effort with handwriting and presentation.
Ash	Cormac for his beautiful descriptive piece of Christmas writing about the Bear and the Hare!
Birch	Ruby for fantastic participation and effort in all lessons.
Teak	Chloe for working hard in English to plan and write a recount as a WW1 soldier.
Redwood	Luke for fantastic engagement and writing in our WW1 English unit.
Elm	Chloe for working really hard in assessments and it paid off!
Elder	Cameron for his enthusiasm and consistently working hard in his WW2 topic this term.

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Sports Champion – Lower School

Oliver – Cedar – for always being an outstanding PE role model.

Sports Champion – Upper School

George – Elder – for always being an enthusiastic and determined sporting team member – whatever the game.

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.

