



# Crabtree Junior School

15<sup>th</sup> January 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.

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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 "Caring"**

## Diary Reminders

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Yr3 Fieldwork Walk – please dress up warm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Mighty Roast Dinner Day

## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

*Curriculum Evening for Parents – assessment update.*

*On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7:00 – 8:00 I will be presenting to parents further developments within the school's new assessment procedures. The presentation will include individual pupil data tracking and how this information will be used to inform parents of their child's progress at the end of the spring term and how this will be further reported at the end of the academic year.*

*Please inform the office if you are able to attend the evening.*

Ian Patrick Headteacher

*E-Safety thought of the Week:*



## Year 6 day out!

Well, what can I say! Yes, this is Mrs Renier and the Groovy Greeks!!

Year 6 had a great day out of school yesterday at Watford Colosseum where they had a fantastic opportunity to learn about lots of different aspects of Ancient Greek life.

## School letters

*Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy*

Disco Letter  
Majestic May Ball

## Flyers

Sea Life Tokens

Helen O'Grady Drama

Not only were the Trojans compared to The Simpsons, Boris Johnson to the Minotaur and the Greek Gods to some of the X-Factor candidates, the children also (whilst enjoying a surprise ice-cream) were transported back to these ancient times through the use of their special 3D glasses.



## P.E

Our new Quick Sticks set has arrived. The children have enjoyed developing their dribbling and passing skills this week. Please ensure your child has shin pads, long socks, joggers, sweatshirt and gloves next week please. It is recommended that your child wears a gum shield.



Also, this week has seen the Year 6 Play leaders leading their first sessions. We have Play leaders down at the Infant school each day and supporting play on the junior playground. The idea is to encourage structured play with small groups of children throughout the week. The Play leaders will also be running a Year 3 Speed Stacking club on a Thursday at 12.00pm in Rowan class and an 'invitation only' quiet board games club on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Well done leaders I have had some excellent feedback from both children and teachers already!



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**S4YC February Half Term Club**

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## Year 5 Netball

This Wednesday I was lucky enough to take an excited group of Year 5 girls to Abbots Hill School for their first competitive match representing Crabtree.

The girls responded well to the unfamiliar setting and courts and rose to the occasion. They displayed some thoughtful netball play – different passes, finding space, team work, driving forward for the ball and good fitness. All the girls should be very proud of their performances.

The A team score was 5 – 0 to Abbots Hill and the B team score was 3 – 0 to Abbots Hill.

Thank you to the parents and carers who transported the girls to these matches.

## February Half Term Holiday Club at Crabtree Infants' School

As Jousters are not running holiday clubs anymore, we have organised for S4YC to do this at half term. They have previously run very successful holiday clubs for us. The feedback from parents that used the club last February was very positive. The club will run from Monday 15th to Friday 19th February, 8am to 6pm each day. The club is not restricted to Crabtree pupils but is open to all children so please do 'spread the word'. This is especially important as we need to reach a certain number for the club to go ahead each day. Full information and booking details can be found on the attached form. You must book by Friday 22nd January to ensure that we can run this club.

### From the Parents' Association



*See attached Booking Form for details*

### Crabtree Disco

A reminder that the next Crabtree Disco will take place on Friday 29 January 2016 with the normal timings of 5-6pm for the Infant children and 6.30-7.30pm for the Junior children

You can order tickets online by clicking

<http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/39462>

We are trying out this new online booking system for school PA events and we

would really appreciate it if you could test it out for us. We are particularly interested in whether it works well enough to be used for next year's Firework event so the more people who test the system the better. But you can always buy tickets via the usual methods if you'd rather – ticket request forms will follow shortly!

## PA Quizmaster

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the task of pulling together the PA Quiz night, which happens once a year in March.

We already have a well-tested project plan which covers all aspects of the event and what needs to be done by when. The bar is organised and staffed by one of the PA Committee, we use a team of Venture Scouts to help on the night and the questions are set by a team from the previous year's Quiz. So really all we want someone to do is to check all the key actions have been done in time, pull it all together and be there on the night to cope with any last minute jobs.

If this sounds like something you could do or if you want to talk through what is involved please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk)

## Crabtree PA Quiz!

Please put the Crabtree Quiz date in your diary – **Saturday 12 March!**

We will be sending out table booking forms before half-term but you might want to start getting your table of competitors ready.

The Quiz includes a main meal and has a cash bar to get those grey cells working.

## Stars of the Week



### ***Dreams & Goals – Helping others to feel welcome (joining in).***

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Teddy</b> , for being a ray of sunshine in a 'bleak January' (always happy and enthusiastic).
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Zach</b> , for always being polite and a fantastic role model in class.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Olivia</b> , for treating others like she would like to be treated.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Gautham</b> , for being particularly helpful in the absence of Mrs Doran.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Ali</b> , for always being polite and respectful towards the whole school community, but particularly to his classmates.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Connor</b> , for being an extremely polite and well-mannered young man. He is respectful to everyone and a role model to the rest of the school.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Freddie</b> , for his kind and considerate attitude to all others in our community.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Georgia</b> , for always looking out for the needs of different members of the community.

## Sports Champions

**Max F**, for making lunchtimes fun at the infant school.

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)

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