



Crabtree Junior School

15th May 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.

**Year
3**

**Year
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**Year
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**Year
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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

**This term's school value is
"Appreciation".**

Diary Reminders

Monday 18th May

Year 5 Mayan Workshop

Year 6 School Journey meeting, 3.20pm in Elder

Tuesday 19th May

Year 5 Chocolate Workshop

Rabbi Freedman for Year 6, pm

Wednesday 20th May

Walking to the Public Halls, pm

Thursday 21st May

Citizenship Day, Years 4 and 5

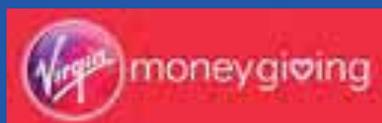
School nurse for Year 6, am

Friday 22nd May

Non-uniform Day for RNLI

Citizenship Day, Years 3 and 6

**25th to 29th May
HALF TERM**



From the Headteacher

Year 6 – children and teachers! – are very happy that SATs week is now behind us. Well done to everyone for focusing so well. The children can now look forward to School Journey and some very busy weeks as they approach the end of their primary school career.

Year 5 had a marvellous time at Herts Young Mariners Base. Apart from a drizzly start to Tuesday morning, they were lucky with the weather and had fun messing about in boats and enjoying many water activities. They have more excitement next week, with a Mayan workshop and a chocolate-making workshop – I am hoping there will be samples that need to be tasted!

Tonight, of course, is the school disco. Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association for organising this; I hope the children enjoy showing off their dance moves.

Only one more week until the half-term. A reminder that school finishes at the usual time of 3.15pm next Friday and that we have two INSET days on Monday/Tuesday 1st and 2nd June.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to my plea on the next page regarding the library book situation, which cannot be allowed to continue.

Ian Patrick, Headteacher

Year 6 School Journey/SRE meeting

A reminder that there is a meeting for parents to discuss the final details for school journey on Monday in Elder at 3.20pm. Information will also be given out regarding the Sex and Relationships Education the children will be having later in the term and parents will have the opportunity to preview the DVD that will be shown to the children.

Parent Governor vacancies

There are vacancies for two parent governors at Crabtree Junior School. A letter explaining the procedure for election and enclosing a nominations form is attached. Please contact the school office if you would like a paper copy.

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Parent Governor Election

Year 6 School Journey letter

Year 3 Viking workshop

School trips consultation (Years 3, 4 and 5)

Golf coaching



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.



If you would like to find out more about what is involved in being a governor, please speak to Mr Pattrick, or contact Chair of Governors, Phil Kendall, at governors@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk. They would be delighted to hear from you

School trips consultation

As you know, the governors' annual survey closes on Monday. To take part, please go to:

<http://crabtreejnrs.limequery.com/index.php/544854/lang-en>

In addition, the school would like to canvass your opinion on school trips and a short questionnaire is being sent home today. Please answer all the questions and feel free to add any additional feedback you have regarding the trips and visits we organise to enhance the children's classroom learning.

A plea from The Headteacher

We have recently mentioned our concern regarding the number of reading books that are missing both from the school library and from the classrooms. You will recall that the estimated value of missing books is £6,000. Of the 1200 missing books, only seven have been returned to date.

As you can imagine, the school cannot afford to lose this quantity of books; not only is the cost of replacement prohibitive, the reduced number of books means that the children's reading 'experience' is significantly reduced – most of the missing books are 'popular' purchases that have been added to our stock over the last few years.

What I am asking of parents is the following:

1. **Please, please** have a thorough look at home to see if there are any of the school's books on your shelves, under the bed, etc.
2. **Would you be willing to 'sponsor' a replacement book?** – we have all the titles of the missing books so we would email the list to parents and you would identify the book you would like to sponsor, send into school the cost of the book which we would then purchase on your behalf.

I'm afraid to say that if we are unable to find/ replace the missing books then I will have no alternative but to reduce the books going home to one book per child, per week – this book will be monitored via the school's library ICT system and if the book does not come back to school then no further book/s will be allowed home.

I am sure that you can appreciate this would be quite a draconian measure to take, but please understand the school's predicament.

Wednesday 20th May

Next Wednesday afternoon, the whole school will be walking down to the Harpenden Public Halls, to plan for our summer concert. We will return to school in time for normal pick-up at 3.15pm

Summer Term Reading Challenge

Deadline is Monday 18th May – still time this weekend to create a winning entry!

Year 4 Football Tournament

Our Year 4 football team acquitted themselves admirably on Tuesday afternoon, making it through to the final. Read on for reports from Inaki, Greg G, Tom and Greg C.

Our first match was against St Nicholas. After a goalless first half, three second half goals resulted in a 3-0 win. We knew our second game was going to be tough. We were playing Wood End. Failing to score again in the first half, two great goals in the second from tom led us to victory.

We went into our third round game with a lot of confidence and a brilliant performance ended in a 4-0 success. Following two frustrating draws against

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Flyers:

School Crossing Patrol

Best Theatre Arts

Public Health England bulletin

Childhood Anxiety Workshop

Join psychologists, Dr Helen Dodd and Dr Claire Hill as they guide parents through the topic of childhood anxiety and come away feeling empowered, knowledgeable and confident about managing your child's anxiety, whatever their age.

Date: 4 June (730pm -930pm)

Venue: Samuel Ryder Academy, St Albans (730pm)

Booking now open! Tickets £15/pp

St Helen's and high beeches (despite brilliant keeping from Louis), we knew that we needed to beat The Lea to progress to the semi-finals. We did what we needed to do, convincingly defeating The Lea via a Tom Hat trick ... 3-0!

Now we were in the semis and knew the opposition would be tougher. Our match was against Redbourn. We started well and grabbed an early goal through a fantastic strike by Tom. It then didn't take us long to secure our spot in the final as Elliot crossed and Greg lopped it in.

We were against The Grove Junior in the final. The Grove started brilliantly and unfortunately took the lead with a great finish by their striker. We kept our heads up through the second half and had a couple of shots at goal but a display of spectacular saves denied us an equaliser. After an extremely hard fought game, the final score was 1-0 to The Grove.

Thank you to parents for taking and supporting in us and to Mr Patrick for being a great coach.

Golf club

A new 5-week course of golf coaching begins after half term. Please see the attached letter and return to the school office ASAP if your child would like to take part (places are limited).

From the Parents' Association

School Disco

We are looking forward to seeing all the children at the discos tonight – 17.00-18.00 for the infants disco and 6.30-7.30 for the junior disco.

If you have requested tickets but not received them back via your child, please do not worry. We will have a list of all the children who have paid for a ticket on the door. **You can also buy a ticket on the door if you decide to come along last minute – you will need to leave a contact mobile number at the door.**

As always we would be grateful to any parents who would be happy to stay and supervise the disco. You are welcome to bring along younger siblings if you are staying and they don't need a ticket.

Crabtree Fabric Collection – thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought bags up to school for the Fabric Collection last week. We will update you on how much money we made shortly.

Summer Fayre volunteers

The Crabtree Summer Fayre is only seven weeks away and we are looking for volunteers to help out with preparation. Could you help with the following:

- Spare an hour to staple raffle tickets
- -Lend us a gazebo and help us put it up on the day of the Fayre
- -Learn how to Henna and help our longstanding Henna stall organizer Mohinder run the stall at the Fayre

If you could help with any of these jobs or could spare any amount of time then please email chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk and we will gladly find you a job!

Crabtree Ball – Coming in Summer 2016

Next year will see another Crabtree Summer Ball and the team who have organized the last two are looking for another willing volunteer to join the team and help them plan for 2016 and possibly beyond. If you are creative and good at organizing then email chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk who will put you in touch with Amanda and Kat.



Stars of the Week

- Cedar** **Immy**, for a consistently mature and responsible attitude to learning.
- Rowan** **Charlotte**, for being a great helper in the classroom and always doing her best.
- Ash** **Sebastian F**, for being such a caring member of Ash.
- Birch** **Dexter**, for consistently good effort in all subjects.
- Year 5** **All the children in Teak and Redwood**, for their positive approach to all the activities at HYMB
- Year 6** **All the children in Elm and Elder**, for their hard work during SATs week.

Challenge Champions

- Abby (Redwood)**, for her 'can do' attitude in spite of her poorly elbow!
- Elizabeth (Ash)**, for effort 'over and above' in Maths.
- Mrs Duncan and Mrs Goody**, for an amazing timeline display in the library.

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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

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