



Crabtree Junior School

15th June 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.

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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:

"Peace"

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 19th June

Kwik Cricket Festival

Wednesday 20th June

Yrs 3 & 4 Change 4 Life

Thursday 21st June

Infants Sports Day

Friday 22nd June

Non-uniform Day –
donations for the Summer
Fayre

Saturday 23rd June

Summer Fayre

Dear Parents & Carers

The good old days...were they really?

It is only natural, as we hurtle headlong towards the end of the academic year, for us to reflect on the events of the past twelve months. This will be particularly true for those parents who will shortly witness their child making the transition from primary to secondary school.

Each new year brings its own new challenges, but also new opportunities. For some parents the end of this year will be the end of an era as their youngest offspring leaves Crabtree Junior School. For others, the transition may necessitate a change of work pattern or transport arrangements.

For those of us who work in education, particularly those of us who have been gainfully employed in the education business during the last decade, there have been some monumental changes. Each successive change of government or secretary of state for education heralds the arrival of new initiatives, new assessment frameworks, new policies, a raft of new structures. So where is all this leading?

Thinking back to my own days at primary school, I can distinctly remember observing my headmaster loading his golf clubs into the boot of his pristine Mk2 Jaguar. At midday each Friday I then watched with interest as he wafted serenely down the school driveway at the helm of his pride and joy. For him the working week had come to a close and recreational pursuits beckoned (although he probably thought of the 18 holes on the golf course as 'networking'). Nevertheless, he was in my eyes at least, a cracking good headmaster. He cared about the children, cared about the staff, cared about the parents and what's more, he knew them all well. In short, he ran a 'good ship'!

So nothing stands still then, times change, things are very different nowadays... or are they?

Those of us who were at school in the sixties and seventies will remember 'topic work'. When delivered well it was possibly not too dissimilar (but maybe rather less structured and without Google) to that which we now refer to as the 'creative curriculum'. School inspections were almost unheard of and a good number of the teachers had little if any formal educational training. What they did possess however, was 'experience'. Some were those solid sorts who had taken up the worthy profession of teaching following a spell of military service. The best of the breed though, possessed that 'unique gift' and just knew instinctively how to inspire, motivate, challenge and nurture their pupils.

Any of the above sound familiar?

Have a lovely weekend.

School Letters

PA News
Dinner Bills
District Sports Team list

Flyers sent home

Art Shed Holiday Club

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

22nd June
13th July

Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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E-Flyers

St Nicholas Church 800th Birthday

Fit for Sport

Greatest Showman Summer Camp

Herts Advertiser Community Awards

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Sport

Herts County Championships



On Saturday 4 students took part in the Year 6 600m race. Due to the volume of children taking part from schools across the whole of the county, the races were run in 2 time trials.

Sasha, Matilda, Ted and Archie all ran really well against some excellent runners.

Ted ran in 1:59.40; Archie in 2.03.26; Sasha in 2.10.8 and Matilda in 2.15.9.

This was a great opportunity for the children to also witness the performance of the Secondary children, who were competing for a place to represent Hertfordshire at the English Schools Championships.

Well done to all of our athletes!

World Cup Football Tournament



On the opening day of the World Cup we also celebrated this great sporting event. Each of the countries were represented and all the children enjoyed playing in their teams.

The winning team in each pool will play in a semi-final at the school summer fayre on Saturday 23rd June at 1.45pm. The children in those teams will bring a letter home today.

Well done to: Year 3/4 teams: Russia, Iceland, Holland and Argentina. Year 5/6 teams: Switzerland, Germany, Argentina and England.



Roundwood Consortium Year 4 Tri Golf Festival



Well done to our Year 4 children who went and competed in the Tri Golf festival at Roundwood Park School. They came 2nd out of 8 schools which was brilliant! Well done to all our golfers!

District Sports

Parents of those children involved in District Sports have been emailed this week with all the details including a team sheet of which events their child is taking part in - a copy is also attached to this newsletter. Children who are reserves for TRACK events will need to attend in case they are needed, as has been the case previously.

With so many children involved in this event **it is essential you sign your child up on wisepay by the deadline.** We don't want any children to miss out on the opportunity to take part but we cannot chase parents for responses. Your support is much appreciated.

Stars of the Week



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| Cedar | Ella , for a fantastic week in all subjects. |
| Rowan | Lukasz , for great focus and effort in lessons – keep it up! |
| Ash | Charlotte , for excellent leadership skills at the football tournament. |
| Birch | Elina , for her hard work and focus this week, Miss Coyne is very proud of you and you should be proud of yourself. |
| Teak | Toby , for an excellent approach to topic work. |
| Redwood | Sam , for being an excellent leader and role model when being assistant coach in year 3 PE. |
| Elm | Amelie , for being a good sportsman and working hard yesterday in football. |
| Elder | Ellis , for having a mature attitude to your learning and always trying to improve. |

Sports Champion

Lily B for such great bravery in goal at the football world cup.



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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

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

