



Crabtree Junior School

15th December 2017

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 term's school value is

"Appreciation"

Diary Reminders

Mon 18th December

Whole School Christmas Panto

Tues 12th December

9.15am Whole School Carol Concert

School Closes at 2pm

Thurs 4th January 2018

8.50am School Starts Back

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, we are saying a fond farewell to Miss Clements, Miss Eastlake and Mrs Turnbull. We would like to thank them all for their considerable commitment to the school and to the children. Our thoughts are with them all as they embark on their new challenges for the New Year. We are also seeing Mrs White (our new music teacher) go on maternity leave and wish her and her family well with their new addition in 2018.

The children, and staff, have thoroughly enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch today, with all the trimmings. Thank you to the staff in the kitchen for all their hard work and dedication all year to provide the children with nutritious lunches at school. It was lovely to see them enjoying their food and chatting happily with their friends, as well as a bit of festive singing.



School Uniform Opening Times

FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30

5th JANUARY
19th JANUARY
2nd FEBRUARY
23rd FEBRUARY
9th MARCH
23rd MARCH

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Dinner Bills

Year 5 School Journey

Year 6 School Journey



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.



We hope you all have a fantastic break and enjoy the festivities. Staff, Governors and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

School starts back – 8.50am Thursday 4th January 2018

*Leanne Williams
Assistant Headteacher*

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Wisepay Reminders

Year 4

Roman Workshop

Verulamium Museum

Year 5

School Journey Deposit

Year 6

Crucial Crew – St Albans Fire Station

Netball League Matches (club members only)

Football League Matches (club members only)

School Journey Deposit

Music Provision from January

We will be continuing our music lessons in the spring term with Mrs Freeman, who teaches at the Infant School. She will cover the Monday lessons for the rest of the academic year and lead the choir. Mr Adrian Bending, together with Mrs Maria Doyle, will be leading the orchestra.

Samba Band Club

Mr Bending will also be running a new Samba Band club starting in January, following on from its great success at the summer concert. If your child is in year 5 or 6 and would like to learn more about playing the samba drum please email the office before the end of term and we will add them to the list for the club. The cost will be £25 per child and will include 8 lessons plus a performance to parents.

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School Dinner Bills

School dinner bills have been sent home again today. **Please can you ensure these are paid by Monday 18th December 2017, thank you.**

Christmas Reminders

Panto - Monday

School uniform to be worn.

Children must have a coat in school and suitable footwear to walk to the public halls.

Children to bring a packed lunch and drink to school - they will eat when they get back to school at approx. 12.45pm.

Children will be provided with an ice-cream at the interval.

Christmas Carol Concert - Tuesday

Children to enter through the main entrance.

Top gates for parents will open at 9am for our "Open Air Concert" - please remember your tickets – sent home yesterday.

Children to have warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable footwear for being outside.

If children and parents could wear Christmas hats, tinsel etc that would be great.

Concert to last approx. 45mins.

Last Day of School

Children can bring in board games for the afternoon - **no electronic games.**

School finishes at 2pm

P.E

Apex Street Cheer



Well done to our Street Cheer Group. They have worked really hard with Abi from Apex Sport. New sessions start in January on Wednesdays at 8.00am – 8.45am.

Sign up on the Apex website it is for all year groups!

PA Uniform Shop

As you may know this is run by parent volunteers. From January, all NEW uniform orders must come through the school offices and will need to be paid by cheque only (no cash). Opening dates for next term are on

the bulletin.

Christmas Tree Donation

Croft Farm has donated our beautiful Christmas tree. They will be selling non drop trees from 4ft - 9ft throughout the festive period. Croft farm, Leasey bridge Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8HP 01582 832071.

Just pop along or phone for more details, orders for larger trees can be taken in advance and trees can be reserved for later collection. This year they also be selling delicious free range heritage turkeys, call to reserve yours now!

From the Parents' Association

Please put these dates in your calendar and join us in support of Crabtree schools & community

January

Friday 5th – Uniform Shop Open 8.50 – 9.30

Friday 26th - Kids Disco

Friday 19th – Uniform Shop Open 8.50 – 9.30

March

Saturday 10th – PA Quiz Night

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PA We hope you all enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year. Crabtree families have supported the school in great ways in 2017. We've raised a huge amount towards our School Grounds Project and created community together at our events and socials. Thank you! Let's be thankful and look forward to a fantastic 2018!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHALLENGE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING

All this snow have you doing even MORE of your Christmas shopping online? Don't forget to go through the EasyFundraising website and earn money for Crabtree when you buy. Most major retailers will give a percentage of your online spending back to the school – at no cost to you! Crabtree supporters earned £250 last Christmas. Let's see if we can top that this year! Just register at the website below and click through to do your shopping! www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta We'll have a special prize for our top earner for Crabtree over the month of December!

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Stars of the Week



Cedar	Ollie , for always being a team player and an active member of Cedar.
Rowan	Sophie , for always trying her hardest in all subjects.
Ash	Tom , for his inventive poem about winter.
Birch	Henry , for rising to the challenge of using crutches around the school.
Teak	Olivia H , for her development of a constantly positive attitude across the curriculum.

- Redwood** **Ivo**, for an outstanding half term in French. Excellent participation in every lesson.
- Elm** **Lexie**, for shining through and still doing her best even with the different timetable.
- Elder** **Lily**, for an outstanding half term in French. Excellent participation in every lesson. for her fluent French this half term – une belle performance!

Sports Champion

Kate W for being really inclusive and encouraging in all P.E lessons

Challenge Champions

Elodie R and **Freddie T** for their amazing artwork and **Oliver SB** for his amazing effort in English, checking objective!

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.

