



# Crabtree Junior School

16<sup>th</sup> January 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 4**

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

## 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)

## Diary Reminders

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Year 6: National Children's Measurement Programme

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

Roman Day (Year 4)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**

School Disco  
(6.30pm for Juniors)

**School letters (hard copy)**

Dinner Bill reminders

**School letters by email**

S4YC Holiday Club

Spring term topic webs  
(apologies – not sent last week)

School Disco ticket form

## From the Headteacher

*We have welcomed two new children to Crabtree Junior School. A very warm welcome to Alex in Ash and Lily in Cedar and to their families: we hope you will very quickly feel at home in the Crabtree family.*

*Year 3 enjoyed their walk round Harpenden this week and have got lots of material to kick start their "View from a Window" topic. Meanwhile, the universe came to Crabtree on Wednesday morning, when Year 5 were visited by the Astrodome – the children were gripped by Peter's infectious enthusiasm for his subject and are suitably equipped with knowledge to begin their work on Earth and Space. Everywhere in the school there is the hum of busy-ness as we get 'stuck in' to the new year.*

*Ian Patrick,  
Headteacher*

## Parent Panel

The next meeting of the Parent Panel will be at 10.30am at school on Friday 30th January, with Mr Patrick in attendance. This is an opportunity for you to meet with a governor and raise any issues for discussion in an informal setting. Please email Amanda Pym at [parentpanel@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:parentpanel@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk) if you are planning to attend or if there are any items you would like raised on your behalf.

## Curriculum presentation,

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm – 9.00pm

The New Curriculum / Assessment

We would like to invite parents to a curriculum evening / workshop related to the New Curriculum and assessment procedures that were introduced in September 2014.

The New Curriculum comes with revised expectations that the school will be integrating into its practice. This is further supported by a new system of assessment management that will be used to 'track' pupil progress through the Junior school and provide on-going updates to parents – parent consultations and the annual parent report.

This meeting 'builds' on the curriculum meeting we had last term and provides finalised arrangements for the rest of the academic year.

We strongly encourage parents to attend this meeting.



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## CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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### Flyers

### E-flyers

### Charity Bollywood Evening

## Sports notices

### Next week's sports practices

Apologies for not clarifying last week that these are the Year 6 training sessions continued from last term (Year 5 and 6 for gym club and netball). There will be sports clubs for the lower years later in the year.

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|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Lunchtime    | Gym – Redwood             |
|                           | After school | Netball: Year 6 + Redwood |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>      | After school | Indoor Athletics          |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Lunchtime    | Rugby                     |
|                           | After school | Football                  |
|                           | After school | Netball squad             |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Lunchtime    | Football                  |

The full gym club timetable is available on the school website at: <http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/learning/clubs.html>

## S4YC Half Term Holiday Club

S4YC are back for four days of the half term holiday providing childcare and sports activities from 9am – 3.30pm. Please see flyer for details and return the slip with your payment to the School Office as soon as possible to secure a place.

## Brittle Bone Society, from the House Captains

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Crabtree Junior School pupils will be able to come to school in non-school uniform in return for a voluntary contribution for the Brittle Bones charity. We are organising this fundraiser for people who have Osteogenesis Imperfecta, to help support them throughout their lives.

## From the Parents' Association

### PA Quiz

We have now confirmed the new date for Crabtree Quiz night as **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Please put this in your diaries and start getting your teams together. We will be sending out the ticket requests before half term.

### School Disco

The next disco for the children will take place on Friday 23 January: infants 17.00 (**not 5.30 as stated on the term diary dates**) – 18.00; and juniors 18.30 – 19.30. Ticket request forms were sent out last week.

As always we would welcome any parents who would be happy to stay and supervise the disco. If you can help with this then please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk)

### Any gifts needing a new home?

If you received any unwanted Christmas gifts that aren't quite your cup of tea, please save them for Rudolph's Wrapping Room. Please bring anything you would be happy to donate to the school office in January.

### Summer Fayre

It may feel a little early to start thinking about the Summer Fayre but, believe it or not, preparations are already underway. If you could spare any time to help our intrepid Summer Fayre organiser Heather then she would be glad to hear from you. She is particularly looking for help with the following:

- Entertainment co-ordinator - to organise the band, dancers, music etc. If possible also to help organise the sound system.
- Enterprise zone co-ordinator - to organise the four stalls that are run by children in year 5 and 6. They use the stalls to sell their products or run games so maybe someone with a child in one of the year 5 or 6 classes would be happy to take this on?
- Raffle co-ordinator - to pull together the raffle prizes, many of which have already been pledged so just need collecting.
- Sponsorship helper - We already have 2 people on the team, but could do with more helpers



The Wish Tree Charity

## A night with 'flamdaddy'

Live music and dancing  
Cash bar

Saturday, 7th February 2015  
Flamstead Village School  
7.30-midnight

Tickets: £7.50 (or £10 on the door)

Tickets available from Cerri smith  
on 07949 618078  
[cerri.smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cerri.smith@hotmail.co.uk)

**Tamsin Little, Violin**  
**Martin Roscoe, Piano**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm

Beechwood Park School

Tickets £20, Students £10

[tickets@beechwoodpark.herts.sch.uk](mailto:tickets@beechwoodpark.herts.sch.uk)

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And finally, this is going to be Heather's last year so she would love to do the fayre with another willing party who might want to take up the role in future. Please email [Heather.Wilton@hotmail.com](mailto:Heather.Wilton@hotmail.com) if you can help with any of the above.



## Stars of the Week

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| <b>Cedar</b>   | <b>Eddie</b> , for excellent observation and navigation skills during our trip.      |
| <b>Rowan</b>   | <b>Amy</b> , for great enthusiasm during the fieldwork outing.                       |
| <b>Ash</b>     | <b>Max</b> , for being such a considerate member of his school community.            |
| <b>Birch</b>   | <b>Ben W</b> , for putting in 100% in all lessons.                                   |
| <b>Teak</b>    | <b>Caroline</b> , for continuing to try – and putting extra effort into her writing. |
| <b>Redwood</b> | <b>Sam</b> , for always giving 100% to his learning.                                 |
| <b>Elm</b>     | <b>Adam</b> , for a 'perfect' answer to a very challenging reading question.         |
| <b>Elder</b>   | <b>Daniel</b> , for amazing improvement in all areas of PE.                          |

## Challenge Champion

**Oliver (Elm), for working extremely hard in redrafting and improving a very emotional and thought-provoking flashback.**

Also, congratulations to the Stars of the Week for the last week of last term who did not previously see their names in print due to there being no newsletter on 19<sup>th</sup> December. They were:

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| <b>Cedar</b>   | <b>George</b> , for his excellent clay work skills.                |
| <b>Rowan</b>   | <b>Oliver F</b> , for writing a fabulous Christmas Limerick.       |
| <b>Ash</b>     | <b>Elisa</b> , for having been a wonderful asset to Ash.           |
| <b>Birch</b>   | <b>Elliott</b> , for consistent hard work.                         |
| <b>Teak</b>    | <b>Ben</b> , for showing continued effort to improve in all areas. |
| <b>Redwood</b> | <b>Ella</b> , for a fabulous term.                                 |
| <b>Elm</b>     | <b>Jake</b> , for fantastic effort in French.                      |
| <b>Elder</b>   | <b>Tom</b> , for being an all-round tuck shop star!                |

## Challenge Champion - 19 Dec

**Alex (Rowan), for stepping up at the last moment in the Christmas performance.**

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)

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

