



Crabtree Junior School

16th November 2018

The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

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:
"Remembrance"

Diary Reminders

Monday 19th November

Yr 4 – Swimming

Tuesday 20th November

AM – Parent Tour

Wednesday 21st November

Year 6 Height & Weight measuring with the nursing team

AM – Prospective Parent Tour

School Letters

PA News

Christmas Fayre donation schedule

Dear Parents & Carers

The week started off with odd socks to support 'Anti-Bullying' and has finished with a variety of outfits to support 'Children in Need'. Our children are certainly ambitious - we had children aspiring to be: a rock star, an author, a vlogger, a hairdresser, an astronaut, a vet, a magician, a teacher (!) and many more including...the Prime Minister with her very own Brexit plan!



Thank you for all the donations for what, I am sure you will agree, is a very worthwhile cause.

As I have walked around the school this week, it has been great to see the children all focussed on their learning and enjoying all the activities on offer at lunch time and after school. It has been especially pleasing to see our year 6 play leaders organising some fantastic games for the children at playtime and our year 6 Peer Mediators supporting any children who need help.

The fireworks last weekend was a huge success and I would like to thank the team of parents who organised it – we are very lucky to have such brilliant support. I have to give a special mention to the Prefects who, along with a few other children, ran the refreshment stall. Their entrepreneurialism, fabulous manners and excellent maths skills, did not go unnoticed. They were fantastic!

I would also like to mention our Librarians who are being trained by Mrs Goody. She has told me how impressed she is and we will soon be able to open up the library more often – which will benefit all the children in school.

The House Captains have also been working hard behind the scenes to think of some new names and come up with some fundraising ideas – they are a very keen group and I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with.

Yesterday I was fortunate to attend the Year 5 & 6 Cross Country fixture. Despite the very muddy conditions, the children all ran brilliantly and showed enviable determination and resilience. I was also extremely proud of the way in which they supported other schools – well done.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

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Flyers sent home

Carols by Candlelight

Jingle Bell Jog & Fun Run

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

30 Nov

14 Dec

Crabtree Community Noticeboard

Please note that these notices are provided as a community service and Crabtree Junior does not take responsibility for or seek to endorse any of the advertisements printed in this section.

E-Flyers

St Albans Mental Health Conference

Free Entry to Ladies Football match – just say “Crabtree” at the gates.

Children In Need

Thank you for all your contributions, totalling £266.02.

Remembrance Display

We thought it would be nice to share with you our remembrance display. During last week all the children made a poppy to add to the display.



Hindu Workshop

The children in Year 4 had a magical morning on Wednesday at their Hindu Workshop, participating in a variety of activities. It gave the children an opportunity to dress up in beautiful outfits, have their hands and some faces decorated; hear Hindu music and smell some incense. They learnt lots of wonderful information, which will help develop their understanding of this religion, linked into their work in class. Thank you Mrs McGraw for organising this fantastic, hands on opportunity for Year 4.



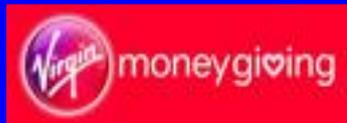
Year 6 Table Tennis

Harpenden and District School Games Competition 2018

On Wednesday night we went to Marlborough School to play in the Harpenden and District Table tennis tournament. Due to their only being 6 girl teams they played a round robin format playing all the schools. The girls definitely made great progress with every match they played and had some great rallies. They finished 5th overall.

The boys played 3 matches in a pool format, beating The Grove, Sauncey Wood and Breachwood Green. They then played in the final against Kings School who we knew would be tough competition. We lost 3 games to 1 but definitely gave Kings a great battle.

Well done to all our children who played extremely well considering we have been practicing on school desks! Thank you to all the parents for transporting your children as I appreciate the traffic was very busy!



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



Boys Football v Roundwood

A team lost 1 - 0 and B team lost 2 - 0

Last Friday we went to Roundwood to play our 2nd League fixture.

The A team had another end to end match and were unlucky to concede in the first half. The second half saw some great chances but we were unfortunate not to be able to score.

The B team linked together some really nice passes but could not get a strong enough pass away to challenge the keeper. Our keepers also had to make some great saves.

Next match Friday 23rd November v Woodend Home.

Harpenden & District Cross Country



On Thursday afternoon all the local schools met at The Rovers Ground for The Annual District Cross Country. We were really lucky with the weather this year and all our children were excited to run after all their practising.

Great performances by all the children meant as a team we finished 2nd overall which was one place up on last year which I was really pleased with. Extremely well done to Zach in Year 6 and Finn in Year 5 who won both of their races beating around 70 other boys which was fantastic! Also well done to the Year 5 boys who were placed 1st in their team competition!

Thank you for all the parental support.

Mrs Tizard

School Closure

The school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 7 February 2019** for polling, as our hall is being used for the Harpenden Planning Referendum. Apologies for the inconvenience caused, we have spoken to St Albans Council about finding an alternative venue but no other local facilities meet all of their requirements.

E-Safety

What games should I buy for my child this Christmas?

We're the VSC Rating Board whose job it is to review every video game released in the UK and then apply an appropriate age rating. We do this using the PEGI rating system – you've probably seen our symbols on game packaging. Our ratings aim to ensure that you get to make informed buying decisions for your children.

We will be giving a presentation on our work and how you can keep your children safe in the gaming world:

7pm Wednesday 21st November

**St. Helen's CE VA Primary School, Brewhouse Hill,
Wheathampstead, AL4 8AN**

We would urge you to come along and attend our presentation. We are sure that you will find it useful and informative. We're keen to show you, with video examples, why we rate games, including some of the more mature games as we do. It will also give you a chance to let us, the UK video games regulator, answer any questions you may have about video games and your kids' gaming habits. Most importantly, we can go through any games that are on your children's Christmas list and explain what PEGI rating it received and why!

Due to the nature of the content, this presentation is for adults only.

Hope to see you there!

Track Safety

Due to the high level of trespassing on train tracks by young people in our area we have been asked to share this video with you. The session is led by a safety manager from Network Rail and explains in less than 15 minutes why it is important to stay safe near the train tracks.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Anna for contributing and engaging well in lessons.
Rowan	Orla for always choosing kindness.
Ash	Amy for her excellent effort and concentration in all lessons - a great role model.
Birch	Monty for putting lots of effort into his learning and impressing his teachers.
Teak	Otis for making fantastic contributions in class and trying hard in all lessons.
Redwood	Charlotte for always persevering and trying to overcome obstacles.
Elm	Charlotte for being a class role in behaviour and through always completing work to a brilliant standard.
Elder	Nina for a thoughtful and engaging book review.

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Sports Champion – Lower School

Annabel – Birch – for being an excellent role model in all PE lessons and club practices.

Sports Champion – Upper School

Finn – Teak and Zach – Elder for their outstanding achievement finishing in first place at the District Cross Country.

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.



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