



Crabtree Junior School

16th December 2016

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**

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**Year
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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 "Responsibility"

Diary Reminders

Mon 19th December

Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas parties - PM

Tues 20th December

Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas parties - PM

Weds 21st December

Last day of term – School closes at 2pm

Dear Parents,

Grandparents' Tea Party

It was an absolute delight to share Year 3's nativity performance with their Grandparents this week!

We have never seen such authentic 'ever so disgruntled snowmen' and such wonderful 'twirling snowflakes' before! Thank you.

Christmas Dinner

A special thank you to Karla, our school cook, and her committed team who worked hard to produce such a wonderful feast for all to enjoy yesterday.

Christmas Plays

From French speaking camels to giant singing eggs and grumpy rapping bears, we saw it all in this year's extravaganza of Christmas plays.

Teachers worked hard to prepare plays that would not only engage all children but also deliver, each time, a very strong Christmas message. Well done to all Crabtree pupils for being such talented performers.

Thank you

After many years, Imogen Brooks is standing down as Chair of the PA. On behalf of all the staff, parents and children, I would like to say a huge thank you for all her time and effort raising valuable funds for the schools. We wish her replacement, Caroline Elston-Smith, every success in her new role.

Ian Pattrick

Headteacher

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Dinner Bills

Gym Club 2017

Sports Clubs Spring 2017

New School Closure Notification System

Hertfordshire schools are implementing a new school closure notification system which we will be using if the school has to close for any unforeseen circumstance such as severe weather. This system will automatically alert the Local Authority, radio stations and the Hertfordshire Transport team. Parents can register for this service to receive automatic texts or emails when the school is closed and when it is re-opening.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish to – this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of their child's school.

To sign up, parents/guardians will need to go to the following link and follow the instructions below, which should take no longer than five minutes:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

Absence Requests

Can we please draw your attention to the Absence Protocol which can be found on the school website -

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/our_school/absence.html

If parents are requesting a leave of absence for their child they need to write to Mr Pattrick at **least one week in advance** (if possible), using the [Notification of Absence Form](#) or sending in a letter explaining the circumstances. We are unable to accept emails. The governors strongly discourage the taking of holidays during term time and unless there are exceptional extenuating reasons, the absence will be marked as unauthorised on the pupil's record.

Christmas Language Fair

Last Friday a number of Year 4 pupils took part in the Christmas Language Fair at Roundwood Park School. They learnt French and German vocabulary linked to the festive season through playing games, computer challenges, singing songs, buying items in a market, colouring Christmas baubles and getting stamps on their language passports. Several schools took part in this event.

"Joyeux Noël! Bonne Année!

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr!"

Madame Baikie



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Flyers:

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Christmas Reading
Challenge

Holocaust Memorial Event

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Christmas Jumper Day

All the children came into school today looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and hats. Thank you to everyone who brought in money - we raised a fantastic £171.09 for Save the Children.



Gym Club 2017 – Years 5 & 6

Communication regarding the gym club which is starting in January was sent home by email yesterday and is also attached to this newsletter. If your child would like to take part please complete and return the permission form on Monday 19th December and make your payment via Wisepay. Thank you

Dinner Bills

The final reminder dinner bills have been sent home today, please can you ensure these are paid urgently.

From the Parents' Association

Merry Christmas from the PA

The Parents' Association wishes your family a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. We have seen another hugely successful term with fantastic Fireworks, a Christmas Fayre and more – all fantastic community events whilst raising money for the school. Please consider joining us in the PA in the New Year. We have positions available both generally on the committee or specifically with one of our annual events. It doesn't require a full-time commitment, just any time you can give! We hope to see some new faces joining us in 2017!

Farewell and Thank You Imogen

We want to say a very special thank you to Imogen Brooks, a long-time member and Chair of the PA who is stepping down. We will miss her and are thankful for all her hard work and dedication in helping make Crabtree the best it can be. All the best to you, Imogen.

Christmas Shopping CHALLENGE!

Great news! More Crabtree parents have signed up to EasyFundraising and started earning money for the school with their online Christmas shopping! Well done! This could add up to a lot of money for new computers, play equipment and much more for your children – all at NO EXTRA COST to you! Please remember to go to the EasyFundraising website FIRST when you make a purchase online this Christmas (not just gifts, food & drink too!). Sainsbury's, Waitrose and M&S make donations for online orders. John Lewis, Toys R Us, Argos and many more retailers will give up to 3% of your purchase to the school.

Sign up now: www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta.

The PA will award Crabtree's Top EasyFundraising Shoppers in January. Will it be you?

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Peggy , for a fabulous contribution to life in Cedar this term. An all-rounder, well done!
Rowan	Bethany , for her performance as a snowflake!
Ash	Rafferty , for great contributions in science.
Birch	Sofia and Amber , for superb alliteration work this week.
Teak	Ollie , for excellent extension of learning in maths.
Redwood	Matilda M , for fantastic commitment to her spelling group and excellent progress as a result.
Elm	Sebby , for writing and presenting a very powerful speech.
Elder	Felix , for writing a great speech.

Sports Champion

Maya for developing and growing in skill and confidence within football.

Challenge Champions

Mrs Shadbolt & Mrs Brooks for their sterling efforts in sorting out the tickets for the Christmas plays.

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.

