



Crabtree Junior School

17th March 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 "Hope"

Diary Reminders

Mon 20th March

12pm Yr6 Crucial Crew Visit

3.30pm – 8pm Year 6 Parent Consultations

Tues 21st March

9am Yr6 County Indoor Athletics Final

3.30pm – 6pm Year 6 Parent Consultations

Weds 22nd March

9am Spring Festival Rehearsal

7pm Spring Festival

Thurs 23rd March

3pm Yr6 Table Tennis

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day – See Main Information in Newsletter

9.10am Yr5 Assembly to Parents

6 – 8.30pm SGP Movie Night

Dear Parents,

Supporting the School Grounds Project - Virgin Money Giving

Over the last two weeks parents have asked me about using Virgin giving as a means to raise funds for the project.

From the school's perspective this is a very effective and efficient way to raise funds. On Virgin giving you can donate a 'one off' payment or set up a direct payment from as little as £1 a month.

Although the highlighted amounts on the Virgin site start off at £15 per month you can, easily, set the amount to what you like to contribute. For example, £5 a month over 18 months - the expected duration of fundraising (although we are aiming to commence the construction work this November) would = £90; £10 per month would = £180. If you signed up to 'gift aid' as well that would add an extra 25% which would add £25.50 to £90 = £112.50 and £45 to £180 = £225!

You can imagine if 100 parents signed up to £10 a month then over 18 months this would bring in £ 18,000 + a potential £4,500 gift aid = £22,500!! If 200 parents signed up (we have over 300 families across the two schools) then a potential £45,000 could be realised for the project.

Although the above presents a financial commitment from parents over the next 18 months the project team are quite confident that with your support the above figures are very reachable.

So.... Please do consider Virgin giving as means to support the project and sign up as soon as you can.

The link to the Virgin giving web site can be found on the front page of the school's web site; alternatively you can just use google:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1009753>

Many thanks for taking time to read the above request.

Ian Patrick & Sally Patrick

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Antony Wolfson Golf

Tennis Club

Lingua Fanatics

Bushido Karate

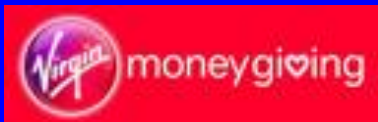
Gym Display

Yet another fantastic display; a huge thank you to all concerned especially Mrs Tizard, Miss Clements and Miss Weaver. We have had many emails of 'thank you' come in to the school this week, below are but a few – the school really appreciates you appreciation!

"It was so fantastic and I think a highlight of the year, it is such an amazing experience for the children and you can see from their faces how much they were enjoying it and how proud they all were."

"It was outstanding, I loved it!"

"My child has so enjoyed all the preparation and loved the performance we can't thank you for the massive effort that goes into this every year. It is sad to think it is our last Crabtree Gym Display – long may it continue!"



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.



Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March



'Make your smile matter' – On Friday 24th March we will be raising money for Red Nose Day. Children can come into school in non-uniform – wearing something red, a red nose or painting a smile on their face for a small donation to Comic Relief.

Safe Guarding – The Prevent Strategy

The prevent strategy is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extreme causes.

CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Flyers:

Raring 2 Go

E-Flyers:

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Through the school's social curriculum we discuss with pupils citizens' rights and responsibilities and the importance of British values. In this way we both inform and equip our pupils with the necessary insight to challenge both unacceptable views and opinions.

For more information please access the 'Prevent' link below:

<http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/documents/our%20school/The%20Prevent%20Strategy.pdf>

Midday Supervisors required

We are presently recruiting for midday supervisors to work either two days a week or every day for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes starting at 11.50am.

If you are interested in this role or know of anyone in the local community who would like to apply for this vacancy, please contact the school office.

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St Albans and Harpenden Quicksticks Hockey Festival



On Tuesday we took 18 Year 5's to the Quicksticks tournament at Oaklands College to play on their purpose built hockey astro turf. The children played some great hockey and improved their skills with every game. Well done to all the children with Team 1 finishing 6th, Team 2 - 4th and Team 3 - 5th within their groups. Thank you to Mrs Gilham for helping to manage the teams.

Library

The School Library will be closed on Monday lunchtime but will be open again as usual on Thursday 23rd March

From the Parents' Association.

School Grounds Project Events!

Easter Smarties Challenge

The Parents Association would like to give all the children a tube of Smarties to enjoy for Easter. We hope the children will keep the empty tube and then work over the holidays to earn 20p for chores, etc and bring the full tubes back after Easter to do their own bit for the School Grounds Project.

The Smarties will be given out at the end of the last day of this term (Friday 31st March) by our parent reps, so if you don't want your child to have one, please let your class rep know. We will have some empty tubes if they still want to participate. The ingredients for Smarties are below. If your child isn't able to have them, we can provide an alternative. Please let Georgie Clark know by Monday 27th March at rossclark25@hotmail.com. If you aren't going to be at school for pick up on Friday afternoon, let us know and we will try to get a tube to your child so they don't miss out.

Ingredients Sugar, Cocoa Butter, Skimmed **Milk** Powder, Cocoa Mass, **Wheat** Flour, Lactose and Proteins from Whey (from **Milk**), Butterfat (from **Milk**), Rice Starch, Emulsifier (Sunflower Lecithin), Fruit and Vegetable Concentrates (Safflower, Radish, Black Carrot, Lemon, Hibiscus), Spiralling Concentrate, Orange Extract, Glazing Agents (Carnauba Wax, Beeswax), Natural Vanilla Flavouring, Invert Sugar Syrup

Movie Night at Crabtree on Friday 24th March, 6pm

Book your tickets online now! For £4 each kids can hangout with their friends and watch one of a choice of 4 movies with popcorn and a drink included. Movies to be shown are Trolls (U), The Secret Life of Pets (U), Swallows and Amazons (U) and The BFG (PG). Book tickets online: <http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/87017>. Parent help is also much appreciated, contact caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk.

Get on Your Bike Sunday 11th June 2017

Here's the challenge: Cycle 100 miles or 100km with a team from Crabtree in an effort to raise £5000 for the School Grounds Project. Both routes will start and finish at the school and pass through the beautiful Chilterns. We're recruiting riders, support crew and a welcome back party! For more information contact johnestyles@hotmail.com.

Watch this space and follow us on Facebook at 'Crabtree Schools' Parents' Association' for info on these and other fundraising initiatives coming up. !

Like to Organize a Party?

The Summer Fayre is one of Crabtree's biggest events of the year, and we're looking for 1 or 2 people to shadow this year's planning in order to take over organizing the event next summer. Please consider if you could help us in this way, or encourage a friend who you think may be good for the role! Email caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Sophie , for her focus and effort during maths.
Rowan	Max , for his continued enthusiasm and good nature within the class.
Ash	Amy , for her great effort and persistence with all her work.
Birch	Millie , for her focus and effort in lessons particularly maths.
Teak	Cara , for her contribution in French lessons.
Redwood	Luke , for dedication to his groups gym work even though he was injured.
Elm	Dexter , for his fabulous attitude to learning a foreign language – Très Bien!
Elder	Olivia , for being such a great asset to her class.

Sports Champion

Ted S, for excellent goalkeeping in the hockey tournament.

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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.

