



Crabtree Junior School

17th November 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.

**Year
3**

**Year
4**

**Year
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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

"Appreciation"

Diary Reminders

Weds 22nd November

9.30am - Year 3 Prospective Parent Tour

Friday 24th November

Occasional Day – no children in school

School Uniform Opening Times

FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30

8TH DECEMBER

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Dear Parents,

I am the Head of Little Gaddesden School and have been asked by Herts For Learning to work alongside the Leadership team for the next few weeks. I come from a school which is in many ways very different from yours, as it is in the middle of a village community – however in many ways it is very similar, as it is a high achieving school rated "outstanding" by OFSTED.

I have visited twice and have been extremely impressed by the commitment of the staff and the calm working atmosphere in all the classrooms and so I am looking forward to spending more time at Crabtree Junior School and getting the know the school community better.

*Charis Geoghegan
Acting Headteacher*

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Wisepay Reminders

Year 3

Grandparents' Tea Party

Year 4 Assembly

Thank you to Year 4 for a very informative and entertaining assembly this morning, sharing their learning from this term. Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support today; it is always very much appreciated. We have raised £279.00 for Children In Need.

Christmas Concert

Our school concert will be held on Monday 11th December with performances at 9:30am and 6:30pm. We expect it to last approximately 1 hour. Further information will follow shortly.

Aldwickbury Maths Challenge

Well done to Indira, Gautham, Olivia and Alex for representing the school at the Year 6 Aldwickbury Maths Challenge yesterday. You worked well together to solve some tricky maths questions and word problems. Well done!

Sustainable Schools Training Day



Freddie, Charlotte, Isla and Olivia from Years 5 & 6 attend the sustainable school training day on Thursday with Miss Eastlake, together with 15 other schools, both primary and secondary.

We had a fantastic time sharing our ideas about how to have less of an impact on our environment. We took part in 5 different workshops which focussed on; water, waste, outdoor classrooms, food waste and recycling. The eco-team are looking forward to sharing their new ideas with the school.

Art Workshops

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help us with our art workshops. A schedule has been sent home today to those parents that are volunteering.

Year 3 Grandparents' Tea Party

An email has been sent to Year 3 parents today about the forthcoming Grandparents' Tea Party. If you have not received the information please contact the office. Thank you.



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.



CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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E-Flyers:

Fab Science at Xmas

Frogmore Mill Xmas Fayre

Silent Auction Prizes

Lucky Dip

FLYERS:

Carols by Candlelight

Aviva Community Fund Voting

**“Have you voted yet?
Have you asked family and friends?”**

**VOTING TO WIN £10,000 FOR THE JUNIOR PLAY
EQUIPMENT CLOSSES AT MIDDAY NEXT TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21ST**

We need as many folks as possible to vote NOW. Please click on this link - [Crabtree Junior School - New Play Equipment](#)

The website is likely to get very busy nearer the deadline, so don't delay. And if you have already voted/shared with others – PERCY PLAY EQUIPMENT SAYS A MASSIVE THANK YOU!

PE



On Tuesday our Year 5 Apex Football Club played a friendly against The Grove. We made great progress during the matches and made some great attacks on goal. However, the Grove defence was very strong and we were unable to score. Well played to all the boys.

From the Parents' Association

DIARY DATES

Saturday 2 December - Crabtree Christmas Fayre

Friday 26 January - Kids Disco

Saturday 10 March - PA Quiz Night

UNIFORM SHOP DATES (Open Fridays 8:50am - 9:30am) **December 8th, January 5th & 19th**

VOTE FOR CRABTREE TO WIN £10,000 We've had about 300 people vote so far – but we need to at least double that to have a chance at the funding. This is doable if all Crabtree parents voted (mums & dads) – especially if we each get a few friends or family to vote too! Follow the link below. Voting with Facebook seems to be the easiest, click that option at the bottom of the “register” page. If you need to be redirected back to our project just search “Crabtree.” It takes 2 or 3 minutes and this possible £10,000 for our outdoor renovations is too good to miss out on!

Aviva voting link: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5355>

COUNTDOWN TO THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS

Thanks for your donations so far. Keep them coming! Here's a rundown of what we're collecting at the school offices over the next

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week:

*This Friday (17th Nov.) - prizes to go in the Lucky Dip

* Next Thursday (23rd) - adult gifts for the Tombola/Rudolphs Wrapping Room *Anytime – Silent Auction prizes! Perhaps an experience or service, be creative!

HELPING OUT

Can you give an hour or so to help us at the Fayre? You'll still have plenty time to enjoy the day with your family. We could use more helpers in the kitchen and in a few other roles. Please contact Katy_Goody@sky.com

BE SURE TO COME ALONG!

We hope Saturday, Dec 2nd is marked on your calendars to come to the Fayre. It will be a fun & festive afternoon with games, food, stalls and carols. Father Christmas will be there. But there are only a few slots left to visit him in the grotto!

Book

Grotto

Tickets

Online:

<http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/118748>

CRABTREE FIREWORKS WERE SPECTACULAR! We are pleased to report the Fireworks brought in £8,700 for Crabtree, which is a big boost for the grounds project. Thank you to all who came out and supported the school. We especially thank organizer Stuart Robson who has managed the event for a number of years. He's really enjoyed it, but time has come to pass the torch on. So we are looking for an individual or group to take on the Fireworks for next year, with guidance and support from Stuart and the PA. Does this sound a perfect fit for you? Please contact Caroline with interest: caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk.

HAVE YOU STARTED CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Our online purchases can bring in lots of free funds for the school this holiday season. Please remember to go through EasyFundraising and a percentage of your spending comes back to the school! If you've been meaning to try it – now is the time. www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

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Stars of the Week



Cedar	Zach , for an excellent piece of writing. Working hard to achieve the targets set. Well done!
Rowan	Christian , for fantastic independent story writing, well done!
Ash	Amy , for her fabulous lead of the song in our class assembly.
Birch	Evie , for her brilliant enthusiasm and dedication in our Year 4 assembly.
Teak	Danny , for a fantastic piece of art – well done Danny.
Redwood	Isla , for being an excellent eco-council

representative, especially for her diligence in de-littering the playground.

Elm

Luke, for working so hard in his comprehension group with Mrs Carter and becoming more organised in school.

Elder

Louie, for his excellent contribution orally in class – Excellent – Très Bien!

Sports Champion

Emily D, for extending her learning at home without being asked.

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.

