



# Crabtree Junior School

18<sup>th</sup> September 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  
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## 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)

**This term's school value is  
"Cooperation"**

## Diary Reminders

**Monday 21st September**

Orchestra after school

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Year 3 Egyptian Day

**Wednesday 23rd  
September**

Choir 8.10am – 8.45am

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
European Day of Languages  
Sibling photographs - Infants

## From the Headteacher

### Dear Parents

*Elections.... Elections.... And more Elections!*

*Year 6, Head Boy and Girl candidates, are currently presenting to their own class, 'why I will make an effective Head Boy or Girl'. The short listed candidates will be presenting to school assembly early next week and on Thursday 24th September we will be holding school elections for the positions. Also, next week the 4 House Captains will be confirmed for the year – I will inform you of the outcomes of both in next week's newsletter.*

*Today in assembly, after a week of class elections, school council representatives received their badges. My congratulations go out to:*

*Cedar: Teddy and Ella*

*Rowan: Zach and Isla*

*Ash: Alys and Adam*

*Birch: Katherine and Danny*

*Teak: Sebby and Amelie*

*Redwood: Max and Alexandra*

*Elm: Kasia and Enrique*

*Elder: Felix and Sophia*

*Staff, Governors and I look forward to working with all of our school representatives as we strive to make Crabtree an even better environment to work, play and achieve.*

*Ian Patrick,  
Headteacher*

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

E-Safety

## Flyers

The Herts 10K Challenge

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

*E-Safety thought of the Week:*

"In the real world we treat strangers with caution. Similar care should be given to your child's new online friend"

PE

We have had another excellent week within our P.E lessons and it has been fantastic to see so many children attending the lunchtime and after school clubs.

Please can I remind parents that the children are out on the field in their games lesson this term developing their football skills and will need football boots, shin pads and football socks. Please can children have Velcro fastenings if they cannot tie up their own shoelaces.

Year 6 Football After School Club: Please bring in kit that you can take home with you after the club. Please try not to wear your P.E Kit as it will get muddy!

Finally a plea if anyone has a table tennis table they no longer require and would like to donate it to the school to use in our table tennis club, please contact the school office.

Amanda Tizard

P.E Subject Leader.

## Music

Next week sees the start of our weekly orchestra sessions with Mr Bishop. Any children who can already play an instrument and are interested in joining the orchestra should come along to see Mr Bishop in the hall after school on Monday.

All children, from years 3 to 6, are welcome to join the school choir. It will take place from 8.10 – 8.45 on a Wednesday morning in the hall. Please enter school by the front entrance.

Boys' choir, with Mrs Doran in Birch, will begin next week. Mrs Doran will confirm the lunch time next week in Tuesday's assembly.

## Midday Supervisors required

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

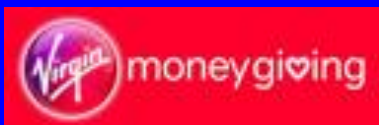
If you are interested in this role please contact the office.

## Recorder Lessons

Mrs Low has 5 spaces available for Year 3 recorder lessons. If your child would like to start lessons on a Friday lunchtime please contact the office. The cost for this half term is £10.00 for four lessons.

## Harpenden Lions Club

Harpenden Lions Club, the community support organisation, promotes Personal Social & Health Education in local schools, donating £15,000+ pa to schools in the area. It provides PSHE support to encourage development of young people in communication and basic life skills which provides a basis for other development and benefits the community. The Club values the school's work equipping pupils with the wide range of skills necessary for them to lead fulfilling lives. The continued success of the Club's Life Skills programme is dependent upon the ability to raise funds.



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:

**Harpenden Food & Drink Festival**

**Harpenden Concert Band**

### Contact us:

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This year Harpenden Lions Club has helped Crabtree Junior school by donating £500 toward the 'Jigsaw Scheme' – to enable further social skill development within the school.

## PA events this term – dates for your diary!

### Family Fun Event, Saturday 3 October – FREE for Crabtree Folk

The PA would like to invite you to join us for the first event of the school year - a fun informal family event on the afternoon of Saturday 3 October. There will be some games and crafts for the children, an open bar, refreshments and more details on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Volunteers needed – one of the key attractions of the Family Fun Day will be a selection of games held on the sports field – some of the games on offer will be welly whanging, sack races, Frisbee throwing, shoot the hoop, crazy golf and more – we are looking for mums and dads to help with setting up and managing/refereeing the games. If you can help on Saturday 3 October please email [howarddormer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:howarddormer@yahoo.co.uk)

### Crabtree Fireworks

Do you have the gift of the gab? We are looking for an announcer for the Firework display on Saturday 7 November and would love to hear from you if you would be happy to take on this important job – contact Stuart Firework Chief on [srobson@informatica.com](mailto:srobson@informatica.com)

**Novelty value** – if you are fantastic at spotting a bargain, would you like to take on the job of ordering the novelties that we sell at the Crabtree Fireworks display? This takes a couple of hours in the autumn term and would be a good job for someone who would like to get involved but has limited time to spare. Please contact [imogenbrooks@virginmedia.com](mailto:imogenbrooks@virginmedia.com) if interested.

### Crabtree Fabric Collection

If you are getting rid of old clothing then please consider donating to the Crabtree Fabric Collection on Friday 16 October. This is a great way to clear out your cupboards and make some money for the schools. More details on when and where to bring your clothing to follow.

## Musicale

We are recruiting in particular for two of our ensembles. Please do join us if you live in the locality of Harpenden, whether adult or child!!

1. Saturday strings group - up to Grade 5 [children of any age]. 10 - 11am. Starts Saturday 26th Sept.

2. Adult Wind Band - Wind and Brass players, any standard, Wednesdays, 8pm - 9pm. Starts Wednesday 23rd September. Come for a free trial session. Fun and progress to be had!

All rehearsals take place at: Musicale, Homecroft, Sun Lane, Harpenden, AL5 3AU

## Stars of the Week



### ***Dreams & Goals – Celebrating a child who can stay motivated when doing something challenging.***

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Millie Hu</b> , in English.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Cameron</b> , in both Maths and English.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Oliver F</b> , for always challenging himself.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Sophia</b> , in the Maths challenge.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Stephen</b> , in English lesson, particularly.

**Redwood**

**Finley**, in PE.

**Elm**

**Annie**, in Maths.

**Elder**

**Adam G**, in both Maths & English.

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)

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