



Crabtree Junior School

18th November 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
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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

Weds 23rd November

School visit for prospective Yr3 entry

6.30pm - E-safety meeting for parents

Thurs 24th November

Yrs 3 & 4 Speed Stacking

Fri 25th November

Occasional Day – school closed

Dear Parents,

Year 4 Assembly

The Year 4s really blew us away this morning with their assembly. What a performance! There was some fantastic singing which transported us all to the seaside ; I definitely noticed some parents trying not to join in! The children (and teachers) have clearly had a very busy term so far as the list of what they have covered in class went on and on! Thank you to the Year 4 team for all their hard work, enabling the children to share their passion about their current topic so eloquently.

Children in Need

Thank you for all you support today; it is always very much appreciated. Your generosity has taken our collection to £306.27.

Emily Renier

Deputy Headteacher

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Friendly Friday Fixtures against The Grove

On Friday I took 44 children from Year 6 to The Grove to play football and netball friendly fixtures. The children were fantastic in their efforts and determination in both sports, enjoying the opportunity to test their skills.

There was a lot of great sportsmanship and encouragement coming from the children and supporters It was really pleasing to see how skilful and competitive we can be against some strong opposition.



The Netball A team lost 6 – 3 and the B team lost 2 – 0.

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Christmas Fayre Flyer

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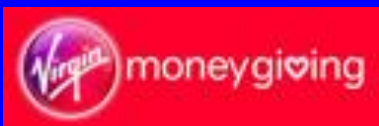
The Football A team lost 6 – 0. The B1 and B2 teams played a different Grove team in each half; B1 lost 2 – 0 and won 4 – 0; B2 team lost 1 – 0 and drew 0 – 0.

Well done to all the children who took part.

An event of this size, involving so many children, could not take place without the support from parents who gave their time to help manage the teams. A massive thank you to all concerned. Your support gave many more children the opportunity to take part.

Aldwickbury Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys who competed in the Aldwickbury School Year 6 maths challenge yesterday afternoon. In total, there were 30 teams taking part and we are very proud to tell you that Max and Louis came 2nd in their group and Ben and Greg also came 2nd in their group and 2nd overall!



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.



Warm clothing

Please can you ensure that children come into school with a coat, all playtimes are outside unless it is raining.

The children will also need extra layers for PE. Please send them in with leggings, joggers and jumpers. Alternatively, they can wear dark coloured base layers under their PE tops (but not under their normal school uniform).

Thank you for your co-operation.

Book Fair Success

Thank you for your generous support at the winter book fair last week.

It was a great success and will fund over £500 worth of new books for the library and the school. The children should be able to start reading all the latest titles within a few weeks.

CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Flyers:

Carols by Candlelight

**Tyndalls Winter
Wonderland**

E-Flyers:

Sustainable St Albans Week

**The Harpenden Partnership
– The Nurturing Programme
- Managing Behaviour**

**Christmas Carnival
Programme**

No 7 Music

Anxiety Parent Flyer

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A massive thank you to Mrs Goody, Mrs San Blas and Mrs Holman Ellis for running the fair.

Music

The next **Performance Platform** will be on Monday 28 November. Please encourage your children to sign up in good time - don't leave it until the last minute! I hope the children will make the most of this opportunity to perform to their friends and parents. We all love hearing them play. I look forward to seeing a long list of names!

The **Choir** will be performing Christmas songs at the Crabtree Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December. The songs are now on the website for the children to practice.

Choir to sing at Batford Lights Up.

Thank you to those parents who signed up for their child to sing at Batford Lights Up on Sunday 4 December. If there are any more children from the choir who would like to take part, please contact the office for details – everyone is welcome.

Christmas Tree Donation

Once again, Croft Farm has donated our beautiful Christmas tree, which will be arriving at the beginning of December.

Croft Farm will be selling Nordman non drop trees ranging in size from 3ft - 12ft throughout the festive period. As well as Christmas Trees, this year they also have a small flock of Heritage Free Range Turkeys. The birds have been orchard reared, gobbling the windfall apples happily, and will be plump and delicious by Christmas. Just pop along, or phone for more details. Croft Farm, Leasy Bridge Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8HP 01582 832071.

From the Parents' Association

**Countdown to The Christmas Fayre, Saturday
3rd Dec.**

Donations Reminder:

This week we are collecting cuddly toys to be “adopted” at the Fayre. Please bring any unwanted stuffed animals (in good condition) to the school offices this Friday. Next Thursday we'll be collecting tombola prizes and adult gifts for Rudolph's Wrapping Room (where the kids can buy presents for YOU!)

Book A Photo Shoot!

Photographer Penny Bird will be offering 15 minute photo shoots during the Fayre, perfect for a family portrait or fun memory for a group of friends. The shoot costs just £5 (100% goes to the PA!) and you get your favourite image. Additional images are available to purchase, of which 10% goes to the PA. There is also a fun app to send your picture as a digital Christmas card. Reserve your slot at

http://myapp.pennybird.co.uk/Crabtree_Christmas_Fayre/

Santa Comes to Crabtree

Thanks to all who purchased their tickets to see Father Christmas in his Crabtree Grotto. The elves are organizing Santa's schedule and will make more slots available by next week to book online at :
<http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/67679>.

Poster Competition Winners

Well done to Lily T. in Redwood and Kate C. in Woodpeckers for the winning designs in the poster competition. Look for their wonderful artwork around the school advertising the Fayre! Both get £5 of vouchers to spend at the event.

Christmas Shopping CHALLENGE!

This time of year we can earn lots of ££ for Crabtree, if parents please remember to go to the EasyFundraising website FIRST any time you make a purchase online this Christmas (not just gifts, food & drink too!).

Sainsburys, 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. This could add up to a lot of £ for new computers, play equipment and much more for your students – all at NO COST to you! Sign up now:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta.

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

Stars of the Week



Cedar	John , for an excellent poem in English. He thought carefully about using appropriate synonyms for verbs.
Rowan	Chloe , for an excellent poem demonstrating a brilliant knowledge of powerful verbs and adverbs.
Ash	Charlotte , for her fabulous presentation to the class on her love of poetry.
Birch	Olivia ES , for using powerful emotive language in our persuasive writing.
Teak	Matilda , for settling in really well and being an engaged and focused member of the class.
Redwood	Gautham , for developing his scientific skills.
Elm	Alex , for always being kind and considerate of others.
Elder	Elana , for working <u>really</u> hard to improve her writing.

Sports Champion

Louis H for outstanding resilience in Friday's football match.

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.

