



# Crabtree Junior School

20<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is**

**"Appreciation"**

**Diary Reminders**

**Next Week is**

**Half Term**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October**

3.15pm – Girls League  
Football - Home

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October**

1.30pm – Chess  
Tournament

Year 5 Netball @ The Grove

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Year 4 Hindu Workshop

**Fri 3rd November**

9.10am Year 5 Class  
Assembly

Dear Parents,



*The whole school have been fully immersed in the traditional dance and music of a Zulu Tribe today, as we were lucky enough to welcome the Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company to Crabtree Junior School. The children have informed me that, 'the Zulus are sick', which apparently is a very good thing!*

*The Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company are a cast of professional Zulus from the Kingdom of Kwa-Zulu Natal (South Africa) and are travelling across the world promoting cultural diversity awareness, community cohesion, citizenship and positive perceptions without prejudice.*

*They have helped us to raise awareness of African-American History Month and have worked with each year group teaching them traditional dance routines and traditional music, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.*

*Leanne Williams  
Assistant Headteacher*

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## School Uniform Opening Times

**FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30**

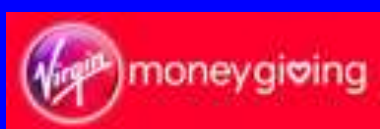
3RD NOVEMBER  
17TH NOVEMBER  
8TH DECEMBER

## School letters

*Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy*

Winter/Spring Dinner Menu

Book Fair Competition



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.



## Wisepay Reminders

### Whole School

Mighty Zulu Nation

Dick Whittington Panto

School Art Project – *we need more parental help with this project to ensure its success – please complete the attached volunteer sheet if you can help. Thank you.*

### Year 4

Hindu Workshop

Parent Consultations

### Year 5

Parent Consultations

### Year 6

Bletchley Park

## PE



### Girls' Football League

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Team played the last two games of their football league. The first was against St. Helens which they lost 2-1 and the second game was against Sauncey Wood, which they won 3-1. The girls have displayed some good football skills and have shown massive improvement in working as a team!



### Table Tennis Coaching

On Tuesday we visited Kings School and had the fantastic opportunity to receive some expert table tennis coaching from Mr Case. Unfortunately, there were only 3 children from Kings to play against and we certainly kept them busy! Our children played non-stop table tennis and really made great progress throughout the session.

# CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## E-Flyers:

**Jordans Mill Halloween Activities**

**Watford School of Music – Guitar Works**

**Junior Netball Sessions at Redbourn**

## FLYERS:

### Contact us:

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## Brilliant Basketball at the Level 2 Schools' Competition!

On Thursday we took 2 teams to Oaklands to play in the Harpenden District Tournament.

- **Team 1:** v Cunningham Hill 2 (won 20 – 2)
- v The Grove 2 (won 10 -2)
- v Killigrew 1 (lost 20 – 4)
- **Team 2:** v Cunningham Hill 1 (lost 4 – 6)
- v Grove 2 (lost 6 – 8)
- v Bowmansgreen (won 16 – 4)

All the children played fantastically well and made great progress throughout the day, especially as we have not had proper basketball posts to practice in. Team 1 came 2nd in their pool and team 2 came 3rd. I was really proud of all our players!

## Library

### WIN A £5 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair is coming to Crabtree on the 8th and 9th of November.

To win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair children should design a poster showing how we should look after our library books.

One winner from each year will see their poster displayed in the school library and will win a voucher to spend.

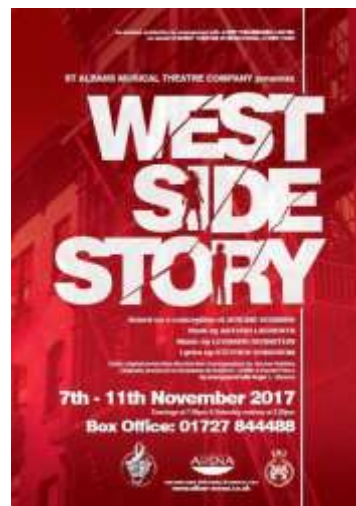
Entries should be with the Office by the 1st of November - Good Luck

## REMINDER: Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2018

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. But Herts County Council would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 27th October, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

You should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

## West Side Story



We are proud to announce that Miss Reimann is playing Maria in West Side Story at the Alban Arena, St Albans. Tickets are available via the box office – 01727 844488.

## From the Parents' Association

Please put these dates in your calendar and join us in support of Crabtree schools & community

### NOVEMBER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Uniform Shop Open 8:50-9:30am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Poster Entries Due In

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Crabtree Firework & Bonfire Night

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Shop Open 8:50-9:30am

### DECEMBER

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Crabtree Christmas Fayre

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Shop Open 8:50-9:30am

**MOVIE NIGHT SELL OUT!** Thanks to all who came to Crabtree Cinema last Friday and enjoyed movie night – especially the parents who organized and helped out. The kids had lots of fun and the event raised £1,000 for the school. We give that a 5 star rating!

### **CRABTREE SCHOOLS' FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

Tickets are on sale now for this year's display and bonfire on Saturday 4th November. Book now and be sure not to miss this Crabtree tradition with lots of food, friends & fun for all! Places are limited so please buy your tickets early via the school's website or click here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/72511/chk/6ded>

Can you help? The Fireworks are the PA's biggest fundraising event of the year and we rely on parents and volunteers in a number of roles over the weekend. Helping out doesn't mean you won't be able to join your family for the fireworks. Please consider joining the team. Contact Stuart - [srobson@informatica.com](mailto:srobson@informatica.com). Thanks in advance.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE POSTER COMPETITION**

Here's a way to help the PA prepare for Christmas AND keep the kids busy (for a while) over half term... design a poster advertising this year's Fayre! It's a win-win! You'll find all of the details and instructions in the newsletter attachment. Entries are due to the school offices by Friday, November 3rd. And if you could contribute something for our Silent Auction or Rufolph's Wrapping Room we'd be so thankful. Contact Katy - [katy\\_goody@sky.com](mailto:katy_goody@sky.com).

### **HALF TERM AND HOLIDAY SPENDING? USE EASYFUNDRAISING.**

We're closing in on that most wonderful, and expensive time of year! Wouldn't it be great if all of our Crabtree families committed to use EasyFundraising when shopping online these next few months? It would add up to hundreds of £s for the school, FOR FREE. Please sign up at the link below and remember to use EasyFundraising when you purchase items from retailers online. Family, friends and neighbours can do it too!

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## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Ben R</b> , for an incredible half term. Well done.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Rai</b> , for settling in to his new class very well and working extremely hard across the curriculum.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Will E</b> , for his hard work and perseverance in math's lessons.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Elliot</b> , for his amazing hard work, dedication and focus. It's really improved this half term. Elliot should be very proud. Keep it up!
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Charlotte</b> , for constantly focusing on including all the targeted language features in her writing, beautifully.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Sophia</b> , for being a ball of sunshine and energy in our class. Good luck in your new school, we will all miss you!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Chloe</b> , for always getting on straight away with learning, doing it well and to the best of her ability.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Adam</b> , for showing a real commitment to year 6 and always being a conscientious learner.

## Sports Champion

**Ella for fantastic effort during the football matches.**

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)

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

