



Crabtree Junior School

21st October 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.

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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"

Next week is: Half Term

Diary Reminders

Tues 1st November

Yr 6 Consultations

Wed 2nd November

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Yr 6 District Table Tennis Competition

Fri 21st October

Yr 5 Assembly to parents

Sat 5th November

PA Firework Night

Dear Parents,

Yr 5 Chocolate Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 5 had a fantastic day enriching their learning further with some Mayan activities, including making ink, writing hieroglyphs, weaving, pottery and of course the chocolate workshop. The children discovered more about the origins of the cacao bean and the link with our Mayan topic; tasted different types of chocolate and heard about the journey to Europe. To quote a few children, "It was the best day ever!" A statement I'm sure was due in part to the delicious chocolate lollipops they all got to take home (including the teachers!).

Yr 6 Assembly to parents

The Year 6 really did themselves proud today. After a tough week of assessments, they wowed their audience with their acting skills. Hardie turned into Neville Chamberlain and Gracie M in a very convincing school teacher! However, what impressed parents and teachers the most was how convincing the children were as actors. They manage to convey the impact of the war on ordinary lives with both maturity and sensitivity. Well done year 6. We can't wait to see your next assembly.

Ian Pattrick

Headteacher

E-Safety

Please look out for the E-Safety questionnaire that will be emailed home today. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible for us to have an idea of the children's access to the Internet outside of school. It will also help to inform us of the content of the meeting we will be holding on Wednesday 23rd November at 6:30pm. It would be great to see as many parents as possible.

Poster Competition

We launched a poster competition in school this week. The children have

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Christmas Fayre poster competition

Book Fair Competition

School Dinner Menus

been invited to design an A4 poster about E safety. This can be done using the computer or by hand. The closing date is Monday 31st October and the prize is 25 house points (one per year group). Each child who takes part will also receive one house point.

P.E.

Mini Basketball Tournament.



On Monday we took 2 squads to Oaklands College to play in the Mini Basketball tournament. There were 28 teams playing and the games were very fast and competitive. It was fantastic to see the children play so well with great shooting and defending. Everyone made great progress throughout each game and they all enjoyed the experience. Crabtree A team came 4th and Crabtree B team came 7th.

Oaklands run a Year 6 Basketball Club if anyone is interested in developing their skills further.

High 5 Netball Tournament



On Thursday we took 3 teams to Roundwood Park to play in the High-5 Netball tournament.

It was a well-attended tournament with 24 teams playing across 4 pools. The children all had to change position after each game and this tested all their netball skills as well as their versatility. Well done to everyone that played we definitely improved with each game, a great start to the netball season!

Crabtree 1 came 3rd (won 2, drew 1, lost 2)

Crabtree 2 came 2nd (won 2, drew 2, lost 1)

Crabtree 3 came 3rd (won 1, drew 2 lost 1)

Music

Orchestra: Please note there will be no orchestra practice on Monday 31st October. Apologies for any inconvenience.



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October Rugby Camp

Half Term at Nice Harpenden



Library Update from Mrs Goody

STOP PRESS*** The Scholastic Book Fair returns to Crabtree Juniors 9th and 10th November**

There are some great new books coming to the book fair this year as well as some real bargains. Don't forget to stock up for Christmas and support the school at the same time.

We receive commission from sales at the book fairs and this is our only source of new books for the school library. By supporting these events you help to keep the library well stocked and up to date with the latest titles. Look out for posters straight after half term.

Since re-opening the library we have been delighted by how much the children are using the facility. There is always a rush of children coming in to choose a book or to read during their lunch break.

If your child does not feel confident to use the library please ask them to come and see the librarians, it's very easy to find and borrow books and we are always happy to show new users around.

Opening Times

The library is open on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes for children to independently choose and read books.

Loans

Children are allowed to take one book at a time from the library. They may keep them until finished or until the end of each half term, by which time they must be returned. A list will go to teachers of any books that aren't brought back as a reminder. Unfortunately we require you to replace or pay for any books that are lost.

Book Amnesty – The Great Half Term Book Hunt

Please spend some time looking for school books at home over half term and bring them to the school office. It costs a huge amount to replace lost books so we really need them back as soon as possible. There won't be any fines, even if you've had the books for a long time.

Book Donations

We are often asked whether the library accepts new or second-hand book donations. We are very grateful indeed for either fiction or non-fiction books. Just ensure that they are in good condition and relevant and appropriate for our readers. You can leave these with the school office.

If you aren't sure then bring them in anyway and we will take any that aren't quite right down to a charity shop.

From the Parents' Association

FIREWORKS: Buy Tickets Online

Remember, remember... to buy your tickets for Crabtree's Firework Spectacular. Tickets are available ONLINE – so it's easy to buy them from home, right now! Just go to the school website:

www.crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk. We'd love for Crabtree families to use this new online option and purchase tickets early for the event, which is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. It takes place on Bonfire Night itself, Saturday 5th November on the school fields.

Can you be part of the Bonfire Night team?

We rely on many parents and volunteers to make the Fireworks a success. There are a number of different roles and helping doesn't mean you can't

join your family for the display. Please consider supporting the school in

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Got Raffle Prizes?

We are looking for fun, fabulous raffle prizes for "A Merry Crabtree Christmas" Fair on Saturday 3rd December. The Raffle is always a popular part of the fair so we are counting on your generosity. Do you own or work for a business that would be interested in donating a prize? It's a great opportunity to get your business' name in front of hundreds of parents. Alternatively, you could sponsor a room or activity or get your business name in our Christmas Fair brochure. Please get in touch with caroline_a_smith@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

Poster Competition Time

This half-term break get the kids to design a poster advertising the Crabtree Christmas Fair. Entries must be one side of A4 and handed in to school before Friday, 4th November. Posters should include details about the Fair. A list of this information is attached to the bulletin. One winner each from the Infants and Junior Schools will receive a prize of £5 to spend at the Fair. Good luck!

Christmas Shop with Easy Fundraising

Let's make sure Crabtree families take advantage of earning FREE funding for the school this holiday season – by using Easy Fundraising when you do Christmas shopping online. All you need to do is create a free account and a percentage of your online purchases from popular retailers will come to the PA. Sign up now: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta.

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Cedar	Luke , for fabulous autumnal art work. Excellent precise detail.
Rowan	Charlotte , for a fantastic storyboard about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.
Ash	Aly , for a positive start to her new school.
Birch	Teddy , for always being so enthusiastic and keen to succeed.
Teak	Josh , for great application of figurative language in his setting description.
Redwood	Luke , for showing kindness to younger children on the playground.
Elm	Sofia , for showing an exceptional work ethnic recently.
Elder	Oren , for being such an earnest and genuine young man.

Sports Champion

Felix for outstanding efforts in all new sporting activities this term.

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