



Crabtree Junior School

22nd September 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

This term's school value is

"Appreciation"

Diary Reminders

Tues 26th Sept

am -Individual & Sibling Photographs

pm – International Day of Languages

Thurs 28th Sept

Sibling photographs at Infants

School Uniform Opening Times

FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30

13TH OCTOBER
3RD NOVEMBER
17TH NOVEMBER
8TH DECEMBER

Dear Parents,

After school clubs including the 'End to End' club

Please can I remind parents that it is essential to inform the school if your child is not attending an after school club on a given day. Over the last few weeks the school has had to make a number of phone calls to parents to confirm that their child is home/ been collected and that they are safe.

As you can imagine it is quite stressful for the office to find that, on some occasions, after 45 minutes of trying to contact a parent and no response they still do not know if the child is safe – which they probably are, but if this was your child would you not want us to persist until we are sure they are safe?

So, from next Monday 25th September if, after 30 – 45 minutes, we have not been successful in confirming a child's safety, we will call the police, explain the situation, and ask them to get involved.

To save a considerable amount of wasted time (and potential embarrassment) please let us know what is happening!

Thank you in anticipation

Ian Patrick
Head teacher

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

Safeguarding – The Prevent Strategy

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means schools have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views, in the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, schools can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so that they better understand how to protect themselves. Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. For example:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy
- Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation, such as using filters on the internet or vetting visitors who come into school.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**KidRex – a child-safe search engine
powered by Google**

e-Safety

E-Safety takes high priority at the school and systems are in place to both inform and keep our pupils safe. On Monday 9th October from 3:20 – 3:50pm Mrs Mercer will be presenting an overview of what the school does and what you can do to support an essential awareness of e-Safety issues.

We have set up this event on wisepay, please log on and add your name if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Eco Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who have become members of the Eco Council for this academic year:

Cedar – Rebecca Mc
Rowan – Kate
Ash – Matilda
Birch – Max
Teak – Olivia E
Redwood – Isla
Elm – Freddie
Elder - Charlotte

Second Hand Book Sale

If we have sufficient response, we would like to have a book sale after school on Friday 6th October. We would like you to consider any books that your children have read and now you would be in a position to 'pass them on'. We would sell the books for 50p to £1 each, depending on condition, and all profits would go towards the school grounds project. Please send any book donations into the office – thank you in anticipation.

Crabtree Golf Society Day – final call!

We have a couple of dates for a Crabtree Society Day in October, either Saturday 7th or Saturday 21st – all T times early pm. The cost would be £50 (£40 for the day and £10 to the school towards the Grounds Project) for the same 'deal' as before – roll and coffee/tea – 18 holes – sandwiches and chips on completion.

Once again, you are welcome to bring friends/colleagues along.



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:

**Town Mayor's Christmas
Poster/Card Competition**

**Hertfordshire Safeguarding
Children Board**

Halloween Art Workshops

**Education Psychology
Consultations**

EPS Contactline

Food for Thought

SIBS Group

FLYERS:

Taekwondo Kids

Raring 2 Go

If you would let the school know of your availability and number of players you will be bringing along we will organise asap. If you can make either date please indicate – the school will organise for the most popular date.

PE

Year 6 Sports Captains



Congratulations to our 2017 - 18 Sports Captains. We look forward to them leading their teams in the very near future!

Harvest Celebrations

On Tuesday October 3rd we will be celebrating Harvest. This year we are supporting The Bethany Christian Fellowship by contributing produce to the Kings Pantry Food Bank which provides practical support for local people in financial need.

This organisation began delivering fortnightly food parcels to families and individuals, and since 2013 over 12,000 items of toiletries and household products have been distributed.

We would be very grateful to receive Harvest produce in school on the morning of Tuesday 3rd. We would request no perishable foods but dry or canned goods would be welcomed. Items from the following suggestions would be well received;

- Tinned – meat, fish, vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, stew, chilli con carne, puddings, custard, fruit
- Packets – rice, pasta, noodles, crisps, instant whip, lunch snacks, breakfast cereals
- Drinks – tea, coffee, sugar, long-life milk, drinking chocolate
- Household items – cleaning products, washing up liquid, dish cloths, tea towels, kitchen roll, washing powder

Thank you in advance.

Infant School Grant

Crabtree Infants' School have been successful in securing the One Family Foundation grant for £5000 to further develop the outdoor area in the infants' back playground. Thank you to all those of you who took the time to vote and especially to Chris Rae and Howard Dormer for all their hard work in securing the grant.

End to End Donations

If you have any games or puzzles at home that you no longer require, please could we ask for these to be donated to the Breakfast and After School Club. Thank you.

Library

LIBRARY LUNCHTIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help us run the school library? We currently open up on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes so that the children can come in, read and borrow books. We would like to open up on a Friday as well but need more volunteers to help us do this. If you'd like to get involved

please contact the office or pop in to the library one Wednesday or Friday morning and speak to Mrs Goody

From the Parents' Association

We look forward to seeing you at the PA events planned this term. Please put these dates in your calendar and come out to support the school and have fun with the Crabtree community.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 22nd - Uniform Shop Open

Friday 29th - PA's AGM @ Infants Coffee Morning

OCTOBER

Friday 13th - Movie Night + Uniform Shop Open

NOVEMBER

Friday 3rd + Friday 17th - Uniform Shop Open

Saturday 4th - Crabtree Firework Night

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd - Crabtree Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th - Uniform Shop Open

ONLINE SHOPPING? DON'T FORGET

EASYFUNDRAISING! It's worth reminding everyone to please use EasyFundraising whenever you shop online as it earns FREE FUNDING for our school! If we all did this – we would certainly reach our goal for the School Field Project sooner! Right now, just a handful of parents are using it and bringing in hundreds of £s every few months. Here's how you can join them. Sign up at the link provided below. Then, BEFORE you start to shop and put anything in your online cart, FIRST go to the EasyFundraising webpage (or better yet, install the reminder on your computer). Then your purchases at most major retailers will earn a percentage of funds to be donated to Crabtree. It really is easy and best of all, NO COST TO YOU! Spread the word to family, neighbours and friends – anyone can do it. Sign up at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS Tickets are now on sale for Crabtree's Movie Night on Friday, 13th October. Drop off the kids with a blanket or cushion to get comfy with their friends watching a film. Tickets are just £5 and include popcorn and a drink. Buy tickets online at <http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/114497> and choose from the following movies: Moana, Sing, Lego Batman Movie, Pete's Dragon, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Please note the running times vary slightly. Children can leave with a guardian when their film finishes, or wait if a sibling is watching another movie.

PLEASE ATTEND THE PA'S AGM The PA will hold its Annual General Meeting during the Infant School's MacMillan Coffee afternoon at 2:15pm on Friday, September 29th. Please come if you can to learn about the role of the PA at Crabtree and hear what we've got planned for this coming school year. We'd love for you to join us!

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER....

because that's the night of our Annual Crabtree Fireworks Display! Mark your calendars now and plan to bring the family along for the Fireworks, a Bonfire, Food and Fun! Stay tuned for advanced ticket sale info and a call for helpers for Crabtree's biggest event of the year!

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Stars of the Week



Cedar	Arianna , for settling in beautifully to new routines and trying exceptionally hard with all her work. Well done.
Rowan	Annabel , for her positive attitude to her learning in all areas of the curriculum.
Ash	Phoebe , for her wonderful story about a magic teacher.
Birch	Max , for his hard work and focus in maths this week.
Teak	Harlon , for his total focus in maths this term from which he is gaining his just rewards – great attitude!
Redwood	Ellie , for her hard work and application of skills in English lessons.
Elm	Eddie , for always being around to help; being ready to learn and doing what he is asked first time.
Elder	James W & Matilda , for showing initiative and maturity in arranging to supervise a lunch time sports club.

Sports Champion

Oliver A (Rowan) for showing great perseverance with gymnastics to succeed with his rolling.

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.

