



Crabtree Junior School

23rd January 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.

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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

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 27th Jan

Fine Art 4 Kids Workshop
(Year 3)

School letters (email)

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Eisteddfod

Year 5 Aquarium visit

School letters by email

S4YC Holiday Club



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.



From the Headteacher

Apologies to Year 4 parents and children for the last-minute message regarding costumes yesterday. The Roman Day workshop provider made a diary error and caused a bit of a panic in the Year 4 teaching team when he was a 'no show'. Thank you to everyone for rallying round to adjust the timetable and hopefully our Roman soldiers have enjoyed dressing up for a second time today. We have forgiven Make your own History for being a day late because of the wonderful, informative workshops that have been delivered today.

As you know, Crabtree Infants' and Crabtree Junior Schools are consulting on a joint Vision Statement for the schools. Please see below for how you can get involved with this.

I hope all the children enjoy their disco this evening.

Ian Patrick, Headteacher

Vision Statement

As previously explained, the two Crabtree Schools are working to produce a joint vision document. Clearly, because of the different age groups we each serve, there may be slight differences in the way some objectives are emphasised in the separate schools but the aim is draw up a common statement that will reflect the values which we each hold dear.

We have previously invited parents to join a working party with staff and governors but it has proved difficult to find a date and time to suit all parties involved.

In order to take the Vision forward, we would therefore like to invite parents to a discussion group, which will take place at the Junior School at 9am on either Tuesday 10th February or Thursday 12th February. **If you would like to attend, please email the office by Friday 30th January stating your availability and we will confirm the date the majority is able to attend.**

We would love your input to this important document and hope many of you will want to be involved.

Dressing up clothes wanted

Do you have any dressing up clothes that your children no longer use? The Infants School would be very grateful for any donations. Please drop off at the Infants' School office.

CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Please note that these notices are provided as a community service and Crabtree Junior does not take responsibility for or seek to endorse any of the advertisements printed in this section.

E-flyers

Saracens Derby Day

Herts Music Service –
Beginner String Days

Paul Davis Fencing Academy

X-site

Crabtree Dads Cricket Club welcomes new members!

Crabtree Dads Cricket Club is a highly sociable group of Dads and old Dads, some of whom can even play cricket! We have weekly winter nets starting on Wednesday 28th January at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn (<http://www.cricketfirstchoice.co.uk/>) and we play midweek 20:20 fixtures against other Dads teams during the summer term, using the Engineer as a base for post match food and drink. Players of all standards are welcome, enjoyable cricket and good company are guaranteed. For more details contact Nick Threlfall (07939 500270) or Neil Dytham (07970 912795), or find us in the junior school playground. Alternatively check out our website: <http://vsbmedia.co.uk/CCC/index.php> It would be great to see you!

Eisteddfod

Coming home today is a letter about our Eisteddfod ... now in its 43rd year!!

For those of you new to the school, Eisteddfod is an opportunity for Crabtree pupils to share with the school their creative talents in the arts and performing arts. We begin the week with a display in the hall of artwork, craft items and culinary exhibits. Then, the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons are given over to performances – singing, instrument playing, dance, recitation and ‘miscellaneous’, plus a separate section for foreign language items.

In order to plan for this event, we ask that children submit an entry form for the performance items. No entry form is required for the display items. In both cases, however, the children are likely to appreciate your support and guidance in choosing appropriately for display and performance. All the details are in the letter that accompanies this newsletter. We look forward seeing what our gifted and talented children can do!

Parent Panel

The next meeting of the Parent Panel will be at 10.30am at school on Friday 30th January, with Mr Patrick in attendance. This is an opportunity for you to meet with a governor and raise any issues for discussion in an informal setting. Please email Amanda Pym at parentpanel@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk if you are planning to attend or if there are any items you would like raised on your behalf.

Curriculum presentation

Tues 10th February

7.30pm – 9.00pm in the School Hall

The New Curriculum / Assessment

Snow

Although we know the children are holding out hope for some snow before the end of the winter, the school hopes we escape without! Nevertheless, it seems timely to remind you that in the event of heavy snow affecting the normal operation of school business, parents will be informed by text and email and a notice will be placed on the front page of the school website.

Sports notices

Next week's sports practices (Years 5 and 6)

Rather than reproduce next week's sports practices here (and risk getting it wrong as we did last week – apologies), please can we direct you to the list previously emailed to parents and also published on the school website at: http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html

S4YC Half Term Holiday Club

S4YC are back for four days of the half term holiday providing childcare and sports activities from 9am – 3.30pm. Please see flyer for details and return the slip with your payment to the School Office as soon as possible to secure a place.

Please don't leave it until the last minute to book: the club will only run if there are enough bookings for each day.

From the Parents' Association

PA Quiz – NEW DATE

We have now confirmed the new date for Crabtree Quiz night as Saturday 28 March. Please put this in your diaries and start getting your teams (can be up to 10 people) together. We will be sending out the ticket requests before half term.

School Disco

We are looking forward to seeing all the children at 18.30 – 19.30 for the junior disco.

If you have requested tickets but not received them back via your child, please do not worry. We will have a list of all the children who have paid for a ticket on the door. You can also buy a ticket on the door if you decide to come along last minute.



Stars of the Week

Cedar	Charlotte , for being so enthusiastic in every French lesson.
Rowan	Samuel , for trying very hard to improve the presentation of his work.
Ash	Connor , for making such a fabulous effort in every lesson.
Birch	Will , for being a thoughtful member of the class and working hard this week.
Teak	Lily , for fantastic improvement in all curriculum areas.
Redwood	Aryan , for showing excellent oral, listening and reading skills in French.
Elm	Rebecca , for developing her self-editing skills in French.
Elder	Charlie , for excellent attitude and achievement in maths.

Challenge Champion

Mrs Carter, for being an inspiration to us all.

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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.

