



Crabtree Junior School

23rd October 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

This term's school value is "Cooperation"

Next week is Half Term

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents

A diary reminder: We have an E-safety consultant providing a presentation to parents on Wednesday 2nd December from **6:00 – 7:15pm**. This will be a very comprehensive presentation providing us all with a thorough understanding of how we can keep our children safe both at home and at school. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

Parent Consultations Yrs 4 - 6

This term consultations are taking place on Monday 9th November from 3:30pm – 7:30pm. The consultations are for 5 minutes each and they are intended to provide you with, a brief, understanding of the 'band of attainment' that your child is working within for reading, writing and mathematics and any general feed-back related to 'settling - in'. The consultation is not related to your child's progress to date as this is too early in the term to measure with any particular significance.

Detailed pupil progress meetings will be held in the spring term when the school will have comprehensive pupil data to feed-back to parents with confidence. As last year, the spring consultations will be for 10 minutes each.

To 'sign-up' for a consultation an email link will be sent out after 4:00pm today for you to access and confirm your time. If you have children in other classes you will need to access those classes as well.

Please note the system operates on a first come first served basis.

Finally, may you all have a restful week and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Patrick

Head teacher

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Firework Ticket Request Forms
Dinner Bills
Crabtree Junior School Bank
Crabtree Junior School Art
Project

Flyers

No 7 Music
Elite Coaching & Leisure Holiday
Courses

E-Safety thought of the Week:

'Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke'

P.E



Basketball

Well done to our Year 6 Basketball players who represented Crabtree at the St Albans and Harpenden District Mini Basketball tournament. It was our first time playing basketball on a proper court with basketball rings and it was all very exciting, especially as each match was only 5 minutes long! There were 28 teams and we played 7 other schools in our pool. We won 1, lost 2 and drew 3. Oaklands Wolves had their scouts there and were really impressed with all our players and they have been invited to attend their training sessions.

Year 6 Football Tournament

The Year 6 girls football team attended the girls football tournament at the Grove School on Tuesday. They played 4 games, drawing 3 and winning 1, 1-0 with Jasmine the goal scorer. The girls played really well for their first football tournament and they look as if they can succeed further in football.

Sports Clubs Activities Nov – Dec

Please see below the clubs for the second half of the autumn term:

Tuesday 8.15 - 8.45 Year 6 Elm Sports Leader Training - Mrs Tizard

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 4 Gym Group 2 - Miss Clements

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 6 Girls and Boys Football - Mrs Tizard and Miss Weaver

Thursday 8.15- 8.45 Year 6 Elder Sports Leader Training - Mrs Tizard

Thursday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 6 Tag Rugby - Mr Andrews

Thursday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 3 Football 3 weeks then Year 4 3 weeks - Mrs Tizard

Thursday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 5 Netball - Mrs Mercer

Friday 3.15 - 4.15 Year 6 Netball - Mrs Tizard



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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E-Flyers:

Harpenden Squash Club

Junior Hockey Camp

Halloween at Ashridge Estate

Contact us:

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Well done to all the year 4 gymnasts who performed to family and friends on Tuesday. They worked extremely hard and produced some fantastic routines on vault, beam and floor.

Music

Performance Platform

We had our first Platform this week and it was lovely to hear so many musicians for the first time at these events.

Caitlin, Polly, Georgia, Lily and Rafferty all played beautiful piano solos for their debuts! Pianists Dexter and Kit, both regulars, were very impressive as usual. Sophie sang "rainbow", Maddie played her clarinet, Alastair dazzled us with his trumpet and the concert finished with the year 3 recorder group who were excellent. Well done all of them!

Please make a note of the next Platform - Monday 30 November at 12.30pm. The sign-up sheet is now up! Remember to ask your instrumental teacher before you sign up.

Orchestra players: Please keep practising your orchestra parts!

New Crockery

Last week the School Council met with Mr Jones, Shire Catering, to select a new range of crockery for our dining room. They looked at a range of modern designs and selected a range with a mix of blue swirls around the border. Very in keeping with our school colours! In addition to plates and bowls, Mr Jones was able to provide us with a new set of drinking beakers in a blue to match the new crockery. It is exciting for the School Council to see that the new range is now being used on a daily basis by those children who take a school lunch.



Bookfair

The bookfair will be arriving in school the week beginning 9th November. For a chance to win a £5.00 book token to spend at the fair

Tell us about your favourite book and why you like it. Include the book title and author. You may illustrate your entry. All entries must be on A4 paper.

Remember to include your name and class on the back.

Closing date for all entries is Monday 2nd November.

Midday Supervisors required

We are presently recruiting for midday supervisors to work either two days a week or every day for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

If you are interested in this role or know of anyone in the local community who would like this job please contact the office.

From the Parents' Association

Crabtree Fabric Collection - Friday 16 October

Thanks for all your donation we'll let you know the total money raised for the schools soon!

Crabtree Fireworks - hope you can join us on Saturday 7 November!

Don't forget to return your ticket request forms to the office before Monday 2 November.

Fireworks help - stewards needed

Can you give some time on the night of 7th November to help ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable fireworks event? We are in need of a few more stewards to bolster our usual crack team. We need help from 17.15, when there will be a short safety briefing for all stewards, to the end of the fireworks event at about 19.30. If you can't spare that whole time we would still love to hear from you and can work around your other commitments. If you want to watch the fireworks with your family this can be arranged! Stewarding is pretty straightforward and mainly involves the wearing of high visibility clothing and to act as a first point of contact for the firework-watchers with questions or issues. If you can help, please contact Stuart Robson on 07818043773 or srobson@informatica.com

Can you help us advertise the Fireworks?

If you have a connection to a local business and would be happy to put up a poster advertising the fireworks to contact Heather on heather_wilton@hotmail.com

For more details on the Fireworks event and the 'golden ticket' visit our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CrabtreeFireworksSpectacular>. Please like this page and share with your non-Crabtree Harpenden friends. The more the merrier!

Crabtree Xmas Fayre - Saturday 5 December

Please put Saturday 5 December in your diary for the Crabtree Christmas Fayre. This is a great family event to get you in the festive spirit. We will have the annual visit by Father Christmas along with a host of wonderful stalls, entertainment and refreshments.

In preparation for the Fayre we would like to ask if anyone could help with the following:

We've already started collecting raffle prizes and would love any exciting donations, such as a one off use of a sporting season ticket or even a night at someone's holiday home! If you could help please email shazzacowell@yahoo.co.uk.

We will also be looking for the usual donations from parents to help make the Fayre a success.

Over half term if you are able to start putting aside the following we would be very grateful!

- Sweets for the kids' tombola, - perhaps leftovers from trick or treating!
- Bottles, tins or packets of food or drink for the adults' tombola
- Good-quality items that can be bought as gifts for a parent or grandparent in Rudolph's Wrapping Room (always a very popular stall!)

- Small toys or stationery items for the lucky dip, maybe party bag leftovers
Once again, thank you for all your support and have a lovely half term!

And lastly, Sharon and Sally who have run the Christmas Fayre for the past few years are hanging up their festive jumpers. If you think you would be able to help arrange the Fayre next year and beyond please get in touch with shazzacowell@yahoo.co.uk This would be a great job for a couple of people to share and Sally and Sharon would be more than happy to provide a handover with everything you need to know.

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – Celebrating people who work hard to achieve their own dreams and goals.

Cedar	Alfie , for quietly working away and doing his best.
Rowan	Rafferty , for always striving to do his best in all subjects.
Ash	Samuel , for channelling his energy into some fantastic work.
Birch	Danny , for always doing his best in all lessons – real dedication to improving and learning.
Teak	Amelie , for always being an inspiration to others within the class, working towards her goals and dreams constantly.
Redwood	Elana , for being an excellent role model for the rest of Redwood. She is always looking for the next challenge and perseveres to achieve her goals.
Elm	Gagan , for putting her best efforts into everything she does no matter how challenging.
Elder	Sophie L , for being a prime example of someone who strives very hard to achieve all her goals – what an inspiration to us all!

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.

