



Crabtree Junior School

23rd November 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

Dear Parents,

The children have had a lovely day learning more about food waste with our waste ninjas led by Ruby Raut.

It was amazing to discover the journey our food takes before it arrives on our tables and the amount of food which is wasted along the way.

Hopefully your children will talk to you about what they have learnt and how we can all be less wasteful. The part they found the most amusing, I'm sure, was the description of the gases made by cows and how this is adding to the world's production of CO₂.

I hope you all enjoy the extra-long weekend with your children.

*Leanne Williams
Assistant Headteacher*

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Wisepay Reminders

Whole School

Christmas Lunch (see note below)

Christmas Concert Tickets (see note below)

Year 3

Grandparents' Tea Party

Year 4

Roman Workshop

Verulamium Museum

Year 6

Crucial Crew – St Albans Fire Station

School Uniform Opening Times

FRIDAYS 8.50 – 9.30

8TH DECEMBER

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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E-Flyers:

Lingua Fanatics

Harpenden Plus Courses

Xmas Technology Camp

St Nicholas Xmas Services

Xmas Fayre Donations

FLYERS:

Raring to Go

Jingle Bell Jog

Cricket Club (Yr 3 only)

Admissions Consultation

The Crabtree Academy Trust is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 5 – Nearest School', in line with HCC's proposed admission arrangements, for the school year 2019/20 to include all schools and academies (regardless of state) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates on the base of faith.

2. To propose the addition of Rule 5, 'Children of Staff' where the school will admit a child of a member of staff provided that the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill / position shortage. For the purpose of satisfying these criteria, a member of staff is defined as a permanent member of the teaching staff, or a permanent member of the non-teaching staff. This definition does not include contract staff. This definition does not include peripatetic staff employed by HCC. The child must be living permanently with the member of staff.

The consultation period runs from 20 November 2017 – 5 January 2018. Please send any comments regarding the proposals to the school direct at admin@crabtreeinfants.herts.sch.uk or admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

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Christmas Lunch at Crabtree

This is only for children that do not already have a school meal on a Friday.

If your child has a packed lunch on a Friday but would like to have the school Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December please log onto wisepay under "Ticket Payments" and book your child a meal.

Please indicate in the box provided if they would like the Turkey or vegetarian option.

Wisepay will close on Sunday 3rd December to allow food to be ordered.

Panto Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to accompany us on the Panto Trip. We need parents to help us walk the children down to the public halls and back.

You are very welcome to stay to see the panto, or alternatively can go and come back. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and then departing the public halls again at 12:15pm. If you have a current DBS check and are available to help, please contact the office. Thank you.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concerts will be taking place at the following times:

Monday 11 December – 9.30am
Monday 11 December – 6:30pm
Wednesday 13 December – 9.30am

We have decided to add an additional performance this year to avoid overcrowding in the hall as numbers are restricted by Health and Safety regulations.

We are only able to allocate one ticket per family in the first instance. This is one ticket per family across all 3 performances – please do not book more than one ticket or we will not be able to accommodate everyone.

If additional tickets are available we will allocate these from Tuesday 5th December – and they will be issued in the order that the requests are received via wisepay.

The concerts are set up on wisepay for you to book your ticket – under “Ticket Payments”. There is also a box where you can enter the performance that you would like an additional ticket for if any are available. Please ensure you confirm your booking and get an e:mail confirmation.

Wisepay will close on Sunday 3rd December. All initial tickets will be allocated on Monday 4th, extra tickets from Tuesday 5th. You can expect to receive your tickets home with your child by Friday 8th.

Any questions please call the office and we will be happy to help.

Art Workshops

Thank you to parents for your understanding with the changes that have had to be made to the Art Volunteering. A revised schedule of helpers has been e:mailed today. Any questions please contact the office and thank you again for your patience.

Music

The Choir will be singing at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. Any choir members that would like to sing please meet Mrs White at the back of the hall at 12:30pm. The Choir will start singing at 1pm in the school hall. Thank you.

From the Parents' Association

DIARY DATES

Saturday 2 December - Crabtree Christmas Fayre
Friday 26 January - Kids Disco
Saturday 10 March - PA Quiz Night

UNIFORM SHOP DATES (Open Fridays 8:50am - 9:30am)

December 8th, January 5th & 19th

THANKS FOR YOUR VOTES! Crabtree finished strong this week with 5156 votes in the race for the Aviva Community Funds. That put us among the top

projects to be considered for up to £10,000 in funding, which we hope will purchase new play equipment for the juniors' playground. Thanks to everyone who voted and spread the word. Keep your fingers crossed and we'll keep you updated as we hear more soon.

COUNTDOWN TO THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SAT, DEC. 2nd

Please keep the donations and offers to help coming in - our organisers will be sure to tell Father Christmas how good you've been! We specifically need people to help after the event to clear and count money. Sign up with your class stalls or email Katy at Katy_Goody@sky.com.

DONATIONS

***This THURSDAY Nov. 23rd**

We're collecting gifts for the Adult Tombola/ Rudolph's Wrapping Room (where kids can buy for parents.) We'd love any unwanted candles, picture frames, bottles of booze, etc. The tombola is usually a sell out!

***Next FRIDAY Dec. 1st**

It's the BIG DONATION DAY before the Fayre. Have a think this weekend of what you may want to clear out & donate to our stalls - or if you'll do some making& baking! Kids will be asked to come to school with a sweets jar or tombola item.

SNEAKY PEAK, DON'T MISS THESE PRIZES

Not only will there be the usual festive fun, food and stalls - but there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs at the Fayre! A girls night for 6 with Bare Minerals, a case of Prosecco from the Electric Ballroom, Bricktraders vouchers, and more... including a tour of the new Crossrail.

MORE SANTA SLOTS NOW OPEN!

Due to high demand we've opened more slots to see Father Christmas in his grotto at the Fayre. Each child needs a ticket to visit - so get them quick!
<http://buytickets.at/crabtreeschoolpa/118748>

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHALLENGE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING Many of us will be giving our credit cards and computers a workout as we start holiday shopping. It's the perfect time to remember

EasyFundraising to earn money for the school. Most major retailers will give a percentage of your spending back to Crabtree - at no cost to you! Crabtree supporters earned a total of £250 last year at Christmas. Let's see if we can't top that this year! Just register at the website below and click through to do your shopping! We'll have a special reward for our top "earner" this holiday season.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crabtreepta

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