



Crabtree Junior School

24th April 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.

**Year
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**Year
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**Year
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**Year
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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 "Appreciation".

Diary Reminders

Monday 27 April

Year 3 Swimming

School nurse for Year 5

Tuesday 28 April

PA Open Meeting,
8.30pm at The Skew Bridge

Thursday 30 April

Year 4 Harpenden visit

School letters (email)
Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Summer term dates

Hard copy:

School lunch bills

Class Photo proof cards

From the Headteacher

It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Monday after what seemed like a nice long break. We have already fitted in Class Photographs, participation in the district chess tournament (see below for the report) and today Year 6 are out at the Warner Bros Studio Tour, making magic with Harry Potter et al – we look forward to hearing all about their day.

This is quite a short term, so we don't expect any let-up in the busy schedule! Please take note of all the dates that apply to you and your child in the calendar that accompanies this newsletter.

A warm welcome to Miss Jacqui Eastlake who has taken over the reins in Teak. We are very pleased to have her on the team. And many congratulations to Miss Kelly who is getting married tomorrow!

Ian Patrick, Headteacher

Summer term dates

A calendar of dates for this term is attached (by email) and also available on the school website at

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/term_calendar.html

Please note that if it is necessary to amend or add dates, these will be notified by the newsletter and updated on the website schedule.

Morning snacks

It is noticeable that the playground bins are becoming full with crisp packets and sweet wrappers. We encourage the children to bring a mid-morning snack to 'keep them going' until lunchtime, but this should be a healthy snack, i.e. a piece of fruit or dried fruit or cereal bar.

Please do not send chocolate, sweets or crisps.

School lunch bills

Invoices for school meals for this half term are being sent home today. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Thank you.



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.



Lost library books

Following the annual stock take of library (and classroom library) books, Mrs Duncan has discovered that we are missing **£6,000** worth of books!

Please, please, please have a hunt at home and if you uncover any books with the Crabtree stamp, return them as soon as possible.

If you have books in new or nearly new condition that are suitable for the Junior age range that you would like to donate to the library, Mrs Duncan would be delighted to hear from you.

Parking in Chesterton Avenue

We were disheartened to receive an email from a neighbour in Chesterton Avenue complaining not only about the parking situation but also the "rudeness and ignorance of some of these [Crabtree] parents". Cars are being parked at the end of the road where it meets Aldwickbury Crescent, blocking it in both directions, and causing delays along Aldwickbury Crescent.

We would ask again that, if it is necessary for you to drive your children to school, please park away from the school gates and walk a short distance rather than competing for the parking spaces on the doorstep of the school.

Parents should be on notice that a petition has been started by residents and the council and/or police may become involved to resolve the parking issues if you cannot modify your behaviour to park lawfully and with consideration for our neighbours.

Music notices, *from Mr Bishop*

Orchestra

Rehearsals begin again next week on Monday 27 April. I apologise for not making it clear when orchestra was resuming. I hope the confusion last week did not cause too much inconvenience.

Choir

Rehearsal on Monday at 12.30 - all choir members take note.

REMINDER ; Whole school concert - June 3 at Harpenden Public Halls

We are now into the last few weeks of practices for this concert. On the evidence of this week, there is a lot of word-learning still to be done! Please print off the words from the school website and ensure your children know their songs thoroughly! Also on the website is a demonstration of the Cup Song and a link to a performance of "Rhythm of Life". Years 5 and 6 - please use these!

(See http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

Chess tournament

On Thursday 23rd April a team of six children participated in the inter-schools chess competition which took place at High Beeches School. All the children rose to the challenge and played extremely well with Daniel, our chess captain, winning all three of his games against some stiff opposition. The outcome was that Crabtree came joint 5th out of 12 schools – an excellent result. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mrs Flowers for staying to help at the tournament.

School photos

Proof cards for the class photos have been given out today. If you would like to place an order please return the card with your payment before 8th May. Alternatively, orders can be placed online at www.kittleorders.com quoting the correct references for your class:

| | Photo ID | Password |
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| Cedar | XYw6ux6 | RrqEUuQ |
| Rowan | xjrpZrn | orVKwccq |
| Ash | J5N8A5x | G84doyX |
| Birch | mxAZD9c | YxuWhtF |
| Teak | XeTbT4d | E8ep7wh |
| Redwood | X98xRVv | MvcthUL |
| Elm | JQXV6Sk | JDTSmcu |
| Elder | tXits9N | 9dsP4UT |

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:

- X-Site
- Zumba Kids
- Primary Schools' Fun Race – 1.5mile challenge
- "Oliver"
- Ladies sale

Good luck to Ben P and James G (Teak) – and also Ben's mum – who are performing in "Oliver!" next week – see flyer. To hear Ben's interview on Radio Verulam, go to <http://listenagain.radioverulam.com> (Thursday 5.30pm)

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Whole school photograph

All whole school photo orders have been delivered today and should be coming home with your children. However, it is not too late to place an online order at www.kittleorders.com using the following details:

Photo ID: k5Bako4

Password: BBVHbgV

This term's trips and activities

In line with the Trust's policy on charging, the school trips/activities planned for the summer term, for which a voluntary contribution will be sought are set out below, together with an *indicative* cost per pupil:

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| Year 3 Viking Longship Day (7 th July) | £8 |
| Year 5 Chocolate workshop | £12.50 |
| Year 6 Cycling Proficiency (6 – 9 July) | £20 |

From the Parents' Association

Open PA Committee meeting on 28 April, Everyone welcome

The PA Committee would like to invite all Crabtree parents to come along to the Skew Bridge on Tuesday 28 April from 8.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to chat to the PA Committee at an informal meeting, hear more about the work we do to raise money for the schools and how we spend your money. We would also love to hear if you have any suggestions, either for fund-raisers or for how we can spend PA funds. We hope you can join us.

Crabtree Fabric Collection

Clean out those cupboards! The next Crabtree Fabric Collection will take place on Friday 8 May and bags will be sent home with the children next week. We would be very grateful for any unwanted clothing, toys and shoes.

Please bring filled bags back to school on Thursday 7 May between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or before school on Friday 8 May.

Yes please: good quality second hand adults and children's clothing, soft toys, shoes (tied together in pairs), hats, jewellery, belts and handbags.

We can't accept: Dirty or wet clothing, single shoes, sheets, blankets, curtains, off cuts of material, mats, carpets, pillows, duvets, bric a brac, anything with a logo such as school polos/jumpers.

Please note you can also use plain black bin liners if you have more than one bag's worth of clothes.

Stars of the Week

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| Cedar | Indira , for working hard in all lessons and taking great pride in her work. |  |
| Rowan | Rebecca , for being an enthusiastic learner and always trying her best. | |
| Ash | Gracie , for showing renewed determination in English. | |
| Birch | Mattias , for excellent contributions in English this week. | |
| Teak | James , for showing fantastic enthusiasm for Music. | |
| Redwood | Ella , for excellent improvement in French. | |
| Elm | Adam , for an excellent attitude in all lessons. | |
| Elder | Alfie , for making an enthusiastic start in English this term. | |

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.



Crabtree Junior School

Dates for Summer Term 2015

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| Monday 20 April | | Summer term begins |
| Wednesday 22 April | am | Class Photographs |
| Thursday 23 April | pm | Chess tournament |
| Friday 24 April | | Year 6 Harry Potter Studios visit |
| Monday 27 April | am | Year 3 Swimming begins |
| Monday 27 April | am | School nurse, for Year 5 |
| Tuesday 28 April | pm | Aldwickbury Maths Challenge (selected Year 4 pupils) |
| Tuesday 28 April | 8.30pm | PA Open Meeting at the Skew Bridge |
| Thursday 30 April | am | Year 4 visit to Harpenden High Street/Common Trails |
| Monday 04 May | | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Thursday 07 May | | Polling Station – school open for pupils as normal |
| Friday 08 May | | Fundraising day for RNLI |
| Friday 08 May | 8.30am | PA fabric collection |
| 11 – 15 May | | Year 6 SATs Week |
| 11 – 13 May | | Year 5 School Journey |
| Tuesday 12 May | pm | Year 3/4 district Football Tournament, Kimpton |
| Friday 15 May | 6.30pm | PA Disco |
| Monday 18 May | 3.30pm | School Journey + SRE meeting for Year 6 parents |
| Thursday 21 May | am | School nurse, for Year 6 |
| Thursday 21 May | pm | Year 6 workshop, Sir John Lawes |
| 25 May– 29 May | | HALF TERM |
| Monday 01 June | | INSET DAY – no school for children |
| Tuesday 02 June | | INSET DAY – no school for children |
| Wednesday 03 June | Eve | School summer concert, Harpenden Public Halls |
| 08 – 12 June | | Year 6 School Journey |
| Tuesday 09 June | pm | District Rounders Tournament, Redbourn Junior |
| 15 – 19 June | | Assessment Week for Years 3 - 5 |
| Tuesday 16 June | pm | District Kwik Cricket Festival, Harpenden Cricket Club |
| Wednesday 17 June | am | School nurse, for Year 6 |
| Tuesday 23 June | 4.30pm | District Athletics at Sir John Lawes |
| Thursday 25 June | am | Infants' Sports Day – Year 5 to help |
| Thursday 25 June | | Herts Schools Games finals day |
| Thursday 25 June | 4.30pm | Reserve date - District Athletics |
| Tuesday 30 June | All day | Sports Day – parents invited to watch in the afternoon |
| Wednesday 01 July | am | Team photographs, including orchestra |
| Friday 03 July | | Non-uniform day for tombola |
| Saturday 04 July | 11am | SUMMER FAYRE |
| 06 – 10 July | | Year 6 Cycle Proficiency training |
| Tuesday 07 July | | Year 3 Viking longship day |
| Thursday 09 July | | Secondary Transfer Day – all children spend time with their new teachers |
| Friday 10 July | | Reports out |
| Tuesday 14 July | pm | Year 3 and 6 report feedback meetings |
| Wednesday 15 July | pm | Year 4 and 5 report feedback meetings |
| Thursday 16 July | eve | OPEN EVENING: Infants' School open 5-7pm New entrants' meeting at Juniors 6.30pm Junior School open 7-8.00pm |
| Monday 20 July | 7pm | Year 6 Leavers' Concert |
| Wednesday 22 July | | Last day of term – School closes 2pm |

Please note that dates do sometimes need to be changed, although we avoid this if at all possible and give as much notice as we can. **Additional events may be notified in the weekly newsletter.**