



# Crabtree Junior School

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This week's school value is:**

**"Wisdom"**

### Diary Reminders

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Yr 3 Swimming

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Yr 6 – Individual photos for Year Book

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Yr 5 – Rounders Tournament

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Non-uniform day for Jossie

Dear Parents & Carers

Champions in their own right!

As any of us with even a passing interest will know, this weekend is a significant one in the world of football. The Champions League Final is with us already! Marking the 'drawing to a conclusion' of the UK football season, the Champions League Final for many is the culmination of celebrations, let-downs, anxiety and jubilation. For others, well... they simply breathe a sigh of relief and live in hope that the overdue running repairs to home and property might finally move up the priority list!

In last week's missive I implied that we must never overlook the fact that our children are worth so much more than test results, progress tables and statistics. Those of us who work in schools have the daily privilege of working with real-life, living beings who respond (usually) to our instructions and suggestions but also, have an input in defining the direction of their own learning. How wonderful then, that this week our children have been so successful in some of those activities that SATs do not, and cannot measure – namely their sporting achievements.

I would like to heartily congratulate all the children who have represented our school in recent weeks and also to thank Mrs Tizzard, Miss Weaver and the parents who have led our pupils so ably towards being able to achieve their own personal goals. In years to come, if I were a gambling man, I'd wager that the memories of district sports, tennis tournaments and football extravaganzas will remain with the children long after the four days of SATs will have all but faded away.

Oh, and when I'm watching the Champions League Final this weekend I very much doubt if I'll be asking myself what scores James Milner, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlaine and the like achieved in their Standard Attainment Tests!

I wish you all a lovely half term break and enjoy the company of your children.

Mr Emeny  
Headteacher

## School Letters

PA News

## Flyers sent home

The Rock Project

## School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

8<sup>th</sup> June  
22<sup>nd</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> July

## 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

St Nicholas Church

Harp Fest

Junior String Day

Bullies Out

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## Goodbye Mrs Buckman



Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Buckman today who has been a valued member of the Crabtree Junior Staff team for 13 Years. She will be greatly missed. We would like to thank her for everything she has done to support the children and staff and we wish her all the best for the future.

## Sport

### Indoor Athletics



On Monday we headed across to Herts University to take part in the School Games Indoor Athletics competition. We were all quite apprehensive as there was only one empty shield left on the trophy, all of the others already filled with the Crabtree name.

The children competed well on the track but must have excelled in the field events as we came 1st in the boys and 2nd in the girls events meaning 1st overall.

The boys will now be representing Harpenden on Friday 6th July at Oaklands College in the County round. Well done to all the children and thank you for all the adult support.

## Mini-Tennis



On Wednesday evening we took a team from Birch and Ash to play in the School Games District Mini tennis competition.

This is an entry level tournament for children who do not compete in tennis competitions outside of school.

Ash won 3 out of 4 games and drew against The Grove 1; Birch won all 4 of their games.

This meant they had to play each other in the final. All the children played extremely well and made great progress with their tennis throughout the evening.

Ash just won in the final 24 to 21 points. They will be representing Harpenden at the School Games Finals on Friday 6th July at Oaklands College.

## Sports Clubs – second half term

Year 5 Rounders – this club has now come to an end. There will be one final practice on Tuesday 5 June for those children taking part in the district tournament.

All other clubs will continue to run in the second half of the term. However, due to other commitments the clubs will not run every week – see date changes below:

Year 3 Kwik Cricket will not run on Tuesday 26 June.

Year 4 Striking Games will not run on Wednesday 20 June.

Year 5 & 6 Athletics – there will only be 2 sessions next half term. Year 6 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Year 5 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

## Sports Day – change of date

Due to the success of our athletics and tennis teams this week we are moving sports day to Tuesday 3 July. This will enable all children and staff to participate whilst still using our Sir John Lawes Sports Leaders.



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



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We are also going to try a new idea with parents being able to watch both the tournament and races. More details to follow.

10:45am – 12:00 pm	Year 3 & 4 Track Races
	Year 5 & 6 Tournaments
1:15pm – 2:45pm	Year 5 & 6 Track Races
	Year 3 & 4 Tournaments

## Book Fair Success

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We have raised £550 to spend on new books for the library and classrooms which is a wonderful result and will allow us to stock the most up-to-date books for the children.

Also, World Cup fans, check out the football story books now on display and available to borrow in the library.

We are open Monday and Thursday lunchtimes and Wednesday and Friday between 8.40am and 8.50am.

## NSPCC

Thank you for your generous donations for the NSPCC. We raised a fantastic £1,597.81. Well done everyone!

## Message from Evie – Year 6

Later today I am having 12 inches of my hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. My hair will be used to make a wig for a child who has lost their hair due to cancer treatment. I am also trying to raise money and awareness for this amazing charity. Please take 5 minutes to read my just giving page and if you are able to contribute, I would be really grateful. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emmaregan74>

## SGP Update

Another school break looming, another update! After announcing that we have finally appointed a contractor to undertake the drainage project before the Easter holiday, we thought we'd be able to share details of when the work will happen soon after but that obviously hasn't happened.

Until now! After much work behind the scenes, we are pleased to inform you that the work should be commencing during the summer holidays, once school has broken up. We still need to negotiate a few obstacles but we're all focused on this summer. At the same time, our fundraising efforts continue, so we're delighted to announce that we will be painting another step on the totalizers having reached £190,000, thanks to a very thirsty crowd at the quiz night and your continued support and generosity.

That's all for now, except to wish you a very enjoyable half term break

SGP Team

## Non-Uniform day for Jossie

One of our Reception pupils, Jossie Leaver, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer towards the end of last year. Since then, Jossie has been undergoing treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Over the past months it has become clear that to give Jossie the very best chance she will need to access new treatment not available on the NHS.

This will require her to travel overseas, probably in the US, after her initial treatment. Jossie's parents, Stewart and Cassie, are trying to raise vital funds for this life-saving treatment which will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. More details can be found on Jossie's fundraising page at: <https://www.helpjossie.org.uk>

To support the fundraising efforts the Junior School will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 8 June.

## Marquis Lane Play Area Re-development

Harpenden Town Council has completed the majority of the redevelopment works at Marquis Lane Play Area and it will be open from Saturday 26 May.

The new play area has a focus on creating different discovery zones that aim to link in with the wider setting of Batford Springs Nature Reserve. It is fully inclusive with opportunities for both individual and group play.

It contains 35 play items with over 100 play activities including the refurbishment of the much loved pirate ship.

There are still some further natural elements that need to be planted such as the willow tunnels; however it is the wrong time of the year to plant these. Rather than delay the reopening we have completed everything else and these will follow in the autumn.

This £80k refurbishment is part of Harpenden Town Council's commitment to invest in the play areas and community facilities that it owns. We would like to thank the community steering group that helped to shape the project and the hundreds of local residents that completed our design surveys.

We hope that you enjoy the new play area.

## Wisepay - GDPR

Wisepay have added an additional "tick box" for your consent to comply with GDPR so please remember to tick this box now when signing your child up for clubs and events. Thank you.

## Year 6 – Year Book Photos

A note for Year 6 parents that Mr Tull will be coming into school on Tuesday 5th June to take the children's individual photos for the Year book being produced as part of the children's leaving celebrations.

## Stars of the Week



<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Amy</b> , for always giving 100% effort in all her work. Well Done!
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Sebastian</b> , for a happy and positive approach to learning and always making Miss Simmons smile.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Will H (and Mum)</b> , for his contribution to the colour run. Fabulous effort!
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Amber</b> , for her enthusiastic approach to her learning in maths this week! Amazing effort and attitude!
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Jude</b> , for working extremely well in maths all week and producing a very persuasive leaflet in English.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Bella</b> , for consistent hard work in all lessons but especially in maths.

**Elm** **Joshua**, always a superstar, always focussed and always works so hard as a learning partner.

**Elder** **Cara**, for great application of skills in Mrs Carter's writing group.

## Sports Champion

Louie S – for great skill at the athletics and sports leadership with the younger children.

## Challenge Champion

Rai for a fabulous Power Point and helping others with their computer skills.

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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

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