



# Crabtree Junior School

25<sup>th</sup> September 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is "Cooperation"**

## Diary Reminders

**Monday 28th September**

Year 3 Consultations

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Individual School Photographs

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

PA Family Fun Day

## From the Headteacher

### Dear Parents

*What a fabulous and busy week, we have had here at Crabtree.*

*Year 6 head boy and girl elections have been taking place. Outstanding presentations were made to the whole school and as an outcome from the voting, Eddie and Phoebe have been elected to the positions. Voting booths and a ballot box courtesy of the Council meant that the children had a real experience of taking part in a democratic vote. Both Eddie and Phoebe are very excited about the prospect of taking on their duties from next week – congratulations to them both. Also, we would like to thank the other candidates who prepared excellent presentations and delivered these, showing their passion and commitment to their community.*

*Year 3s have also been very busy this week. They took part in an Egyptian themed day to kick off their term's topic. The pyramid they built was quite impressive!*

*Mrs Renier*

*Acting Deputy Head teacher*

### *E-Safety thought of the Week:*

*"In the real world we treat strangers with caution. Similar care should be given to your child's new online friends"*

## PE

Please can you ensure full named PE kits are in school at all times.

Thank you

## School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

E-Safety Newsletter  
PA Family Fun Day  
Image Consent  
E-Safety  
Walking Home Consent

## Flyers

Gourmet Hot Dog Day



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.



## Music

### Choir

Well done to all the singers who attended the first choir practice on Wednesday. You all sang beautifully and it promises to be a lovely choir this year. Jo and I were really impressed! I'm certain that there are lots of others out there who would really enjoy having a good sing on a Wednesday morning 8.10 - 8.45. Do come and join us!

### Orchestra

Our new orchestra also made a very good start to the year. We have lots of new faces and it was great to hear you. For the first time in living memory we could do with more clarinets and flutes! Do come and have a word with me if you play an orchestral instrument and would like to play with the orchestra.

### Performance Platforms

These little lunch-time concerts will be resuming again this term and dates will be posted soon. For those of you who are new, platforms are held at 12.30 and finish by 1.00. They are an informal opportunity for any of our young musicians to perform to a friendly audience of specially-invited friends. There will be a sign-up list going up shortly. Players can invite 4 friends to come and hear them perform.

## Library update

The library has been buzzing since the start of the new term. There is always a rush of children coming in to choose a book or read during their break.

### Opening Times

We are open Monday and Thursday lunchtime for children to independently come and choose books to borrow and we have seen an enthusiastic response from our new, Year 3 children.

If your child does not feel confident to use the library please ask them to come and see the librarians. It's very easy to find and borrow books and we are always happy to show new users around.

### Lost Books

Children are welcome to take library books out against their own name home to read but please remind your children that they must look after the books they borrow and remember to return them promptly by each half term holiday at the latest. We publish lists of outstanding books on each classroom door just before each holiday and we do charge a replacement fee for any books that are lost or badly damaged. You can identify a Crabtree library book by the school stamp and barcode inside the front cover.

### Book Donations

We are often asked if we accept book donations and we are always very grateful for appropriate fiction or non-fiction books in good condition. These can be left with the office.

### Classroom Libraries

Did you know that each classroom has over 200 library books in it, both fiction and non-fiction? We try to rotate these each year to keep the shelves exciting and interesting. These books should not be brought home but are used in classroom reading times.

### Reading Bingo

Well done to all the enthusiastic summer holiday readers who have completed their Bingo sheets and handed them in. If your child took part in the summer reading bingo please ask them to return their forms as soon as possible so that we can compile a list of the most popular books. From the responses so far we have seen a fantastic mix of books from classics such as Wind in the Willows to the latest Jacqueline Wilson; poetry and joke books, lots of history and sportsbooks as well as the Beano.

**The Scholastic Book Fair returns to Crabtree w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November**

## 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:

**Cancer Research UK Oriental Evening**

#### Contact us:

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Just in time for buying Christmas Gifts!

We receive commission from sales at book fairs and this is used as our main source of new books for the school library. By supporting these events you help to keep the library well stocked and up to date with the latest titles. Look out for the posters nearer the time.

Mrs Duncan & Mrs Goody

## Forms to be returned to the Office

The following forms have been sent home over the last 2 weeks:

- Local walks/Film Consent
- E-safety
- Image consent

There are a number of forms that have not yet been returned to school. Copies are attached to the Newsletter for you to complete and return if you have not already done so. Thank you

## Lost Property

We are still finding cardigans and jumpers left around the school with no names in. We are therefore unable to return these to their owners and they end up in the lost property bin. Could you please ensure all items are named, including lunchboxes and water bottles. Thank you.

## School Dinners

Our 3 week Deli-menu trial has now ended and the menu will revert back to the Herts Catering Spring/Summer 2015 Menu from Monday 28th September.

## 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 please contact the office.

## From the Parents' Association

### Family Fun Event, Saturday 3 October – FREE for Crabtree Folk

We hope you can join us for a fun informal family event on the afternoon of Saturday 3 October. There will be some games and crafts for the children, an open bar, refreshments and more details on the flyer attached to this email. Volunteers still needed - if you can help on Saturday 3 October please email [howarddormer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:howarddormer@yahoo.co.uk)

### Crabtree Fabric Collection

If you are getting rid of old clothing then please consider donating to the Crabtree Fabric Collection on Friday 16 October. This is a great way to clear out your cupboards and make some money for the schools.

## Stars of the Week



***Dreams & Goals – Celebrating a child who keeps trying even when it is difficult.***

**Cedar**

**Henry**, during phonics and spelling lessons.

**Rowan**

**Evie Hu**, for great effort during Maths and English.

<b>Ash</b>	<b>James W</b> , for persevering when work is difficult and accepting the challenge.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Archie</b> , for fantastic effort in English this week.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Katie</b> , for her determination in lessons but particularly in Maths.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Sophia</b> , for her independence and determination in some challenging maths lessons this week.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Enrique</b> , for always trying to up-level his sentences in English.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Lauren</b> , for working through an enormous personal challenge. We are all very proud of her.

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)

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

