



Crabtree Junior School

26th October 2018

The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

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

Diary Reminders

Monday 5th November

Yr 4 – Swimming

Tuesday 6th November

District Chess Tournament

Wednesday 7th November

3:15pm Year 5 Netball
Friendly at Crabtree

3:15pm – Book Fair in school
hall

Thursday 8th November

District Girls Football
Tournament

3:15pm – Book Fair in school
hall

Friday 9th November

Non-Uniform Day – see copy
in the newsletter

Saturday 10th November

PA Fireworks

Dear Parents & Carers

I can't start this week's newsletter without saying, "Ready, steady....bake!" The highlight of this week has most definitely been the 'House Bake-Off'. We were overwhelmed by the response from the children - I have never seen so many cakes in the staff room. I have to congratulate all the children who took part, there are clearly some very talented bakers in the making and the cakes not only looked amazing, but tasted delicious too! The results will be announced after half term – it was a very close contest. I would like to thank Mrs Mercer for organising the event and I am already looking forward to the next House competition.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations this week. As you are all aware, the staff team work extremely hard to provide the best possible opportunities for the children at Crabtree and it is always nice to hear so many positive comments and feedback from parents at these meetings. We are very grateful for your support.

This morning we had another fantastic class assembly – well done to Teak, who shared with us all that they had been learning this term.

We have also celebrated our first win at a District Sports event. The Year 6 basketball teams were hugely successful, coming 3rd and 1st in the District Basketball tournament. We are extremely proud of all the children. Their success is due not only to Mrs Tizard's brilliant coaching, but also the resilience and determination of the teams, who have been putting in extra practice in their own time. Well done!

It has been a very long and busy half term and I think we are all ready for a break. I would like to thank the staff team who have all thrown themselves into school life this term and continue to work above and beyond every day. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

I hope you all have a lovely week...dare I say it...only two months until Christmas!

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

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School Letters

PA News

PA Christmas Fayre Poster Competition

Dinner Bills

Flyers sent home

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

9 Nov
30 Nov
14 Dec

Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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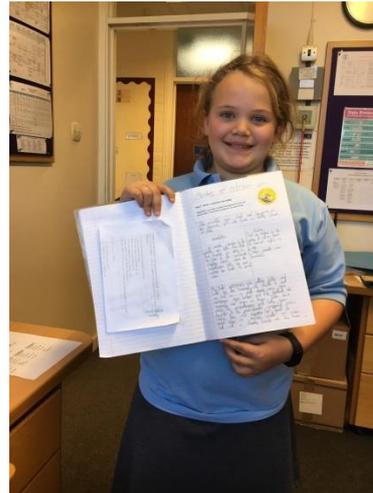
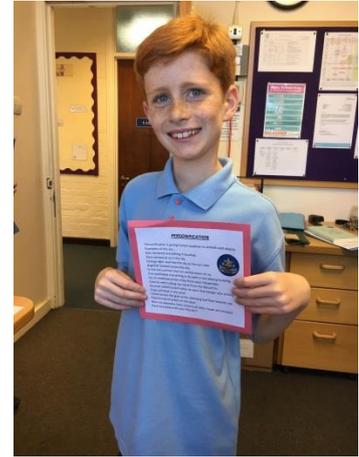
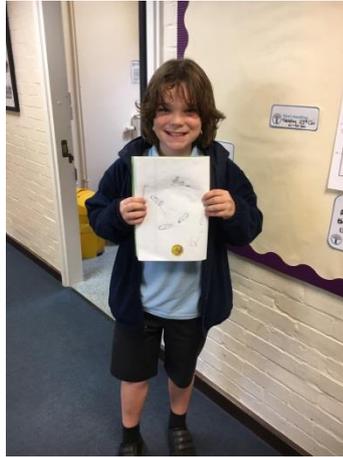
E-Flyers

The Great British Bake-Off

Crabtree Art Club

Harpenden Christmas Carnival

There has been lots of great work taking place in school again this week!



Year 5 – Teak – Class Assembly



The Railway Children

We had a last minute, too good to miss, opportunity this week when MandM Productions came to visit the school on Wednesday to share with the children their production of The Railway Children.



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U11 School Games Basketball Tournament

A fabulous afternoon of basketball was enjoyed by our Year 6 teams yesterday. They both won all their pool games so went through to play in the semi-finals.

Crabtree 1 made it through to the final and played Killigrew in a close and competitive game winning 10-8! Crabtree 2 won their play off finishing in 3rd place.

Crabtree 1 will now represent Harpenden in the School Games Finals on Monday 3 December. Congratulations to all!



PE Kit Reminder

Please can you check that your child has all the appropriate kit for the colder, wetter weather after half term. All PE kit needs to be named please, including the bag that it comes in. Children also need separate socks for PE as their school socks can get wet and they are then in them all day. Thank you.

House PE T-Shirts

It was fantastic to see the children in their new House Coloured T-shirt today!

All the ordered T-shirts have been sent home either last night or today. If a T-shirt needs to be swapped for a different size it can be brought to the shop when it opens on November 9th – provided it has not been worn. House T-shirts are now available to be ordered through the office with other uniform items or purchased directly from the shop.



Mobile Phones

Unfortunately, we have had a few incidences of children using their mobile phones while at other schools on fixtures. As you know, **children are not permitted to use their mobile phones when they are on school grounds** and this applies at all schools. We have spoken to the children and reminded them about E-Safety and the importance of using their phones responsibly. We would appreciate it if you would reinforce this message with your children. If any more incidences occur, the children concerned will not be allowed to take their phones to fixtures and will be asked to leave them at school to be collected afterwards.

Party Invitations

Unless your child is inviting the whole class to a party, **please can we ask that you do not hand out invitations at school**. We would ask that you distribute the invitations privately. We appreciate your support in this matter.

School Uniform

During half term, please can you **check that your child has the correct school uniform**. We have a number of children who have started wearing trainers to school. We appreciate that their feet grow very fast, but would ask that unless there is a specific reason they cannot wear school shoes, they have the correct footwear.

As the weather is getting colder, do please **ensure that you send your child to school in a coat**. Unless, it is very wet we will always try to get the children outside for some fresh air at playtimes.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you for your kind donations to our harvest assembly on Thursday. Your gifts will be taken to a local foodbank over half term.

Curriculum Presentation – Change of Date

The curriculum evening planned for Friday 15 November is being re-scheduled to take place during the first half of the Spring Term – date to be confirmed.

In addition, in the New Year, we plan to offer you the opportunity to come into school to learn more about how we teach English and Maths to your children.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9th November

On Friday 9th we will be raising money for Remembrance Day, sharing the donations between Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion.

Children can either come into school in non-uniform or wear their Cub/Brownie/Scout or Guide uniform in exchange for a donation. Thank you.

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A reminder please to send your child's performance entry back into school after half term – a copy of the letter and form are attached.

Parent Tour – Years 3 & 4

Following the letter sent to Year 3 & 4 Parents last week this is just a reminder that the next Parent Tour is on Tuesday 20 November – please sign up on Wisepay if you would like to attend. Thank you.

Crabtree Infants' – leadership recruitment

We would like to share a leadership recruitment update with you. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Hannah Dovey has been appointed as the Head of School for the Infants' School, sharing the role with Miss Vela from January 2019. Mrs Dovey is an experienced Deputy Headteacher who will be a great addition to the team.

Finance assistance required

We are looking for a numerate person with reconciliations and management accounting expertise who would be able to spare a couple of hours per week or 4-6 hours per month to assist us with producing month end reconciliations and accounting for the breakfast and after school clubs and holiday club. The timing would be flexible and training would be provided, but the person needs to be comfortable with reconciliations and working with Excel. We are seeking a volunteer initially but there is a possibility of developing the role in due course. If you think you could offer this help please let the office know.

Book Fair Competition

Please encourage your children to take part in the Book Fair competition – this year the children are asked to write a poem about a favourite character from a book. All entries into school by Monday 5 November.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Ella for fantastic vocabulary building work using a thesaurus.
Rowan	Heather for always being so helpful and enthusiastic.
Ash	Rebecca Mc for an excellent contribution to all French Lessons. 'C'est tres bien!'
Birch	Will for being a fantastic mathematician and always challenging himself.
Teak	Maya for working diligently in every French lesson. "Tu as vraiment bien travaille!"
Redwood	Will for his great work in our maths statistics unit.

Elm Charlie for making a real effort in his handwriting and presentation.

Elder Evie for an excellent poem using rhyming couplets.

Sports Champion – Lower School

Leo – Cedar – for being an excellent role model in all PE lessons.

Sports Champion – Upper School

Luca – Elm – for excellent effort in all of his PE lessons.

Challenge Champion

Henry – Elm – for challenging himself to succeed in performance.

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.

