



# Crabtree Junior School

27<sup>th</sup> February 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 "Hope".**

## Diary Reminders

**Next week is ASSESSMENT WEEK**  
(Years 3, 4 and 5)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 5 K'nex Challenge

Indoor Athletics

Home netball match v.  
Roundwood Primary

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 9am**  
Year 3 Assembly

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

Voluntary Contributions Scheme

School dinner bills

PA Quiz Night

## From the Headteacher

*I gather Year 5 had a very enjoyable visit to the London Aquarium on Tuesday and were able to see not only the Sea Turtles that are the focus of their topic work this term, but also all the other underwater creatures that are on show there. Thank you to Mrs Gaines for organising this trip.*

*My next news will probably surprise and sadden you in equal measure. I am sorry to have to announce that Miss Thomas is leaving us at the end of this term ... so this term's gym club display will be her 'Last Hurrah'. Emma has taught at Crabtree for over ten years and is responsible for the school's formidable reputation for sport in the District. We – and the profession – will miss her greatly, but I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Amanda Tizard to the post of PE teacher: she is an experienced, secondary-trained teacher who will join the staff in September. For summer term 2015, PE will continue to be facilitated by Mrs Moxham, supported by the class teachers.*

*On the subject of new members of staff, we were introduced this week to Mrs Danni Taylor, who is employed by the Sir John Lawes Academy Trust as a business manager and will be deployed to support The Crabtree Schools two days per week on a permanent basis. We look forward to working with Danni, who will be located at the Infants' School.*

*Ian Patrick,  
Headteacher*

## Voluntary Contributions Scheme

The letter from the Chairs of Governors published at the end of last term, introducing the Voluntary Contributions Scheme is attached to this week's newsletter – apologies that the attachment was missing last week, but hopefully many of you will have accessed the letter from the school website. There has been a short delay in launching the scheme but we hope that the instructions for how parents can join the scheme will be sent out next week



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.



## CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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### E flyers:

**Transition St Albans**  
– thermal imaging camera  
available for use by Harpenden  
residents

## Saracens Derby Day

Saracens V Harlequins @ Wembley  
Saturday March 28th 2015  
KO 15.15

Pre match and half time entertainment includes  
Pop Star and Strictly Come Dancing Star  
Pixie Lott

Adults £16.50 U16's £5

Last chance to buy tickets, with cash back to  
the school – see attached flyer for details

## Parent consultations

This term's parent consultation evenings take place on Tuesday – Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will be able to meet with both the class teacher and the maths/literacy teacher, if different. In response to parent feedback that you wished to have more time at these meetings, each appointment will be of six minutes' duration. If your child's class teacher also teaches them maths and literacy, then your appointment will be for 12 minutes with that teacher.

Letters will be coming home on Monday. Please return the reply slip to the School Office as soon as possible, indicating your availability. The office will collate the replies and send out appointment slips on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that we cannot guarantee that you will be able to see the teacher at a specific time and the greater flexibility you can give, the easier it will be to accommodate everyone.

## Red Nose Day

Sainsbury's have very kindly sent us a supply of red noses, so please purchase yours in school. They will be on sale in the classrooms next week – please send in £1 with your child if he or she would like to buy one for a good cause.

Red Nose Day, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, will be non-uniform day in exchange for donations to Comic Relief – we look forward to seeing the children's 'funny faces'.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is next week but, due to our busy calendar, Crabtree Junior School will be celebrating this event on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, when we invite all children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero. Hopefully, with a bit of notice, you will be able to create a suitable costume from clothes in your wardrobe – we are not suggesting you purchase a costume for this purpose.

## Orchestra, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Mr Bishop is away but Mr and Mrs Bending have kindly agreed to facilitate orchestra, so there will be practice as usual on Monday.

## Eisteddfod

The deadline for entries was today but, if there are any last-minute entrants, please bring forms in to the school office on Monday morning. Don't miss out!

Mrs Gaines will then sort out a timetable for the performances, which we will publish to parents as soon as possible. Please be patient – we know that you will be anxious to make arrangements to attend your child's performance, but the scheduling is not an easy task.

## Sports notices, from Miss Thomas

### Football match reports, from Ben and Bobby

On Tuesday, the A and B teams played against Redbourn Junior School.

The A team knew it would be a tough game so we would have to work extra hard to win. Redbourn kicked off and immediately passed the ball around, with Crabtree struggling to gain a foothold in the game. Despite this, we started to play well and both sides had many chances. Both goalies were very good and at half-time the score was 0-0. In the second half, both teams showed equal eagerness to win. After a controversial penalty was awarded to Redbourn, Crabtree started to get nervous but, luckily for us, the ball bounced wide. After that we began to gain control of the game. Without warning a brilliant tackle from Theo found Bobbie just outside the halfway line with some space. Bang! An amazing shot that hit the post and went in the top corner. Fortunately we were able to hang on until the final whistle and the game ended one-nil to Crabtree.

Meanwhile the B team faced tough opponents. Redbourn played very well, attacking hard during the first half but thanks to some fantastic goalkeeping from Charlie and great defending by Zac, the half-time score was nil-nil. However, in the second half, Redbourn upped their game and unfortunately for

Crabtree, scored three goals. Despite brilliant performances by Charlie and Jasper, the final score was 3-0 to Redbourn.

Thank you to Miss Thomas and Mr Patrick for coaching and providing refreshments and to everybody who supported us. Finally well done to all the players who worked so hard.

### **Netball match report, from Rebecca and Emma**

On Thursday, Crabtree netball teams played St Helen's. The A team faced tough opposition but by half time it was 1-0 to Crabtree. The second half was even tougher because we all wanted to win. With help from Amelie's and Charli's brilliant defending, and Lucy's and Isabella's excellent shooting, the final score was a 4-4 draw.

The B team meanwhile had the first centre pass and got off to a fabulous start. After some amazing passes between Fay and Tilly, we got the ball to Poppy who scored. By half time we were in the lead, three goals to nil. In the second half, St Helen's really upped their game and nearly scored but Crabtree didn't let that worry us. Beth did some very good catching and throwing, which meant that St Helen's didn't get the ball. The final score was a 4-0 win for Crabtree.

Thank you to Mrs Mercer for great umpiring and delicious biscuits! Thank you too to St Helen's for being fantastic opponents, to our parents for supporting us and to all the players who gave their all.

### **Sports practices**

For timings of sports practices please consult the schedule published on the school website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/clubs.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html)

### **Indoor Athletics**

Good luck to all our athletes taking part in the competition next Thursday morning at the Hertfordshire University Sports Village.

## **2015/16 Term dates**

The INSET and Occasional Days for the Crabtree Academy Trust for next academic year have now been agreed. The full schedule of term dates is as follows:

<b>Autumn Term 2015</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day – No school for children
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn Term begins
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm
<b>Spring Term 2016</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – No school for children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term begins
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Monday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm
<b>Summer Term 2016</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – No school for children
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day – No school for children
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May—Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – No school for children

## **From the Parents' Association**

### **PA Quiz - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Tables are selling fast for the annual Crabtree Quiz Night! We now only have two tables left to sell, so if you would like to take part on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 7.45pm** please email [shazzacowell@yahoo.com](mailto:shazzacowell@yahoo.com) to reserve your team's spot. Teams can be up to ten people. A hot supper will be provided and there

is a well-stocked bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. If you have already reserved a table please return the booking form with full payment to the school office by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. A table booking form is attached to this newsletter.

## Stars of the Week

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Alastair</b> , for his consistently excellent behaviour and always being willing share his great ideas during shared writing.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oliver</b> , for trying his best and great involvement in English.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Finlay</b> , for being such a hard worker and settling down to work quickly.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Katie</b> , for being a fantastic support to others in the class.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Felix</b> , for fabulous enthusiasm in science.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Caitlin</b> , for her fantastic behaviour and always giving her all.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Theo</b> , for working hard to become an accomplished and intriguing writer.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Ellie</b> , for always having a positive attitude towards her work in class.

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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.

