



Crabtree Junior School

27th March 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

This term's school value is "Hope".

Diary Reminders

Saturday 28th March

PA Quiz night

Tuesday 31st March

Gym Display, 1.15pm

Wednesday 1st April

Year 5 School Journey meeting, 3.20pm in Teak

Gym Display, 6pm

Thursday 2nd April

TERM ENDS AT 2PM

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

Jousters Summer holiday club

Karate

Camera Kids

Summer lunch menu

From the Headteacher

We are approaching the end of a very busy term but there was still time for lots of sport (see reports below) and school trips for Year 4 and Year 6. Year 4 enjoyed a day at St Albans Abbey, including a re-enactment of the martyrdom of Alban, while Year 6 spent the afternoon at St Albans Fire Station (also below).

The hall has been a gymnastics venue for much of the week as rehearsals reach their climax. The annual gym and dance display involves over 100 children from Years 5 and 6 and it is an absolute tour de force of organisation as well as ability. Another reason to be a very proud headteacher.

We welcomed a new member of staff this week and trust she will quickly feel settled at Team Crabtree. Miss Sarah Kelly is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant who will be delivering teaching support and classroom cover across all year groups.

Please don't forget that term ends at 2pm next Thursday.

*Ian Patrick,
Headteacher*

Harpenden Trust Charity Event

Thank you as always for your generosity in supporting Saturn's House Charity non-uniform day – the school was a sea of red, white, blue and black and we will be sending off a cheque for £228.75 to support the Trust's work. Unfortunately due to projector breakdown, Cameron was unable to deliver his assembly presentation on the work of the Trust, but we will ensure there is an opportunity for that as soon as the hall projector is working again.

Year 3 Summer Term Swimming

Well done to all the eagle-eyed parents who spotted that 1st June is an INSET Day and there will obviously be no school swimming on that date! There are therefore only eight sessions in the summer term and we will make up the extra dates in the autumn term. If you have not already returned the permission slip, please would you do so on Monday so that we can send off the children's swimming levels to the instructors before the Easter break.



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.



Lunchtime visits

The lunchtime staff have reported that now that we are able to use the field for lunchtime play some parents are approaching the fence during the break and 'visiting' their children. For obvious safeguarding reasons we discourage this. If you have a message for your child or need to see him/her during the school day, please come to the School Office.

Year 6 Crucial Crew, *from Beth*

On Wednesday 25th March, Year 6 visited the fire station to learn about safety in many different ways. We saw the truth behind the food we regularly eat and what sugar can do to you; we watched a short film and learned that cyber bullying really does ruin lives; we also experience the 'ghost box', seeing all the horrible things electricity can do to you if you are not careful. It was shocking to learn that 55 people or more die each year crossing the road whilst texting! Although we learned a great deal from all the activities, including the 'spot the dangers' game, the thing that really stuck with us was the message about anti-social behaviour: two amazing actors came into the room acting in an anti-social way and taught us just what to do if we are ever in that situation ... walk away!

Thank you to St Albans District Council for giving us this opportunity to learn some valuable life lessons.

Charging policy

The Trust has published its policy on charging, refunds and remissions. Trust-wide policies are gradually replacing the school policies; current documents can be viewed at: http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/performance_policies/policies.html or hard copies can be requested from the School Office.

School meals

The summer menu is being sent home today. If any children are swapping to or from school meals after Easter, please could you let the School Office know asap. Thank you.

Sports notices

Tag Rugby, *from Miss Thomas*

On Thursday, it was the Saracens Tag Rugby tournament held at Harpenden Rugby Club. We had sunshine hail and rain but nothing dampened our teams' spirits. We had entered our A and B teams and both teams did brilliantly, winning all their section games comfortably. There was great excitement as we managed to avoid playing each other in the semi-finals! The B Team played Breachwood Green's A team and narrowly lost 4-5. Meanwhile, our As played St Nicholas's A team and won 5-4 in a nailbiting game. This means they are now 'double' district champions and will go forward to the county finals in June.

Every player was brilliant; everyone worked for their team and gave their all for Crabtree. A huge thank you to the players, supporters and the amazing Mr Andrews for his coaching and tactical brilliance.



Thanks again to our very own David Bailey, aka Mrs Brooks, for this photo.

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E-Flyers:

NCT Nearly New Sale,
18th April

Macmillan Event, 22nd
April

Number 7 Music Academy
– new 'Minis' classes at
Crabtree

Flyers:

Primary Times

Watergate Farm

Stagecoach

Piano for Sale

Berry of London Upright –
Mahogany

£50

Buyer collects

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Football reports, from Ben and Tom S

On Tuesday, Crabtree had home matches against St Helen's. For the A team there was an early goal from Alfie and after that the goals just kept coming so that we were 6-0 up by half time. In the second half both teams were tired and a sudden outburst of hail meant we had to change tactics. St Helen's battled well but, unfortunately for them, the final score was 9-0 to Crabtree. The B team played equally well: a kick upfield gave Samuel the chance to unleash a brilliant shot at goal – 1-0. A corner came at the end of the first half and quick thinking by Isaac and Samuel allowed Isaac time to place the ball in the net. The second half saw three more brilliant goals by Lucy, Edward and Charlie plus a stunning penalty by Samuel.

Well done to the teams, the supporters and thank you to Mr Patrick for coaching us.

Gymnastics Display

The annual Gymnastics and Dance display takes place next week. The dress rehearsal was performed to the school this afternoon and, as usual parents have a high energy, high skill treat in store which really shows how the children's efforts in rehearsals throughout the term have paid off.

For Year 5 and 6 parents coming to watch the performances on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening next week, please note these are ticket-only events and if tickets are mislaid or forgotten, you will be asked to wait until parents with tickets have entered the hall and then names will be checked against the list. The evening performance in particular is 'oversubscribed' and it will be a tight squeeze to fit everyone in, so parents are asked to help us by filling the hall from the furthest seats first. Please note: due to the nature of the display which uses all doors from the hall, it is very difficult to accommodate late entry or early exit.

From the Parents' Association

Open PA Committee meeting on 28th April – everyone welcome

The PA Committee would like to invite all Crabtree parents to come along to the Skew Bridge on 28th 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.

Stars of the Week

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| Cedar | Freddie , for excellent participation in class discussion. |
| Rowan | Kaan , for being great active learning. |
| Ash | Adam M , for showing renewed determination in all areas of the curriculum. |
| Birch | Stephen , for great contributions in class. |
| Teak | Jasmine B , for fantastic effort in all subjects. |
| Redwood | Gagan , for fantastic improvement in English this term. |
| Elm | Gemma , for superb effort in both English and Maths. |
| Elder | Lily , for her enthusiastic approach to all school activities. |

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.

