



Crabtree Junior School

30th January 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

Tuesday 3rd Feb

Football match v. Wood End, 3.30pm

Friday 6th Feb

Year 5 Assembly, 9am

Dogs' Trust visit for Years 3 and 4

School letters by email

S4YC Holiday Club

From the Headteacher

We are saying goodbye to a member of staff today. Farewell to Mrs Granger, who has been with us for two years supporting both pupils and teachers across all year groups.

Mrs Granger will be continuing her teaching support within other schools in Hertfordshire and will also be writing a children's book. We have been promised a first copy!

A big thank you to Mrs Granger and we wish her every success with all her future projects.

*Ian Patrick,
Headteacher*

Vision Statement

The Vision discussion group will take place at the Junior School at 9am on Tuesday 10th February or Thursday 12th February. **If you would like to attend, please email the office so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.**

We would love your input to this important document and hope many of you will want to be involved.

Curriculum presentation

Part 1: The 'Mastery Curriculum' and 'Life without levels'

Tuesday 10th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the school hall

Part 2: 'An Enriched Curriculum'

(Date to be confirmed late Spring - early Summer term)



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Flyers

Luton Town Football Camp

Great Sports

E-flyers

Wizard of Oz auditions



Second Harpenden-wide online consultation

Thursday 29th Jan to Monday 10th Feb

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/weareharpenden2>

We are now in the second part of a consultation that will be used to create a longer term (Arts, Culture and Heritage) plan for the town.

There are three roadshow events:

Saturday 31st January

11am-2pm, Harpenden Concourse,

Thursday 5th February

9.30am-11.30am Batford Memorial Hall

Saturday 7th February

11am-2pm in the Coop, Southdown.

Please do come along to these events, find out more and have your say.

Surveyor wanted!

Are you a structural engineer who could donate some time to do a survey of the Crabtree Infants' and Crabtree Junior School roofs?

Volunteers from a local voluntary organisation, Transition St Albans (TSA), have prepared a proposal to set up a not-for-profit Community Energy Company and install solar panels at the school. The project would reduce the schools' electricity costs as well as providing opportunities for the children to learn about solar power and for the community to invest in a local carbon reducing project. A survey needs to be undertaken of the roofs before the project proposal can be finalised and put to the Governors.

TSA has applied for grants for this survey and will continue to apply for grants. However, if there is anyone in the Crabtree Community who would be able to donate their services regarding it would be very much appreciated and would enable the project proposal to be taken forward more quickly. If you can help, or know anyone who might be able to help, please contact Lesley Flowers (parent of Matthew in Elder) (07957 456 458, Lesley_h_flowers@yahoo.co.uk) or the school office.

Music notice, from Mr Bishop

Reminder: choir practice on Mondays at 12.30pm. We will be starting to learn songs from "Annie". New members welcome.

Sports notices

Next week's sports practices (Years 5 and 6)

For this week's sports practices please consult the schedule published on the school website at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html

S4YC Half Term Holiday Club

S4YC are back for four days of the half term holiday providing childcare and sports activities from 9am – 3.30pm. Please see flyer for details and return the slip with your payment to the School Office as soon as possible to secure a place.

Please don't leave it until the last minute to book: the club will only run if there are enough bookings for each day.

Dressing up clothes wanted

Do you have any dressing up clothes that your children no longer use? The Infants School would be very grateful for any donations. Please drop off at the Infants' School office.

From the Parents' Association

PA Quiz

We have now confirmed the new date for Crabtree Quiz night as Saturday 28th March. Please put this in your diaries and start getting your teams together – teams can be up to ten people. We will be sending out the ticket requests before half term.

Summer Fayre

It may feel a little early to start thinking about the Summer Fayre but, believe it or not, preparations are already underway. If you could spare any time to help our intrepid Summer Fayre organiser Heather then she would be glad to hear from you. She is particularly looking for help with the following:

1. Entertainment co-ordinator - to organise the band, dancers, music etc. If possible also to help organise the sound system.
2. Enterprise zone co-ordinator - to organise the four stalls that are run by children in year 5 and 6. They use the stalls to sell their products or run games so maybe someone with a child in one of the year 5 or 6 classes would be happy to take this on?

3. Raffle co-ordinator - to pull together the raffle prizes, many of which have already been pledged so just need collecting.

4. Sponsorship helper - We already have 2 people on the team, but could do with more helpers

And finally, this is going to be Heather's last year so she would love to do the fayre with another willing party who might want to take up the role in future. Please email Heather_Wilton@hotmail.com if you can help with any of the above.



Stars of the Week

Cedar	Taine , for a huge improvement in concentration during lessons. Keep it up!
Rowan	Ollie , for quietly working away in all lessons.
Ash	Alex P , for excellent work in RE this week.
Birch	Aryaveer , for taking a more proactive approach to his learning.
Teak	Aoife , for fantastic enthusiasm in English and eager participation in lessons.
Redwood	Arthur , for brilliant effort in his English and valuable contributions. Keep it up!
Elm	Eddy , for superb effort and positive attitude in Maths leading to great progress.
Elder	Jasper , for his enthusiasm in Maths this week.

Challenge Champion

Year 5 Teak wizard writers and Mrs Carter's Year 6 sorcerers for fantastic collaboration in the writing group.

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

