



Crabtree Junior School

30th November 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

This week's school value is:

"Thoughtfulness"

Diary Reminders

Monday 3rd December

Yr 4 – Christmas Language Fair

Tuesday 4th December

Yr 6 – History off the Page

Wednesday 5th December

AM – Rotary Carol Rehearsal

Yr 5 – Buddhist Monastery Visit

Yr 3 – Grandparents Tea Party – 9.15am – 10.15am.

Friday 7th December

Yr 6 – Toastmaster Speeches

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been great to see some sunshine today after, what I am sure you will agree, has been a very cold, wet and windy week!

We have been welcoming more visitors to the school this week as Miss Vela and I continue to host 'Prospective Parent Meetings' at the Infant School. The feedback has been fantastic and the parents are all extremely keen to ensure that their children get to join us and become part of the Crabtree Academy Trust.

It was great to be able to spend some time with our new Executive Head, Mr Pope, this week. He very much enjoyed having the opportunity to walk around the school and begin to get to know the staff, parents and children. He will be popping back again between now and next term, working with myself and Miss Vela, to get to know both schools, prior to his start with us in January.

As I write this, the school is full of our fabulous parents who are organising all of the rooms for the Crabtree Christmas Fayre. It is a huge job and I would like to thank the members of the PA who are organising and running the event – we are very lucky to have such a supportive and active PA.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in the morning – bring plenty of change, there are a lot of wonderful stalls and activities to enjoy!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

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Crabtree Junior Christmas Carols - Monday 10th December 6.30pm

With Christmas fast approaching, we are looking forward to welcoming you to join us at our Christmas Carols.

- The evening will begin at **6.30pm** and will last approximately 1 hour.
- The event will take place in the front of the school.
- Please wear sensible footwear, as it could be wet/muddy.
- Entry will be through the car park pedestrian access gate (tickets only).
- Tickets need to be booked on WisePay – 2 per family – pupils do not need a ticket.
- **Children will remain with their parents** throughout the evening, unless they are in the choir.
- Choir will meet in the front garden at **6.15pm**.

School Letters

PA News

Christmas Fayre Programme

Flyers sent home

Leighton Buzzard Railway

Menace Sports

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

14 Dec

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

St Nicholas Christmas Fayre

- There will be mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. £2 Mulled Wine. 50p Mince Pie.
- The Lower School Choir and the Upper School Choir will perform during the evening.
- It will be dark so we encourage you to wear something that lights up or a head torch!
- Christmas themed clothes and tinsel a must!
- Please be aware that this is a **standing only** event.

The order of service will be:

1. Oh Little Child (Head Boy and Head Girl)
2. Away in a Manger (All)
3. Upper School Choir (3 songs)
4. Oh Come all Ye Faithful (All)
5. Lower School Choir (3 songs)
6. The Wise Men (All children)
7. Twas the Night Before Christmas (Staff)
8. We Wish You a Merry Christmas (All)

There will be a collection at the gate on exit to raise money for the local homeless charity.

Orchestra

Please note that there will be no orchestra on Monday 10 December.

Football League v Woodend

On Friday we played our 3rd League game against Wood End.

The A team had an exciting game with end-to-end football and goals from both teams. We finished the game in a draw with 2 goals each! It was great to see such fabulous defensive and attacking play from all the boys.

The B team played their best game yet this season with fast flowing football. We were excited that in the 1st half, we scored our first goal and we were then determined to maintain a win! The second half saw us all work defensively to prevent the many attacks from Wood End finding the back of the net. We were thrilled to win the game 1 - 0!

Thank you to Mr McGloin and my son Lewis for refereeing and parents for supporting.

New House Challenge – Design a Christmas Decoration

The children have been set a new house challenge this week – to design a decoration for the tree.

The rules:

- It needs to be created outside of school
- It needs to be your own work/design
- You can use anything to create it
- It needs to be able to hang off a branch, that means not too heavy and needs a string attached already.
- Five points awarded for everyone who enters and 20 points for the winning entry per class.
- Dimensions – no bigger than 10cm x 15cm
- Label with your name, class and house
- One entry per child
- All entries to be handed to class teacher by Wednesday 5 December

ECO Team Update

The ECO Team are very excited to announce that we have set up recycling around the school. Every class now has a general waste and a mixed recycling bin and the children have all been learning where to put their litter.

Recycling will be collected weekly, we are proud of the progress we are making within the school and our community.



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



Planning Permission Application

Our application for planning permission to install the field drainage is being heard at the planning referrals committee on Thursday 6th December at 6pm at the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, St Peter's Street, St Albans.

It would be great if there were a group of parents there to show support for our plans, so please do come along if you can. There is not an opportunity for public debate of the plans, but we are hoping for some visible support for Miss Simmons and Miss Vela who will be speaking on behalf of the schools.

Meeting details can be found at this link:

<http://stalbans.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&MIId=8598>.

These meetings can be quite long, though our planning application is currently the second application on the agenda.

Whole School trip to the Panto – Tuesday 18 December

Thank you to parents who offered to help with our trip to the Panto, we have managed to resource this from our staff team so will not be requiring parent helpers on this occasion.

Could all children please bring a packed lunch into school on this day, which they will eat when they get back from the panto. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

This is only for children that have a packed lunch on a Friday

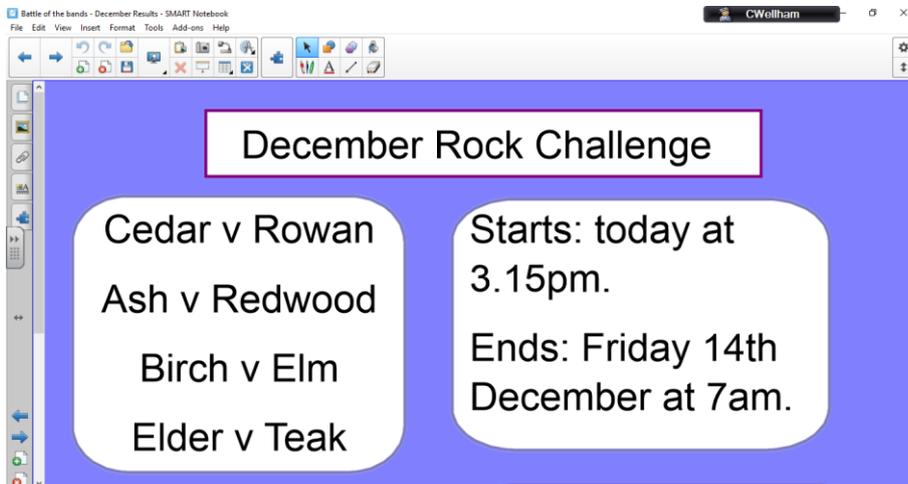
If your child has a packed lunch on a Friday but would like to have the school, Christmas Dinner on Friday 14 December please log onto WisePay under "Ticket Payments" and book your child a meal. You will be invoiced for the cost later - £2.40.

Please indicate in the box provided if they would like the Turkey or Vegetarian option.

WisePay MUST close on Sunday 2 December to allow time for the food to be ordered.

Times Table Rock Stars

Please find below the December Rock Challenge – this was explained to the children in assembly this morning.



Help us make our library inspirational – message from Mrs Goody

We are giving our wonderful library a much needed coat of paint and need to put together a group of keen decorators to help on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of December. The plan is to meet at 9.30am and paint until lunchtime and then return in the afternoon for a second coat and then assess whether we need to return on Sunday. Tea and cake will be provided.



If you can offer us any of your precious time please notify the school office. Thank you.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Florence for creating a striking Egyptian landscape using collage.
Rowan	Luke for always being an excellent role model and ready to learn.
Ash	Zach for his excellent explanation text all about plastic in the ocean – well done.
Birch	Sophie for increasing independence in English and producing some fantastic work.
Teak	Bella – a fantastic attitude to her learning in all areas.
Redwood	Alisha for great improvement and engagement in lessons and assessments this week.
Elm	Georgia for resilience and effort in Maths.
Elder	Ed for working really hard, especially in Maths.

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Sports Champion – Lower School

Rosa – Cedar – for being an excellent role model in gymnastics and games.

Sports Champion – Upper School

Sofia - Elm – for always working as an excellent sporting role model in gymnastics and games.

Challenge Champions

Alex Sw for helping Mrs Shadbolt and Mr Franklin with first aid this week.

Louise P for putting 100% effort in all English lessons resulting in a fabulous Dragon Keeper's handbook.

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.



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