



# CROW ORCHARD CHRONICLE

October '23

## ***Message from Mrs Maher!***

As we come to the end of our first half term, I cannot quite believe how time flies! School is a calm, industrious environment with all our children making the most of their days. I am utterly delighted at how easily our new children have settled in, our Little Pips and Apple class are a joy! We continue to welcome new families into our Crow Orchard family and I have had some really lovely feedback from both new parents and carers. People really do recognise our uniqueness!

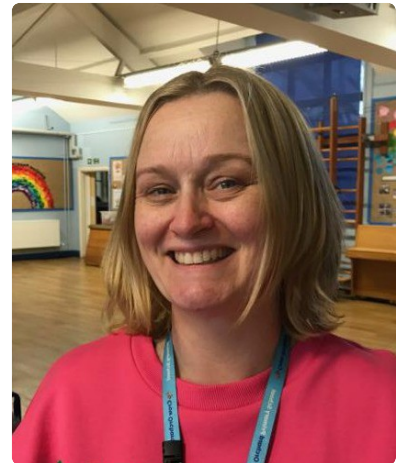
Open morning last Saturday saw some new faces visiting our school including a manger from a local, private nursery and past pupils looking at our school for their own children. There is always something very special in having the opportunity to educate generation after generation within one family. Big thanks to all the children who helped out at our open morning- you all looked AMAZING and should feel PROUD.

Please make a note of our Open Curriculum Days that have been added to the calendar- we LOVE inviting our parents into school, it is the best way to really see your child's learning in action. Remember that we have limited places so if you want to attend, call the office and secure a place immediately after half-term.

I know for sure that everyone is ready for a good break; wishing you all happiness and safety with a few Halloween treats thrown in.

See you all back in school on Monday 30th October

P.S. Don't forget our Scary Movie Night !



## Attendance This Month

Rec  
83.2%

Yr 1  
96.4%

Yr 2  
88.9%

Yr 3  
96.7%

Yr 4  
93.2%

Yr 5  
92.5%

Yr 6  
93.6%

Target - 97%

## Dates for the Diary!

**Scary Movie Night** - 1st November

**Christmas Fayre** - 22nd November

**Breakfast with the Grinch** - 1st December

**EYFS/KS1 Production\*** - 6th December 09:30am

**EYFS/KS1 Production\*** - 7th December - 09:30am & 1.30pm

**KS2 Production\*** - 12th December - 1.30pm & 6.30pm



- **Tickets for productions available from school office from 1st December (entry is strictly by ticket only)**

**KS1 Party Day** - 18th December

**KS2 Party Day** - 19th December

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day** - 20th Dec

**Christmas Celebration** - 20th December - St Pauls Church - Everyone welcome

**Christmas Disco** - 20th December

**Christmas Holidays** - School closes normal time Friday 22nd December

**Staff Training** - Monday 8th January 2024

**School reopens** - Tuesday 9th January 2024

**Pupil Progress Meeting** - 24th January - Further details will be sent via School Spider

**Love Disco** - 7th February

**Easter Bingo** - 27th March

**Movie Night** - 24th April

**Open Curriculum Days**

**Reception Class** - 22nd January & 13th June

**Year 1&2** - 7th February & 19th June

**Year 3** - 8th February & 20th June

**Year 4** - 21st February & 12th June

**Year 5&6** - 23rd January & 27th June

[Click here for full calendar](#)

## What's On Locally



### Our Lady's Dance Class

Last year 3 fantastic girls from Our Lady's taught a group of our students a dance routine for their Duke of Endinburgh Award. We are pleased to share that all 3 girls have been presented with their award. Well done girls!



### Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament consists of two pupil representatives, one from Year 6 and one from Year 5, who attend Pupil Parliament hosted by SHARES Lancashire and their cluster of schools. These children were elected by the whole school after presenting their speeches and reasons for candidacy.

For more information visit the [School Council](#) page of our website



## House Points So Far!

Spring

1509

SUMMER

1327

Autumn

1625

WINTER

1754

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### Tea with Mrs Maher



Each week, the pupils that are awarded the celebration certificate are entered into a draw for the chance to have tea with Mrs Maher at the end of the month. October's celebration winners will have tea with Mrs Maher after the half term holiday. Mrs Maher has been poorly this week and doesn't want to pass her germs on!

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### Emily's Buddy Benches



Emily is hard at work raising money for her Buddy Benches. Watch this space for updates, including a friendship bracelet sale after half term! [Click here](#) if you would like to learn more and donate if you are able!

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### Big News!

In our continued commitment to help our children have the best possible mental health, we are now joining forces with Encompass Bloom to train our very own Wellbeing Warriors. This is an

exciting development at Crow Orchard. Watch this space for updates!



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## Online Safety

### Don't share personal details

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings.

To see our Online Safety Newsletters, [click here](#)

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## Little Orchards

Change of time - Little Orchards will now be help every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 2.15pm. If you know anyone local with babies/toddlers that would like to attend contact the school for more info.

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## McScary Movie Night

Children are invited to join us for our "McScary Movie Night" on 1st November from 4pm to 7pm. We will be watching "Casper the Friendly Ghost" while enjoying a Happy Meal from Mcdonalds.

**Tickets are now sold out. We are excited to see you all there!**



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## School Dinners

**Snack** - Toast 20p available daily

### Dinners

- **Nursery** - £1.70 per day
- **Juniors** - £2.60 per day

Payments are to be made via ParentMail and we would appreciate it if accounts could be cleared by the end of the week. If you have any



issues with payments please contact the office directly.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to free school meals. If your child is older you can see if you are eligible on the government website ([click here](#))

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## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Breakfast club is open from 8am - 8:40 am when school opens. We have toast, bagels, crumpets or cereals! Prices are;

Without Breakfast - £1.50

Including Breakfast - £3

After School Club runs from 3:15pm to 5:15pm and we have a wide variety of activities for the children, plus a snack! Prices are;

3:15pm - 4:15pm - £3

3:15pm - 5:15pm - £6

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## **After School Club Help**

Do you have skills that can be used in afterschool clubs? We are looking for any parents/guardians that can help us run afterschool clubs to give children skills and experiences that they'll love. We are particularly on the lookout for anybody that can help with a football club.

If you think you can help, please contact the school office and let us know!

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## **Friends of Crow Orchard**



The Friends of Crow Orchard have been busy planning lots of fund raising activities for our school. The first of which is our "Scary Movie Night" We are looking forward to another year full of fantastic activities!

If you would like to take a look at the Friends of Crow Orchard Facebook page, [click here](#).

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