



# Crow Orchard Chronicle

November '23

## Message from Mrs Maher!

I cannot quite believe that we are nearing the end of what has been a busy term. Our youngest children have settled in so well in Pips and Apple class with our new children across school settling in with ease too. The month of December will be bringing a whole host of exciting events to school; please check the calendar and make sure you don't miss out. Tickets for our Christmas performances go on sale on Thursday 30th November, priced at £2.00 per ticket, call the school office to secure your seats. It will be two tickets per show per family (maximum capacity is 80 seats in the hall) but we will have a reserve list for extra tickets. **Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** Please be quick as tickets sell out fast.



We are very excited to be hosting our annual Christmas Celebration at St Paul's Church at 10am on Friday 22nd December. This is always a joyous event and we really would love it if you could attend. Last year, we had a disappointing turn out from parents/carers, please help us fill the church with Crow Orchard love this year. Hope you can make it!

### Reminders

Parking around school- please park your cars with both consideration for our neighbours and for potential emergency vehicles needing to get through. Blocking driveways and double parking really is not acceptable. We always encourage our children to walk to school, not only is it healthy, it saves on fuel costs too. We really appreciate your support with this.

### Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and want to thank our parents/carers for their efforts to send their children into school every day, super smart. Unfortunately, we are noticing that a few

children are not following policy, please ensure your child is wearing uniform that meets our high standards;

No trainers of any kind ( accept at lunchtime but they must change back into school shoes)  
All children in Years 3-6 must wear a white shirt and a school tie- ties can be purchased from the school office.

No large rucksacks- children should have a standard book bag. The rucksacks do not fit on our pegs which means they fall onto the floor creating a slip hazard.

PE kit- your child must have trainers or black pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt for PE lessons

## Attendance This Month

Rec  
88.5%

Yr 1  
91.4%

Yr 2  
92.1%

Yr 3  
92%

Yr 4  
95.1%

Yr 5  
95.8%

Yr 6  
92.8%

Target - 97%

## Dates for the Diary!

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

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

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

**KS2 Production\*** - Tuesday, 12th December - 1.30pm & 6.30pm & Wednesday 13th December - 6.30pm



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

**KS1 Party Day** - Monday, 18th December

**KS2 Party Day** - Tuesday, 19th December

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day** - Wednesday, 20th December

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

**Christmas Disco** - Wednesday, 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 - Wednesday, 24th January - Further details will be sent via School Spider**

**Love Disco** - Wednesday, 7th February

**Easter Bingo** - Wednesday, 27th March

**Movie Night** - Wednesday, 24th April

### Open Curriculum Days

**Reception Class** - Monday, 22nd January & Thursday, 13th June

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

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

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

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

[Click here for full calendar](#)

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## What's On Locally



### Tippy Toes Baby Bank

Tippy Toes Baby Bank opened a new location in Skelmersdale on the 20th November, on Sandy Lane! They help families in and around Lancashire and surrounding areas who are in urgent need of baby essentials. To find out more visit their website by clicking [here](#).



### UpHolland Community Band

Whether you're just starting your musical career or maybe picking it up again after a break, UpHolland Community Band are looking for players of all ages to join them and have some fun making music together! For more information, visit their website [here](#).



### Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball

We are so proud of this team. Excellent team spirit and, most importantly, they had a great time!

# Opening 20th November 2023!



**Offering essential baby items  
FREE of charge to families  
struggling with the cost of living**

Come & register to access your free annual membership card  
to allow you to visit 12 times in 12 months.

Our items include nappies, wipes, toiletries, clothing, coats,  
baby food AND MORE!

**63 Westgate, Skelmersdale WN8 8LP  
(Upstairs in the Sandy Lane Centre!)**

**Open Monday, Wednesday &  
Thursday 10am - 2pm**

Follow us on Facebook @tippytoesbb

Registered charity number 1187923

## House Points So Far!

Spring

2287

SUMMER

2123

Autumn

2371

WINTER

2731

## 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 were,



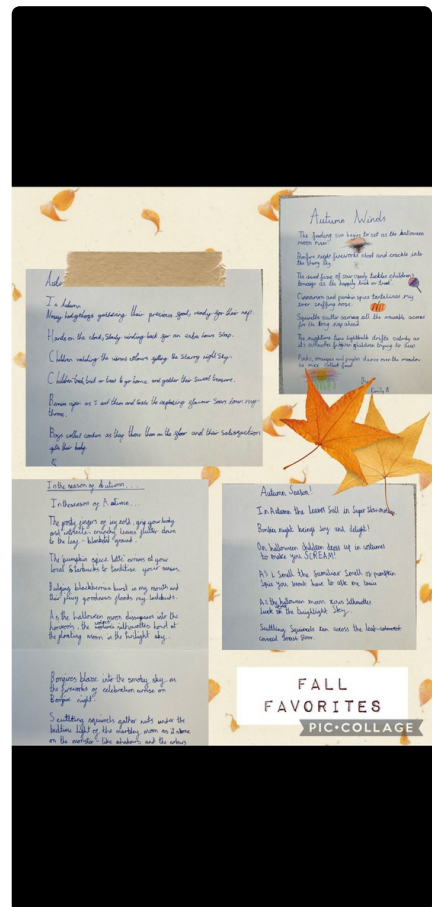
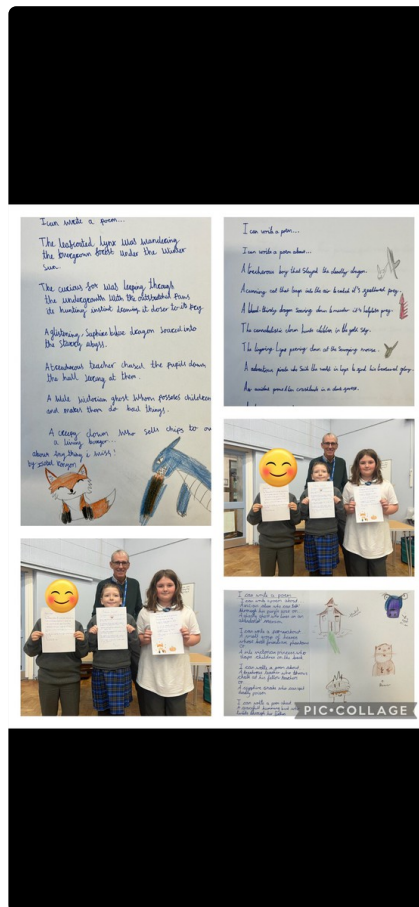


Connel, Oliver-George, Harriet, Clayton, Emily, Poppy, Izzy and Halia. They had their tea at the start of the month after Mrs Maher recovered from being poorly.

This month's lucky winners were Clayton, Jacob, Elsie, Olivia, Harvey, Mason, Louie, and Caleb!



## Young Writer's Day



Last month, two year 5 and two year 6 children attended a writer's day and got to work with the fantastic author, David Webb. They received hints and tips to improve their writing, as well as

getting to work with other young writers from other schools. An amazing day was had by all!

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## Art and Design Questionnaire

At Crow Orchard, we are embarking upon an exciting journey and working towards achieving our first Artsmark Award! As part of this process, we would really appreciate your help. You will receive a notification on your School Spider app for a questionnaire. If you could fill it in it would really help us get where we want to be! If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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## Year 3 Trip to Chester

This month, Braeburn class visited Dewa or Chester to learn more about Roman life and the Roman Empire. They even began their training to be a Roman soldier. They had a great day!!



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## Christmas Raffle!



As you will have seen at the Christmas Fayre we have some fantastic raffle prizes up for grabs! Including;

- Washing Machine, donated by Howdens
- Skelmersdale United season tickets and merchandise.
- Hotel stay for 2 in Manchester.
- Rainbow Hampers.
- Ladies/Men's Hampers
- Alcohol

Plus much more!



Tickets are on sale at every Christmas production performance and the raffle will be drawn after the last performance on December 12th. Good luck!

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## Christmas Fayre!

Thank you to everyone that came to our Christmas Fayre! Everyone had so much fun, making baubles, buying gifts, eating pizza and loads more. We even had an extra special grotto for Santa to talk to some lucky children!



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## Wellbeing Warriors

As announced in last month's newsletter, we have teamed up with Encompass Bloom to train our very own Wellbeing Warriors. We have now chosen the fantastic group of children that will make up this team!

Year 1 Louie J and Connell

Year 2 Willow and Paddy

Year 3 Emilia and Theo

Year 4 Lydia and Owen

Year 5 Lucy and Vincent

Year 6 Elsie and Thomas



Well done to all the children that volunteered and keep your eyes peeled for more from our Wellbeing Warriors!

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## Online Safety

### Be aware of voice chat

Make sure to check the privacy settings of any online application to make sure you know who can access voice chat and who can't

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

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## Scary Movie Night



What an exciting evening we have all had! Spooky movie night, McDonalds happy meals plus tasty cookies all round. Big thanks to Team Crow Orchard. We smashed it again, putting our children at the centre of all we do!

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## Breakfast with The Grinch



Join us for breakfast with The Grinch! Children can have breakfast with The Grinch and have a photograph with him! We will be having 2 sittings, information and tickets will be available on ParentMail.



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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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# Little ORCHARDS

Based at Crow Orchard Primary School

Wednesday

1.00 - 2.15pm

£1.50 PER FAMILY INC DRINK & SNACK

**SUITABLE FOR 0 - 4**

Contact: [govenorkb@croworchard.sch.lancs.uk](mailto:govenorkb@croworchard.sch.lancs.uk)



## Friends of Crow Orchard



The Friends of Crow Orchard have been busy planning lots of fund raising activities for our school. Our scary movie night was a great success! We are looking forward to another year full of fantastic activities!

The Friends of Crow Orchard have a new website! It will be kept up to date with events, and pictures. If you would like to visit, go to [www.focos.co.uk](http://www.focos.co.uk)

If you would like to take a look at the Friends of Crow Orchard

Facebook page, [click here](#).

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**“Together We  
Make A Family”**



Little Orchards



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