



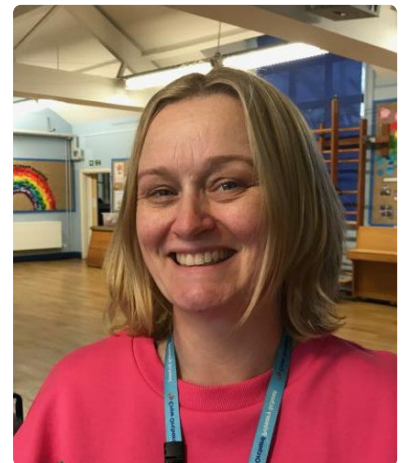
# Crow Orchard Chronicle

December '23

## Message from Mrs Maher!

As we get ready to finish what has been a very busy term, I wanted to reflect on all that is amazing about our school and the community it serves. I have been fortunate enough to work in education for over twenty years and I have worked in a multitude of schools- all very different. The true community atmosphere within Crow Orchard is second to none; underpinned by ( most importantly!) THE most amazing children, a very experienced, dedicated staff team and people generally who **truly care** within the community. Kindness is a wonderful human characteristic and in my short time here as Headteacher I have experienced kindness in so many forms. There are SO MANY kind and wonderful people in Skelmersdale!

As we approach the festive season this weekend, I want to thank you all for making me feel so welcome and for choosing to work with me in creating a wonderful, safe and caring school community. I want to thank the staff and governors for their steadfast commitment to our school. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2024, I'm so looking forward to the next Crow Orchard chapter, the start of my third year as Headteacher!



We will see you all on Tuesday 9th January!

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## Attendance This Month

Rec  
83.9%

Yr 1  
88.5%

Yr 2  
93.3%

Yr 3  
95.3%

Yr 4  
94.8%

Yr 5  
91.7%

Yr 6  
91.1%

Target - 97%

## Dates for the Diary!

**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](#)



## What's On Locally

**Christmas  
Soccer School**



### JMO Christmas Soccer School

3rd - 5th January at JMO

10:30am—3:30pm each day

Certificates and medals for Everyone

Qualified & Experienced CRB Coaches

**CHILDREN'S BOOK  
SWAP & GIVEAWAY**

### Book swap

Join SHARES Lancashire in the Concourse for a book swap and giveaway! See poster below for full details.

Suitable for All Levels of  
Ability  
Boys and Girls aged 5–12  
Welcome  
[info@jmosportspark.com](mailto:info@jmosportspark.com)

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## House Points So Far!

Spring

2868

SUMMER

2729

Autumn

2949

WINTER

3473

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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. December's celebration winners were Lilly, Grace, Bobby-J, Ronnie, Logan and Riley.

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**CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP & GIVEAWAY**

Downstairs in the market  
@The Concourse  
23rd December  
10am until 1.30pm

**SHARES** Lancashire

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**We have lots of books to give away.  
These have been donated by children at  
Shares Lancashire schools.**

**Come and donate pre-loved books  
or just choose some to take home!**

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## Swimming for the Rainbow

Riley is one of our fantastic students at Crow Orchard and he is doing a sponsored swim in January to raise money for equipment for our Rainbow Room.

The Rainbow Room is a brilliant place for our children to go if they need to talk about things, need some alone time, or any other form of pastoral support. Riley would like to raise money to purchase new resources for the room such as sensory lights and weighted blankets.



Riley will be swimming 20 miles in 7 weeks, which isn't an easy task! If you would like to sponsor Riley or want some more information, take a look at the GoFund Me page linked below.

<https://gofund.me/5851ecd2>

## Sponsor Form.pdf

[Download](#)

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## LCC Get ready for winter!

The LCC Health Protection Team are promoting the LCC Get Ready for Winter Campaign 2023-24. Please see the attached flyer for tips and websites to keep you safe and warm this winter.

## LCC Get Ready for Winter Campaign 2023\_24.pdf

[Download](#)

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## Christmas Celebration

Thank you to everyone that braved the bad weather to join us at our Christmas celebration at St Paul's this morning. The children did a wonderful job singing and dancing, and also reading out some special memories they have of Christmas. Your support means so much to all of us here at Crow Orchard and it really makes a difference.



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## Christmas Raffle!



Thank you to everyone that entered our Christmas raffle this year. All the prizes were drawn after the final show and given to the lucky winners. Our rainbow hampers in particular looked amazing! A big well done to all the winners we hope you enjoy your prizes.

## Wellbeing Warriors

This month our fantastic Wellbeing Warriors have been hard at work completing their training. They are ready and raring to go when we return in the New Year. They will be involved with some exciting projects including leading whole school assemblies!



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## Unwanted Christmas gifts?

If you receive some gifts this Christmas that aren't quite to your taste, or duplicates that you don't need, don't throw them away! Send them into us in the New Year and we will gladly use any and all donations for our various activities throughout the year!

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## Online Safety

### Be nice to each other online.

Treat others with respect online. If someone upsets you, do not react. Block the person on your contacts list, tell an adult you trust and report them to the website. If being bullied, collect evidence for an adult to see by taking screen shots, saving pictures and emails.

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

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## Breakfast with The Grinch



What a fantastic time we had when The Grinch came to visit! There were balloons popping, food thrown, presents stamped on, and of course, some lovely breakfast treats!

Thank you to everyone that joined us, and who knows, maybe he'll be back next year??



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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

Little Orchards will be back on Wednesday 17th January. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**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)

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## Friends of Crow Orchard



Our latest event, the Christmas Discos were another brilliant occasion! We can't wait to show you all what we have in store for 2024!

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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