



#### Message from Mrs Maher!

It is with great delight that I share our new monthly newsletter with you all today. We have had a fantastic first month back in school, welcoming all our new families across school. As a school community, we continue to grow and add new, exciting experiences to the children's learning journey. The children are a shining example of all we stand for at Crow Orchard and how proud we are of them in their new uniforms. I have been inundated with compliments from local people about how amazing our children are looking. A fabulous uniform, fit for a fabulous school with a rich Skelmersdale history. This newsletter will be sent out monthly in it's digital form. We have chosen a newsletter that has the language



feature- you can decide what language is best for you. It is hoped that this feature will help improve communication. If you have anything exciting for our newsletter moving forward, please do not hesitate emailing in to me at <a href="mailto:head@croworchard.lancs.sch.uk">head@croworchard.lancs.sch.uk</a>

We are really looking forward to inviting our parents/carers into school this year, please keep a close eye on future events and sign up if you can.

Here's to another great year, working together and enabling the family ethos to flourish! Together we can!

Warmest regards Mrs Maher

# Attendance This Month Rec Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 3 Yr 4

89.6%

96.7%

Yr 2 **95%**  96.6%

Yr 4 **97.2%**  Yr 5 **91.9%**  Yr 6 **92.3%** 

**Target - 97%** 

## **Dates for the Diary!**

FOCO Meeting - 12th October, 6pm, The Tawd

Own Clothes Day (Rainbow Hampers) - 20th October

Half Term Holiday - 23rd to 27th October inclusive

School reopens - Monday 30th October

Scary Movie Night - 1st November

Christmas Fayre - 22nd November

Breakfast with the Grinch - 1st December

Christmas Holidays - School closes normal time Friday 22nd December

Staff Training - Monday 8th January 2024

School reopens - Tuesday 9th January 2024

Click here for full calendar



### What's On Locally



#### Wrap Up West Lancs

Donate your pre-loved coats and help keep someone warm this winter! Also pick up a free pre-loved coat if you or someone you know is in need of one this winter. See flyer below for full details.



# SHARES Multi Sport Activity Club

A fantastic range of sporting activities, for children ages 5 - 11. Hosted at St Francis of Assisi from 23rd to 27th October. See flyer below for full details.



# PRELOVED COATS!

Drop off your COATS at the following Donation Stations:

Monday 2 Octobe 9:30am - 1:00pm Tuesday 3 October 3:00pm-6:00pm

Coronation Park Bowling Green, Ormskirk, L39 3LB Tuesday 3 October 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 5 October 3:00pm-6:00pm

@ The Grove, Burscough, L40 ORZ

sketh Bank Community Centre PR4 6SR

> West Lancs Youth Zone. Skelmersdale, WN8 6PZ

#### Keep someone warm this winter! Call in and choose a free, preloved COAT at the following venues:

Monday 16 October 11:00am - 6:00pm Coronation Park Bowling The Grove, Burscough, West Lancs Youth Zone, Green, Ormskirk, L39 3LB

Tuesday 17 October 12:30pm - 6:00pm L40 ORZ

Thursday 19 October 11:00am - 6:00pm Skelmersdale, WN8 6PZ



Friday 20 October 11:00am - 6:00pm Hesketh Bank Community Centre, PR4 6SR

www.westlancs.gov.uk









ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 9AM TO 4:30 PM MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

ALL STAFF ARE RECRUITED TO DFE SAFER RECRUITMENT STANDARDS INCLUDING DBS BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER © 3 PM, NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE WWW.SHARESLANCASHIRE.CO.UK

SHARES SCHOOLS £15 PER DAY OR £65 PER WEEK NON SHARES SCHOOLS £20 PER DAY OR £30 PER WEEK



### Lego Club

The first after school Lego club started this month. Year 3 and 4 were challenged to make an animal. They did a great job!!! We had a turtle, a dog, an artic wolf, a bird, a giraffe and a crocodile.







#### **School Photos**

The children's School Photos will be taken next Friday morning 6th of October.

Any siblings who are in school/nursery will have a picture taken together as well as individually. If you have a baby/younger sibling not already in school then you are welcome to bring them between 8.30 and 9am for a photograph with your school aged child/ren.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and they are photo ready.



#### **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. This month's lucky winners were Elliott, Theo, Lainey, Lydia, Annie, Joel, Megan and Evie!

### **Open Morning**

Spread the word! Saturday 14th October 2023

10am-12 midday

Do you know anyone who is looking for a nursery place or a school place? We are opening up our school for people in the local community and all potential new families.

10am- Headteacher presentation followed by a school tour 11am- Headteacher presentation followed by a school tour

Call the school office on 01695 724046 to sign up



Emily is currently in Year 5 and is raising money for 2 "Buddy Benches" in our school. These are for children who don't have anyone to play with at playtime so that nobody is left alone. You can follow Emily's progress over on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, and if you would like to donate, you can do that <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Online Safety**

When you leave comments on people's pictures or pages, try to be positive and friendly. Someone has worked hard and put a lot of effort into what they post and so your nice message will go a long way.

To see our Online Safety Newsletters, click here





We have confirmed the date for our Christmas celebration at St Pauls and really look forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents and carers as possible. The attendance last year was slightly down, largely because of lots of nasty illness bugs doing the rounds. Hopefully this year everyone will be fighting fit and able to share in the magical Christmas Celebration we have, along with our friends from the church. Everyone is welcome to St Pauls, Friday 22nd December at 10am!

#### **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 chid 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)

#### **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

#### **School Uniform Update**

We have chased all outstanding orders. Please be aware that any issues are due to orders being placed after the cut off date (end of June 2023) for guaranteed delivery. Outstanding ties have been delivered to school and sent home this week. A re-stock is in process, book bags and PE t-shirts are on their way and should be available by mid October. Please be mindful that the summer deadline for 2024 will be advertised with notice; if you order late, you will not have it for the

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Book-bags (£11.99 each) and ties (£6.99 each) will be available via the school office after October half term.

#### **Friends of Crow Orchard**



The Friends of Crow Orchard are a group of volunteers made up of parents, teachers and members of the community They host events, raise awareness and fundraise for the school. If you would like to join or just pop along for a chat, their next meeting is at The Tawd (next to Crow Orchard) Thursday 12th October at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to take a look at the Friends of Crow Orchard Facebook page, <u>click here</u>.

# "Together We Make A Family"





