



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 23- Friday 3rd October 2025



Letter from Mr Appleton:

Dear Parents,

This year, we're going to take our pumpkin disco one step further! We're going to have a go at a Pumpkin Trail and need your help. After the disco, it will be dark and I thought, wouldn't it be fun to have a 'spooky walk' through our grounds?

To take part, it's quite simple. Buy a pumpkin and carve it into something spooky with your child. Send your child into school with it on Wednesday 22nd. During the day, we will make the trail and then following the disco, you can see what everyone has done on the trail.

Imagine 600+ pumpkins... I think it will be quite a sight for us all. Children will be able to collect their pumpkins the following day.

Homework

A huge thank you to you all for working with us to boost engagement with reading at home. Research shows children who read at home perform better than those who don't. It's a simple message, but a basic of primary education. Reading will open doors for your child and I cannot thank you enough for your support. They will thank you in the long run, the effort is worth it.

Arbor

It's no surprise that the introduction of Arbor has been... shall we say... problematic. But, we're coming through it now. I draw comfort in the knowledge that we're not on our own in this and many schools who have made the transition have got similar stories to us. Arbor is not just used for our payments and registers etc, it is linked to our parents evening booking system, our first aid reporting, even our staff badges to open doors etc! Please get in touch with us if you need any help with Arbor, we are here to help. Thank you for your patience.

Parents Evening

It's always a great testament to the support we have when I see the amount of parents who sign up for Parents Evening. It's a chance for you to share your concerns and also a chance for us to share where your child is at this point in time. I always tell our teachers to be honest with parents, it's in everyone's interests that we (and you) are honest. If you are struggling to sign up, just drop us an e mail and we'll help you out.

Nursery

Our new-look nursery is now fully up and running. It's been great welcoming in new families and also seeing some familiar faces joining us again. When I was in there just the other day, one of the teachers said, "it's like starting a new job, it's just great in here". I think this comment sums it up. If you know of any family who would like to join our nursery next year, now is the time to get on the Nursery interest list. Please complete an interest form which can be found on our website [here](#) or by visiting the school office.

Harvest

On Friday 17th October, it is our Harvest Festival where we will be donating items for the Padley Centre. The Harvest Festival is for children and we don't invite parents to this, there's simply not enough room in our halls. If you can donate, it would be really appreciated and below are items which you can donate. Items can be handed to your child's class teacher or to the office.

Mr Appleton
Headteacher

List of items you can donate for our Harvest Festival :

Food-

Food must be in date and unopened: Cheese; cooking oil; potatoes; margarine/butter; vegetables; sausages; bacon; eggs; fresh meat; sliced bread; fruit squash; long life milk; tea& coffee; gravy; biscuits; chocolate; cakes; cooking sauces; sugar; table sauces; jam; tinned fish/meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tinned pasta in sauce; rice pudding; custard.

Hygiene-

Shower gel; shampoo; conditioner; soap; deodorant; shaving foam; disposable razors; sanitary products; Kitchen roll; toilet roll; washing up liquid; laundry powder/softener.

Clothing-

Men's, women's and children's of all sizes including: coats; jumpers; hoodies; cardigans; shirts; t-shirts; blouses; trousers; shorts; skirts; dresses; hats; gloves; scarfs; socks; bras; **underwear (must be unworn)**; shoes; Jewellery; belts.

Household-

Sleeping Bags; books; bric-a-brac; games consoles & games; TV's; blankets; duvet covers; pillow cases; bed sheets; Towels; tea towels; cutlery; crockery; tea caddies. We also take small electrical items including: kettles; microwaves; lamps; toasters; mobile phones; tablets and laptops. **Duvets & Pillows must be new and unused.**

Next Week at Cherry Tree Hill:

Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October:
Parents evening and the Book Fair

Please [click here](#) for this school years diary dates. There have been amendments to dates on here this week, so if you have a printed copy at home it may not be up to date.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for another successful coffee afternoon. We raised an incredible **£1000!**

Parents Evening 8th and 9th October:

Parents evening for children in Nursery- Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October.

To book onto parents evening please access the parents guide by [clicking here](#) and click on the link at the top.

Parents evening will be held in your child's classroom.

Nursery parents: Your appointment will be held in the **Conference Room** in the Sunny Grove building, Please enter via Gate 3 and follow the signs.

Book Fair:

The book fair will be in school on Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October and open from 15.45 until 18.00.

Payment can be made with cash or cashless via a QR code (please be aware this option may take a few minutes) and the book fair will be based in the Lime Grove Entrance.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Online Safety Support #wakeupwednesday:

Please [click here](#) for this week's online safety advice and guidance poster for parents/carers all about what parents need to know about EA Sports FC 26



Dick Whittington Panto- Friday 12th December: :

Reminder that the final payments for the Panto need to be made by Thursday 23rd October via our Arbor app please contact the office if you need further help, [click here](#) to see the letter about the trip.

Swimming on 4th November:

There will be no swimming on the 4th November due to pool maintenance at Moorways.

Arbor App for Parents:

Most parents have now signed up for our new app, if you haven't already done so you will need to log in using your email and create a password. You can also [click here](#) to find the QR code to download the app.

There is still an on going system wide error that may show on children's accounts that receive free school meals- your account may show your child owes £2.90 for a meal they had on Thursday 4th September. If this is the case please ignore this and do not make payment, Arbor are working on clearing this.

If you have any other issues please email admin@cherrytreehill.odysseyct.org.uk

Things to do outside school:

We regularly add things to our things to do outside school page, please [click here](#) to take a look.

Support for Parents:

Please [click here](#) to our support for parents page.

School Lottery:

Be in with the chance of winning £25,000 in the super draw by signing up to our school lottery. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Pumpkin Disco:

Our Pumpkin Disco will take place on Wednesday 22nd October for all children from Year 1-Year 6. The disco will be followed by our Pumpkin Trail at 6pm, we invite Nursery and Reception children to attend at this time to walk the trail to see their own decorated pumpkin.

Please see below for the poster, more information about pick up and drop offs will be sent out next week and keep an eye out for posters around school.



Menu Reminder- Week 3:

The menu for W/C 6th October is Week 3, please [click here](#) for the menu.

On Monday 6th October the red option will be pizza and not pasta and on Wednesday 8th October sausages will be served instead of gammon. These are permanent changes to the week 3 menu- once we have new menus from our catering company these will be fully up to date on the website.

Craft Club:

Craft Club is still going ahead on Thursday 9th.

Please [click here](#) for information for the Craft Afterschool Club for Years 2-6 on a Thursday.

Jam Coding Afterschool Club

Please note due to parents evening there is no Jam Coding Club on Wednesday and Thursday (8th and 9th) next week.

Please [click here](#) for information and booking links for Jam Coding after school club. They are offering the below classes:



PUMPKIN DISCO

Wednesday 22nd October
4:30pm - 6pm

*Masks are not permitted.



Y1-Y2
£2.50
(including
sweets)

Y3-Y6
£2 (plus
extra for
shop)



Enjoy our pumpkin trail on
the way out.

