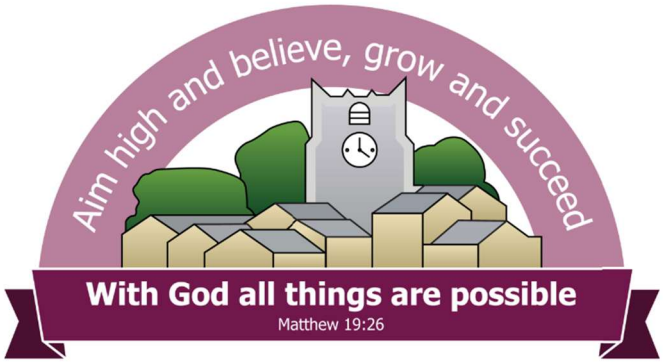

School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 19th October	• **Parents evening**
Tuesday 20th October	• **Class 3 trip to Cromford Mill-** further information, consent and payments available on Arbor.
Wednesday 21st October	• **No swimming** • **Open morning**
Thursday 22nd October	• **PTA Disco-** tickets available via the Arbor shop.
Friday 23rd October	• **Celebration assembly-** You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • **Last day of term** • **No after school club available**
Monday 26th October	• **School closed for half term**
Tuesday 27th October	• **School closed for half term**
Wednesday 28th October	• **School closed for half term**
Thursday 29th October	• **School closed for half term**
Friday 30th October	• **School closed for half term**

Drop off arrangements

Ideally parents and carers should say goodbye to their children at the school gates in the morning as this helps build the children's independence. For younger children in Class 1 it may be necessary to take them to the door to the infant cloakroom area. A member of staff will always be present here to welcome the children into school. Parents should not come into the school building. If you need to speak to a member of teaching staff, then please speak to the staff members on the door or gate to arrange this. If the matter is urgent then the member of staff needed will be sent for. For non-urgent queries a telephone call or meeting should be arranged.

Please note, these arrangements apply when children arrive at the normal time (between 8.40am and 8.50am). If children arrive at school after the gates close then parents and children should come to the school office to complete an individual registration form.

Other news:

- Disco tickets are available now via the Arbor shop. As well as a new pumpkin carving competition during half term!

- After school club is available every day after school until 5pm. Bookings to be made via Arbor. Lots of different activities available.

- Our free breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Booking to be made via Arbor, all children welcome.

- Class 3 Whitehall residential is now available on Arbor for parents and carers to start making payments when you choose to. There is a suggested payment plan on the original letter but you can log in and make payments to suit you.

- Please ensure all children have a PE kit in school. This should stay in school for half term and it will then be sent home for a wash.

- If you need to apply for a medical diet for your child for this school year, please use the following link- https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/allergies-and-special-diets/allergies-and-special-diets.aspx

- Just to remind you, if you pay for your child's school lunches these should be paid in **advance** of the meal being taken where possible. Thank you.

- Children are encouraged to bring a drinks bottle to school containing water. They are also allowed to bring a healthy snack for morning break. This should be either fruit or a plain biscuit. Fruit is provided for children in Class 1. Please do not send snacks that contain chocolate or have a high sugar content as these can make it difficult for children to concentrate in lessons.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
06/11/2026	Open morning
08/11/2026	Remembrance day service
10/11/2026	Scholastic book fair
13/10/2026	Children in Need
24/11/2026	Recycling assembly
26/11/2026	Open the book assembly
26/11/2026	Y6 Bikeability
04/12/2026	PTA non uniform day
07/12/2026	PTA Christmas film club
10/12/2026	Pantomime trip
15/12/2026	PTA Christmas bingo
22/02/2027	Inset day
27/05/2027	Inset day
28/05/2027	Inset day
26/07/2027	Inset day

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for more details.



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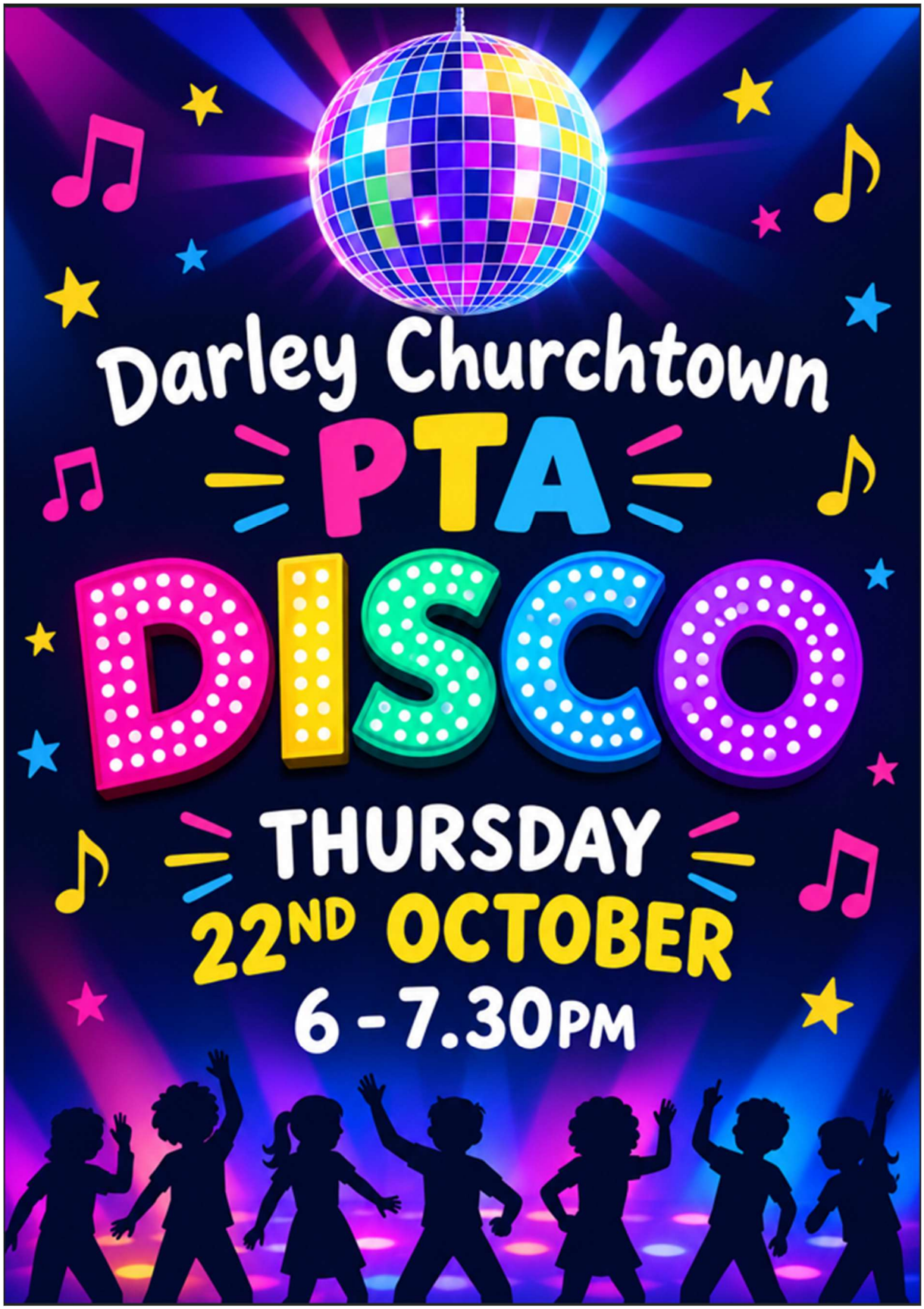
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22ND OCTOBER
6 - 7.30PM

Aim high and believe, grow and succeed

With God all things are possible

Matthew 19:26

DARLEY CHURCHTOWN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN OPEN MORNINGS

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER FROM 9.00 ONWARDS

We are running two open mornings for parents who are interested in applying for places at our school, whether that is in our nursery, for the September 2027 intake or for other year groups.

If these times are not convenient please contact the school office on 01629 732236 or email info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk to arrange an alternative.


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