



NEWSLETTER

Edition 5: Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we had our first **fire alarm** and all children responded well to the siren and made their way out of the buildings quickly and sensibly.

We have also had a focus on using a **knife and fork** when eating roast dinners to cut our food, please can you support us with this **valuable skill** at home.



Upcoming Events

Individual Photographs Tuesday 7th October



All children will have an **individual photograph** taken for school records and can be purchased in time for Christmas.

If you would like a **sibling portrait** and your children are taught in *both* the Infant and Junior School please come to the Junior School **before** the school day starts **from** 8.00am so that we can facilitate this.

Harvest Festival: Monday 13th October



The children will be able to see their food items on the Harvest Display, sing Harvest songs and listen to Rev. Geoff Boucher talk about why Harvest time is a special time. **We hope to see everyone in school.**

Phonics & Reading Workshops



KS2: Wednesday 15th October

YR: Thursday 16th October

KS1: Friday 17th October

9.00am [approximately 50 mins]

Come along for a quick overview on phonics or reading in our hall with refreshments and then take the opportunity to be in class with your children to see phonics and reading in action across the school.

PATHS School Disco Thursday 23rd October



Infant & Preschool 3.00 pm - 4.15pm

Junior 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Please purchase your ticket via ParentPay. See the **Disco poster** and **flowcharts** below for more information. Please note the Y6 children at Kingswood will have their own disco.



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New this week:

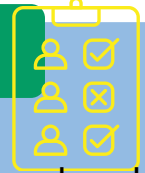
This week the children have had access to the **sandpit** and new **digging area** with **spades** and **wellies**.

Next week:

The children will be able to play in 2 donated **kayaks** and use **small trowels** in the new **mud area**.



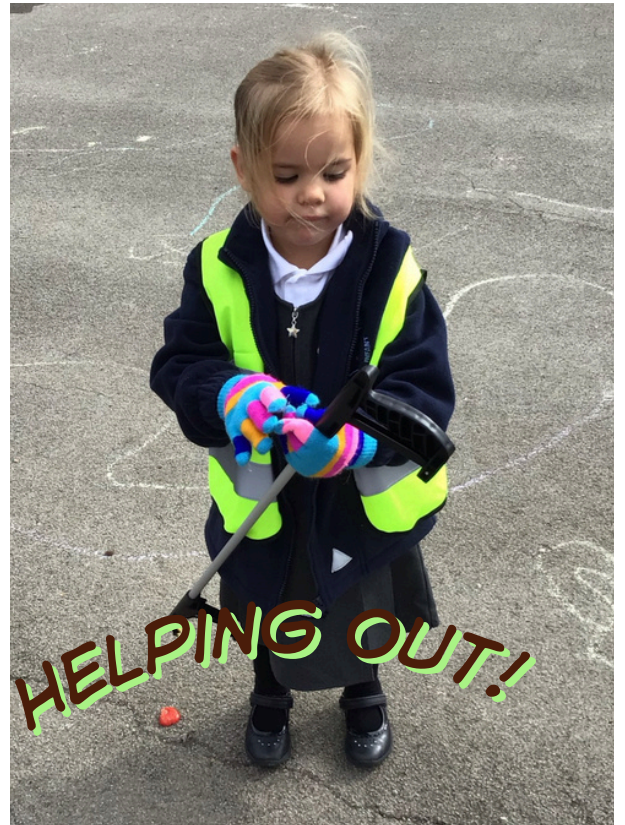
Attendance



Attendance Matters:

Some of our children have already been rewarded for good attendance with a small reward from our Attendance Matters initiative. However, we have also children who are tipping into the **persistent absence** group. This will be detrimental on their learning and also impacts negatively on their friendships. Children miss their peers when they are absent and play continues without them. It can be a challenge to reintegrate into the friendship circles after an absence.





**WE LOVE
OPAL!**

SCHOOL DISCO

GET YOUR
TICKET
THROUGH
PARENTPAY
£3/CHILD



THURSDAY 23RD
OCTOBER
INFANT SCHOOL HALL

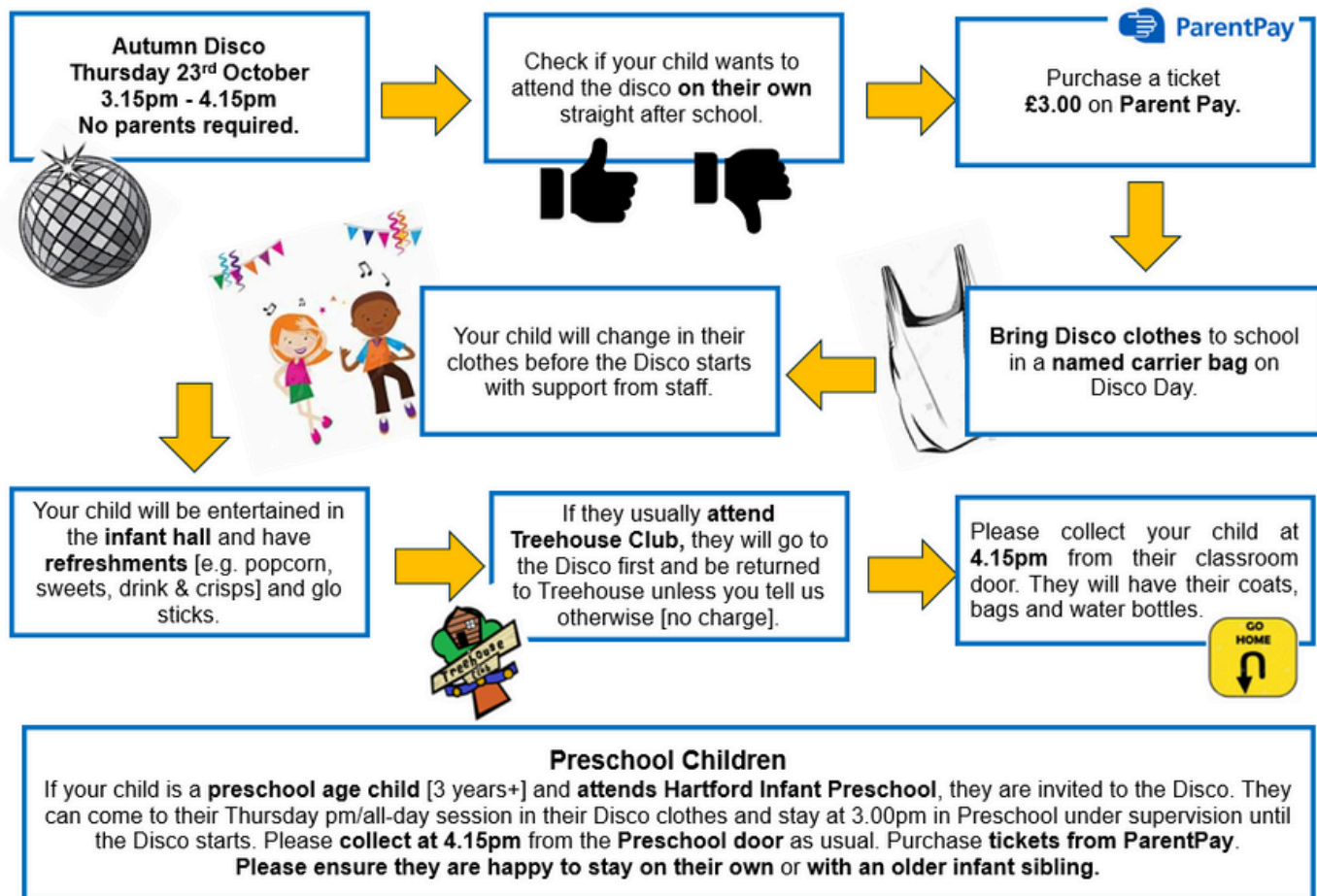
INFANT 3.15-4.15

JUNIOR 4.15-5.15

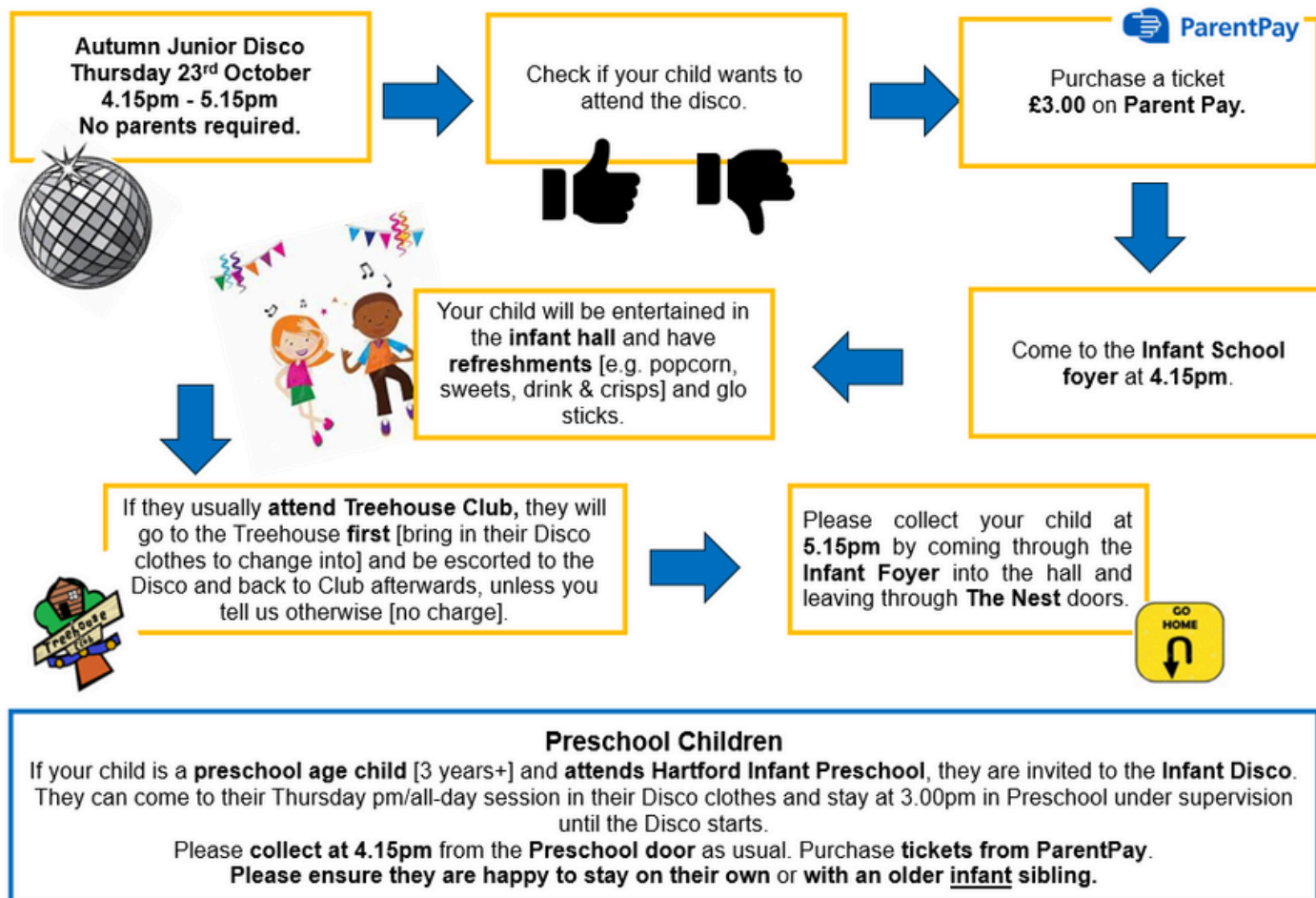
CHILDREN BRING CLOTHES TO
SCHOOL, PARENT COLLECT AT END
OF EVENT

[CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED
AT THE END OF THE EVENT]

Infant and Preschool



Junior School



Free **BREAKFAST CLUB** HEALTHY BREAKFAST OPTIONS AVAILABLE

HOMework **CRAFT** **PE** **GAMES** **TOYS**

8.15-8.45

**SUPERVISED BY
INFANT & JUNIOR
STAFF**

**SOFT START TO THE SCHOOL
DAY WITH FRIENDS**

ALL CHILDREN FROM YR TO Y6 ARE WELCOME

Attendance

Did you know that children should be in school **190 days** each year?
We aim for children to be in school for **96+%** knowing that sometimes they are ill.

Attendance during 1 year of school	Equals to days absent from school	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons