'Let all that you do,

be done in love'

1 Corinthians 16:14



Newsletter – April 2023

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Welcome Back to the Summer







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Thrive and PSHE throughout the term will continue to support children's personal development. Children are covering relationships in PSHE and are looking at healthy relationships, how to mend friendships and online relationships too. In Thrive, we are also continuing to build positive relationships in the different activities that we do with both our peers and all of the different adults that work with us in our classes and across the school.

In addition to this, we have had the Fire and Rescue Service come into school to teach Y1,2,5&6 about fire safety.





Over these next few weeks we have another visitor, Andy Adlington our schools Road Safety Officer, to deliver the following **Road Safety Workshops:**

Reception - Crossing the Road

The workshop focuses on Stop, Look and Listen as well as the importance of holding hands and using safer crossing places. At the end of the workshop the children will get a change to listen to the popular Teddy take a Walk story.

Year 1 and 2 – Safer Pedestrians

This workshop looks slightly more in-depth at the importance of Stop, Look and Listen and holding hands when near a road, as well as looking at safer crossing places. The children will also get a chance to look at and work through two road safety scenarios focusing on walking home from school and playing out with friends.

Year 3, 4 and 5 – Are you Ready?

This workshop explores safe and unsafe behaviours near roads, distractions on the road and independent journeys. During the workshop the children will be asked to complete a group work activity which focuses on distractions for different road users. Discussion will also take place around different road safety scenarios which focus on safe and unsafe behaviour.

Year 6 – Independent Journeys

Moving up to secondary school and making independent journeys is a big step to take, this workshop focuses on how they will travel to school now, how they will travel to their new school, making safer choices and thinking about the decisions they make whilst undertaking these journeys and the consequences these decisions have on their own safety. The children will also get a chance to look at and work through a road safety scenario focusing a journey to and form a new secondary school.

Michael's Way

Mrs Bull's son sadly passed away recently. Michael attended our school as a young boy.

Mrs Bull's family and Michael's friends have been raising money to create a sensory garden - "Michael's Way" – in the area on the school field behind the big tree.

This sensory garden is something he would have benefited from during his time at Scargill and will create sanctuary in his honour.

The plan is to create visual effects, using plants, ornaments, and natural daylight. The natural sounds

Scargill CE Primary School Beech Lane West Hallam ILKESTON DE7 6GU Tel 0115 9320005 Email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Website www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk of the world passing by will help children feel relaxed. Using our sense of smells by planting things such as Lavender, Mint and other herbs and fragranced plants. We hope to create a safe haven in this garden, where children and adults can unwind and get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy world around them. Stimulating all seven senses.

We really want our school community to be involved with this project as much as possible. All our children and families are invited to create a design of the sensory garden and send it into school by Friday 9th June. Our Global Committee and the Bull family will then look at the designs to plan the garden. We are hopeful that our wider community can help create the garden

over the summer holidays.

If you would like to know more about Michael and the fundraising page, click the link below.



https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louisa-bull

Parent Questionnaire

Your feedback is really important to us and working together is how we will continue to improve. Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire. Your views were overwhelmingly positive.

99% or parents saying their child feels safe at school (1% said they didn't know).

95% said their child is happy at school.

94% said they felt that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

There were a small number of parents who felt that their child had been bullied and the school hadn't dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. Upon reading the comments related to this, it is apparent that parents are reflecting on incidents which happened a significant length of time ago under a different leadership and policy.

5% of parents are stating that they don't know what their child is learning or disagree that we make them aware of what their child is learning. Can I please remind parents that our entire curriculum is available to view on our school website and refer parents to the half termly Department Newsletters which very clearly set out this information for you.

97% feel their child does well at our school. Again, some parents saying they don't know how well their child is doing and some disagree that we let parents know how their child is doing. Can I remind parents that there are two parents evenings held every year, two data sheets and an end of year report which parents receive followed by an open evening where parents can come into school to discuss any concerns. In addition to this, teachers are available daily on the playground, you can also contact them via email or phone too.

18% of parents say they don't know or disagree that the school supports their child's wider personal development. This year, I have made this a feature in each whole school newsletter to ensure you are more aware of what we do.

95% of parents who completed the questionnaire said they would recommend our school to another parent. We would love this to be 100% and to the parents who stated that they wouldn't, I would encourage you to tell us why as we would like to think that all our parents would recommend the school they are sending their child to everyday.

Below are some of the comments we have received which I have anonymised to protect pupils, staff and parents:

'Couldn't recommend Scargill enough.'

'X is doing amazingly this year and wants to succeed. X is so amazing and her joy of teaching shines clearly every time I see her. We will be sorry to move to another teacher in September.'

'X has been the best teacher for X and understands his needs. She has given him support with friendships and helped manage the break time challenges. I feel that because X is so well behaved and always does the right think he sometimes gets overlooked for extra support like Thrive. He would really benefit form a space to express and regulate his emotions.'

'Overall X is happy at school but I do feel she would be much better suited to a class with one full time teacher for

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consistency which benefits her. The teachers are all friendly and approachable and X loves her thrive sessions.' 'X loves coming to school and enjoys his days.'

'Communication can be poor from the school. There needs to be a 'sometimes' option for the questions.' 'Excellent staff'

'X has been a great teacher to both my children. I really enjoyed coming in to the school open morning and thought the teaching was really good.'

'X has been great with any concerns we have raised to her. She has always told us ways we can help X outside of school to help develop him.'

'The ethos of the school, level of inclusivity as well as staff awareness of individual needs of children is fantastic. Thank you.'

'I would highly recommend Scargill School. X really enjoying her time at school and she loves her teachers and teaching assistants.'

'X is a great teacher and I think our experience with X has greatly affected our experience with the school. X has been brilliant with X and really cares about the kids, when X hasn't been around (say if off sick) then the experience has been less positive and less personal.'

'I cannot fault X and the team who have given X the best start to school life which he talks so positively about. It would be nice to see more photos on Twitter throughout the week.'

'X has had a difficult year but the staff have been great dealing with it and giving her support which has helped her so much. If X could be put back with a couple of her friends next year I think this will make a big difference to her.'

Global Committee News

In March, all classes took part in a whole school worship led by the Global Committee about Earth Hour followed by a session learning about one of our school Eco-Schools targets.

We need your help!

We are in desperate need of compost to fill some of our outdoor planters. If you have any spare that you could donate it would be really appreciated. Also, plants are always welcome. We do have plenty of seeds at present. Love of learning, Love of community, Love of people, Love of God and Love of life itself

<u>Global tip of the term.</u>

Mow your lawn less regularly this spring and summer – maybe even take part in No Mow May. The longer grass is the more minibeasts species can live there and these make great food for birds. Plus bees and butterflies love dandelions. Use it as a good excuse to sit and enjoy the fresh air rather than mowing!



Anti-bullying

Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors working with Mrs Bown have produced two helpful guides about our Anti-bullying Policy. One for children and One for parents. Please look out for these coming home next week.



Parking

Please can we ask that parents show respect and consideration to our neighbours when parking near school and not block drives and leave engines running unnecessarily.



There are cars parking/pulling in on the zigzags on Hallam Way. I have asked our PCSO to monitor this. The markings are there to help keep all our children safe. It is extremely dangerous when people park illegally.

Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club.

Thank you.



Medicines Reminder

Medicines, wherever possible, should be administered at home. If medication is needed during the school day parents are required to either visit the school themselves or to bring the medication to the school office and complete a consent form. Medicines should not be fetched and carried by the children. Medication is only given if the child is prescribed four doses in a day. School will not administer the first dose of any such medication.

Children who suffer from asthma should keep their inhalers in their classrooms. A medical form should be completed explaining when and how often the inhaler should be used. If your child has any specific health problems it is vital that you let the school know and a Medical Care Plan completed.



HELP NEEDED!

The PTA are looking for new members. Please do get in touch if you would like to help. Events can only take place with the support of our parent community volunteers and the fundraising really does make a difference to the school. More information about how to get involved can be found on the PTA Face Book Scargill C of E Primary PTA or email scargillpta@yahoo.com



NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts/sesame or nut/sesame traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts/sesame or products containing nut/sesame traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, and sesame topped bread or houmous dips.

Thank you!



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Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023 Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September Monday 27th February Monday 5th June Friday 30th June **BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed**

Monday 1st May 2023 Monday 8th May 2023 – Please note that this is SATs week for Y6 and the DFE have moved the tests so they start on the Tuesday of that week rather than the Monday.

Diary Dates

26.4.23 – Y1&2 trip to Wollaton Hall 3.5.23 9am – Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEND 9.5.23 Erewash Museum visitor in Year 1&2 22.5.23 – Jo Jungle -Mini-beast visitor for Reception 23.5.23 pm – Y3&4 Production – The Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. 24.5.23 am - Y3&4 Production – The Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. 25.5.23 -26.5.23 - Y2 Lea Green Residential 5.6.22-9.6.23 – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential 7.6.23 – Y5 visit to Kirk Hallam Community Academy 15.6.23 - Kirk Hallam Community Academy Roadshow for Y5 Parents – Scargill School Hall at 5pm

TERM DATES 2023/24

Monday 4th September – Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 6th November – Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 8th January – Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 26th February -Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May 2024 Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023 Friday 16th February 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024 Friday 28th June 2024

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Monday 6th May 2024

Saturday 24th June – Summer Fayre 11am-2pm 26.6.23 - Y5/6 Sports Morning 27.6.23 - Y3/4 Sports Morning 28.6.23 - Y1/2 Sports Morning 29.6.23 – Reception Sports Morning All parents are invited to attend the Sports Morning for their child. w/c 7.7.23 – End of year reports to parents 14.7.23 – Y5 visit to the Open Centre 17.7.23 – 3.30 - 5pm – Open Evening

In addition to the events above, your child's class teacher will invite parents into school to take part in a learning activity with their child.

Communication Where to go? School Website School Office **Class Teachers SENDCOs** Head of School Information about: Information about: For questions or concerns For questions or Information about: about: concerns about: Term dates Admissions Safeguarding Key dates Pupil illness/ Special Educational Sustained issues Homework School policies absence Achievement Needs or Disabilities which the class Newsletters Medicines in school teacher has been Friendships Issues or advice Key people in school Medical conditions unable to resolve regarding SEND Behaviour Early Help Changes to contact If the Head of School Lessons Miss Clutterbuck is Safeguarding details Family matters which is unavailable, the SENDCO for EYFS & KS1 School meals Deputy Head will Curriculum be affecting your child Mrs Hallsworth is Statutory school respond to any Payments Bullying concerns SENDCO for KS2 information Afterschool clubs concerns Trips/residentials PTA information information You can speak to the Senior You can speak to them on Governor information the playground at the start/end of the day, phone Teachers are available on Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end the playground at the end of the school day or you can or email of the day, phone or email www.scargill.derbyshir SENCO@scargill.derbyshi info@scargill.derbyshire email the department email e.sch.uk re.sch.uk addresses below. .sch.uk EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Twitter email: info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Telephone: 0115 9320005 @scargill school







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