

# Scargill Church of England Primary School Newsletter

**November** 

2021

#### **Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth**



Yesterday we held our worship to commemorate Remembrance Day. Carol Coslett, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield and our link trustee with DDAT (our Academy Trust) was due to lead this worship. However, she unfortunately was held up in traffic on the M1! Some of our Y6 children shared the poem 'In Flanders Field' and read the Bible verse below which helped us all to reflect and think. Our children sang 'Make me a Channel of your Peace' beautifully and demonstrated great respect when honouring the fallen during two minutes silence.

John 15: 9-15

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

As Carol missed this yesterday, she has promised to return in December to talk to the children about Advent.....hopefully.....weather permitting!



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday. Our children will be learning how kindness can fuel kindness as this year's theme is 'One Kind Word.'

#### **COVID**

Although we are yet to receive our CO2 Air Monitors that we were promised by the Government, we have been able to maintain good ventilation through school by opening windows and doors. We will continue to do this through the winter months. We will have the heating on but some children may feel they need additional base layers to keep warm in class as the weather gets colder. Please talk to your child about this and if they need to wear layers underneath their uniform then this is absolutely fine.

Notifying us of COVID-19 pupil cases – please continue to use **info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk** to keep us informed about positive cases. If we are informed of cases, it may be that Track & Trace will contact you to tell children if they need to isolate. If a child or anyone in your household develops Covid symptoms, please ensure you book a PCR test.

# **Staffing News**

Congratulations to Mrs Brown, our Reception HLTA, who got married over the half-term holiday. She will now be Mrs Needham.

Miss Roper has now started her maternity leave so we now welcome Mrs Crawford who will teach Badger Class Mon-Wed.

Mrs Bamford who has been working here for 17 years leaves us for a new challenge at the end of the month. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to all our children over these years. I know the staff and children will miss her. Best of luck for your new adventures Mrs Bamford!

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

Thank you.

and when children attend

after school activities.

#### **Global Committee**



This term our Global Committee have met to carry out our Eco review. The children looked at many aspects of our school grounds and spoke to different members of staff to assess where we are in our Eco journey. Our next step is to look at the results of our survey and create an action plan. Please keep your eye out for how you can take part from home. Over this week and next week, children across school are thinking about COP26 and considering how we can each play our part in reducing climate change. This week has been Walk to School Week. It has been great that more children have walked and lots more arrived on bikes (Bikeability has certainly helped with alternative transport!) this week.

# **Parents Evening & Parent Questionnaire**

Parents evenings have all now taken place — thanks to all who attended. Thanks too to those of you who have completed the parent questionnaire. It was overwhelmingly positive which is fantastic. There are some of you who feel you don't know what your children are learning. I just wanted to remind you that towards the end of each half term each department sends out a Department Newsletter. This tells you about learning that is planned for the next half term. For more detailed information then please look at the Curriculum section on our website.

#### **School Dinners**

Polite reminder please from our admin team for you to pay for school dinners in advance.

# **Christmas Dinner**

This will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day so children can wear Christmas jumpers or wear a Christmas accessory with their school uniform (eg hat/headband) on this day. Please can you let the school office know by 19<sup>th</sup> November if your child would like a Christmas dinner.





We have received the Mighty Creative Schools Award. As a school that has achieved the Artsmark Award this year, The Mighty Creatives have given us this award in recognition of all the hard work that the staff and children have dedicated to creativity and the school's commitment to arts and cultural education.

# **TERM DATES**

# 2021/2022

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January -Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

#### **INSET DAYS**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Bank Holiday in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee – School will be closed on **Thursday 23**<sup>rd</sup> **December** 2021.

# **Children in Need**



Friday 19th November is Children in Need. You will receive a text link next week to our fundraising page. Children can wear something spotty on Friday.



#### **NUT ALLERGIES**

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

Thank you





A huge thank you for the Harvest gifts that were greatly received by the Padley Centre last half term.

Also for your generosity with Hello Yellow Day as we raised £482

#### **Contacting Teachers**

If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have, please get in touch. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by phoning the school office or using the email addresses below for each department.

EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

#### **Communication**

Please keep using our website for additional support and information.

Also, follow us on Twitter @scargill\_school as we often share helpful information and it gives you an up-to-date view of what is happening in school.

# **Individual School Photographs**

These are taking place on **Wednesday 17th November.** Siblings attending our school will have a family photograph taken during the school day. If we are able to offer family group photos with younger than school age/secondary school age siblings we will let you know early next week.

