



Scargill Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter

Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

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Prayer and Sensory Garden

You may remember how the courtyard looked a few years ago (completely overgrown and unused) You may well have been one of the many parents who came in over the February half term holiday in 2020 to help us clear it just before the whole country went into lockdown.

Thanks to the generous contribution from Ron Brooks and contributions made to our PTA we have been able to afford to turn this space into our new prayer and sensory garden. A few weeks ago, one of our parents, Mrs Ancliff, and a team of volunteers from Rolls Royce worked tirelessly to give the paving slabs a jet wash, clear weeds, build new seating, planters and an arbour as well as plant lots of bulbs and plants.

From parents and staff who helped with the initial clearing, to the School Councils for gathering design ideas from the children, Ron Brooks for their generous donation, the volunteer team from Rolls Royce and anyone who has supported our PTA events over the last couple of years, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Parent Questionnaire

It was great to see so many parents at parents' evening and a huge thank you for giving your feedback through our parent questionnaire. Many parents commented positively about how their children are enjoying their learning at school and the information that they receive.

Some of the parental comments received:

'The staff are all very good. All three of my children have enjoyed their time at Scargill and have thrived.'

'Very happy so far.'

'Fantastic start to our journey with Scargill'

'It would be nice if communication was better.'

'3 of my children have come through Scargill and enjoyed it. Scargill staff have always supported my children through good times and tough times. Despite many changes (split years/becoming an academy) Scargill, in my opinion, have always acted with a 'children first' approach and this is why I often recommend Scargill to prospective parents.'

'Still don't like or agree with mix age classes'

'I feel that friendship and bullying type issues should be more of a priority at Scargill.'

'Despite the worries and reservations I had regarding mixed age classes, my child has enjoyed being mixed with the year 4s & has made some new friends. Thank you for making the transition a smooth one.'

'Communication could be better, it can be very last minute and disorganised.'

'It would be nice to know how your child is getting on throughout the terms not just at parents evening.'

'My child is very happy at school and Scargill has a lovely, nurturing environment- thank you.'

There are some parents who have said they don't know what their child is learning in school or that we don't teach a wide range of subjects. I can assure you we teach the full National Curriculum and there are overviews of what is taught in each department (2-year cycle) on our website. In addition to this, in the last week of each half term, there is a Department Newsletter which details the learning planned for the following term.

Also, some parents said they were not sure who to go to when needing further information. Below is a chart which will hopefully clarify this for you.

Where to go?

School Website	School Office	Class Teachers	SENDCOs	Head of School
<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term dates Key dates School policies Newsletters Key people in school Early Help Safeguarding Curriculum Statutory school information PTA information Governor information <p style="text-align: center;">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Pupil illness/absence Medicines in school Medical conditions Changes to contact details School meals Payments Afterschool clubs information <p style="text-align: center;">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Achievement Friendships Behaviour Lessons Family matters which be affecting your child Bullying concerns Trips/residentials <p>Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day or you can email the department email addresses below.</p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Educational Needs or Disabilities Issues or advice regarding SEND <p>Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS & KS1 Mrs Hallsworth is SENDCO for KS2</p> <p>You can speak to them on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Sustained issues which the class teacher has been unable to resolve If the Head of School is unavailable, the Deputy Head will respond to any concerns. <p>You can speak to the Senior Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>
<p>www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk email: info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Telephone: 0115 9320005</p>	<p>EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>		<p>Twitter @scargill_school</p>	

A few parents said that parents evening was the only time they found out about how their child is doing. In addition to two parents' evenings, three data sheets are shared annually and, as always, you can always ask your child's teacher if there is something you'd particularly like to know.

Some parents expressed concerns about friendships and bullying. We investigate all allegations of bullying and there is a clear process in place regarding this. If you would like further information about this then please look here at our Anti-Bullying Toolkit which can be found here

https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/website/anti_-_bullying/445984

on our website or ask your child's teacher or a member of the Leadership Team. Next week is Anti-bullying week. As well as our Friendship Ambassadors leading a special assembly about this on Monday, children will be completing activities based on this year's theme – Reach Out.



As you have probably heard from your child, we have become a Class Dojo School. This means children have been earning Dojo points as a reward and their eggs have hatched into little monsters!! We know from our parent questionnaire, that the majority of parents do not want another form of communication at this time but that you would like to see what rewards your children are receiving. So initially, we will only be using Class Dojo to inform you about the Dojo points your child has received. Any other correspondence with teachers will continue in the usual way. If this changes, we will let you know.

Next week, teachers will be sending home a letter which explains how you can connect to your child's classroom community. This will involve giving you a unique code and you can set up your account. This will enable you to receive notifications (if you want to) about the number of points your child has received from their teacher.

Below are some Parent Account FAQ from Dojo. Please note that the Dojo App is free and you will not require any additional subscriptions for use with our school.

How far back in time can parents see feedback points? Parents can see the last two weeks of their child's feedback points. Parents also have the option of subscribing to ClassDojo Plus which allows them to see their child(ren)'s all time point history. They can set goals and create customized at home skills which are separate from their school points. Home points and skills are not visible to their classroom teacher(s).

When do parents get notified by ClassDojo? ClassDojo notifies parents if their child(ren) received points during the week, but the parent hasn't logged in recently, they will get a reminder to login and view their child(ren)'s feedback at the end of the week.

Helpful resources - ClassDojo Privacy Centre Visit www.classdojo.com/PrivacyCenter to see how ClassDojo protects its entire community of teachers, parents, and students.



We just wanted to say a huge thank you for supporting our YoungMinds #HelloYellow day held on 10th October 2022 for World Mental Health Day.

More young people than ever before are seeking out mental health support and most aren't getting the help they need. The past year saw the highest number of referrals to mental health support services for young people since records began.

We wanted to do something about this, and together we have.

By joining thousands of schools, offices and communities across the UK in wearing yellow, we have done a little thing to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.

We had an amazing day filled with joy and colour, raising an incredible £349 for YoungMinds. With three children in every classroom living with a mental health problem, YoungMinds is leading the fight to see a future where all young people can get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Thank you so much for your support.

If you would like to learn more about YoungMinds please visit: www.youngminds.org.uk

Staffing News

We are welcoming some new staff. Mrs Marshall and Mrs Leigh start over the next couple of weeks as Teaching Assistants. Also starting soon, as a Midday Supervisor, will be Mrs Goacher

We also have another MDS vacancy so please get in touch if you are interested in this role or look here for more information.

<https://ddat.org.uk/vacancies/#current-job-opportunities>

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.



Children in Need



Friday 18th November is Children in Need. You will receive a text link next week to our fundraising page. Children can wear something spotty on Friday.

Harvest

A huge thank you for your generous donations to the Padley Centre.



According to your responses in the parent questionnaire, many parents don't know what we do to support children's personal development in school. Below is an update from Miss Lang (PSHE Lead) and Miss West (Thrive Practitioner). We will make this a regular feature of newsletters to help you.



Personal Development



Our children have been busy working on their personal development across a range of different subjects. They have been taught the 'Becoming Me' topic in PSHE, where they have been looking at how they are part of their class and the responsibilities they have, both at home and at school. In Thrive, class teachers have also used profiling to discover a suitable target for their class to work on in their Class Thrive time. We have lots of targets across school the school, from learning to being able to say what we need, to how to manage situations when things go wrong. Finally, the children enjoyed Hello Yellow Day before half term and spent the day talking about how to achieve their goals and learning a little bit more from the book, *The Butterfly Who Learned to Fly in the Rain*. They also thought about their own brain and what kind of 'brain smart' they are. Thank you for supporting us to raise money for such a good cause, as looking after children's mental health is so important for their wellbeing and personal development.



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 School* or Twitter *@ScargillPTA* accounts.

Children's Christmas Market
Pre-loved clothes & toys

Sunday 20th November 12-3pm
West Hallam Village Hall
Free Entry
Mince pies & refreshments available

Tables £5 each.
Contact Emma 07794817372 to book

Profit from refreshment sales and table hire will be donated to Scargill School PTA

Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre

The PTA met last week and we have decided that the Winter Wonderland Fayre will go ahead this year on **Friday 9th December 3.30pm-6.30pm**. However, with very few members of the PTA, we are relying very much on your support. There will be a Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 2nd December** in exchange for a donated item for our Fayre.

Please could the different departments bring in the following with them on the **2nd December**.

EYFS – Hook-a-bag items eg bubbles, books, sweets, pencils etc

Y1/2 – Chocolate – for the Chocolate Tombola

Y3/4 – Tombola items eg toiletries, small toys, stationery etc

Y5/6 – Bottles of any kind (full ones!) for The Bottle Pull



We would also greatly appreciate donations of cakes for the Cake Stall. Please bring these in **on the day of the fayre**. Any returnable containers (from cakes) must be clearly named please.

The School Council and Mr Swift will be holding a Christmas Bake Off – look out for a letter from them regarding how children can enter this competition soon.

We are really looking forward to seeing you there on **Friday 9th December 3.30pm-6.30pm**. More information coming soon about the exciting stalls, entertainment and raffle prizes that will be on offer.

Global Committee News

So far this year, the global committee have had two meetings with a third planned next week. At our first meeting, we talked about what being on the committee involves, our ideas for the year and took photos for our display board. The second time we met, the children carried out an Eco Schools audit which will inform our action plan for this year. We will share this during worship time and on the school website soon.

We are also pleased to welcome a new staff member to our committee, Mr Ord is our newest team member and will be thinking about building strong links between the Global committee and our school Geography curriculum.

Look out for more Global news via Twitter and text soon.



Global tip of the term: try reducing single use packaging in lunchboxes by using reusable sandwich bags, small tubs or bee's wax wraps instead of cling film to wrap some items.

TERM DATES

22/23

Monday 31st October – Thursday 22nd December 2022

Monday 9th January – Friday 17th February 2023

Monday 27th February – Friday 31st March 2023

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 we are awaiting further information from the DFE regarding changes to the usual SATs timetable for that week.

Diary Dates

14.11.22 – Anti-bullying Week. Odd Socks Day. Y1 Parent information meeting – letter already sent.

17.11.22 – Open Morning – all parents welcome. Please refer to letter already sent.

18.11.22 – Children in Need

28.11.22 – Individual Pupil Photographs

2.12.22 – Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for donations for the Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre. (See details above).

6.12.22 & 7.12.22 – Y1&2 Nativity Performances

7.12.22 & 8.12.22 – Reception Nativity Performances

9.12.22 - 3.30pm-6.30pm Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre.

14.12.22 – Christmas Dinner Day

15.12.22 – Christmas Film Night – Letter regarding this coming soon.

W/c 19.12.22 – Data Sheets to parents.

Department Christmas parties – see Department Newsletters for further information.

6.2.23 6p.m.– Online Safety information workshop for parents from i-vengers



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

Individual School Photographs

These are taking place on **Monday 28th 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 between 8 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.



The School Field at the end of the day

As the school field is now wet, it is not safe for children to be playing on the school field or on the play equipment until well into the Spring Term. This applies to the end of the school day too. Can you ensure that grandparents (or whoever collects your child from school) are also aware of this please. The play equipment is extremely expensive to maintain and any repair costs £500 just for the fitting fee. So, can I also request that, under any circumstances, adults do not play on it! Thank you.

Geography



Over the summer holidays, a geography challenge was created to help raise the profile of geography and engage children in identifying human and physical features whilst on their travels. The response to the challenge has been incredible and a display at the front of school has been created showing peoples travels around the United Kingdom and around the world. Next year, we're entering Royal Geographical Societies (RGS) Young Geographer of the Year competition so keep your eyes peeled.

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.

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 14th December**. This will also be another Christmas Jumper Day so children can wear Christmas jumpers or wear a Christmas accessory with their school uniform (eg hat/headband) on this day.

