



**Scargill Church of England
Primary School
Newsletter
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth**

**December
2022**



This half term started with us being able to welcome you into school for our Open Morning. We received many positive comments about the great things going on in our school and we are delighted that you were able to experience them for yourself. Here are some of the comments made:

'I thought it was very well organised with lots on offer. The children have been buzzing tonight and it has opened a lot more discussion about what they have been learning! Thank you for all your hard work!'

'Thank you for letting us in and making us welcome. I was really impressed and reassured about the standards at school.'

'The children demonstrated great behaviour.'

'The schools learning environments have improved dramatically.'

'Thank you for the opportunity to visit. Maths is certainly a lot more fun than when I was at school. We thought all of the children were so well behaved and engaged in their lessons.'

'It was great to see how the children are taught. I loved being able to see my child in her class and the work she produced. All of the children were extremely well behaved and a credit to the school.'

'I was very impressed by the behaviour of the children - all were engaged & on task in lessons. Thank you for letting me come in & watch.'

'It was nice to see how lovely the teachers were with the children.'

'She enjoys coming to school and we're really happy with everything we have seen and been able to be a part of. The teachers, teaching assistants and all staff we have met have been very welcoming and friendly and are a pleasure to talk to, thank you.'

'Great to have the opportunity to come in. The teachers are so lovely and enthusiastic. My child was so excited for us to see them in class and said it was the best thing about the week and looked so proud.'

'Very impressed with the children's attitudes in their maths lesson and the teachers ability to manage all levels whilst teaching to the whole class.'

'I just find Scargill a great school, everybody works hard to make it a great environment for the children which is greatly appreciated.'

'Thank you for the open morning it was lovely to see the class learning and joining in and laughing all together. As a parent I wonder what happens when they are dropped off and to see a snippet of their day like that was lovely.'

'It was lovely to come in and spend time in the classroom with my daughter - the staff were all so welcoming. The displays around school were great too - especially the geography photo wall. The behaviour of the children in all the classes I visited was exemplary!'

As always, we are continuing to make improvements at our school. Supporting us in this are DDAT (our Trust) who complete regular visits to see how things are developing. Last week we were also visited by the CEO of another academy trust along with their Teaching and Learning Lead. It was great to have a fresh pair of eyes to see the improvements we have made. They were particularly impressed with: the calm sense of purpose across the school; the provision for pupils with SEND; the clear explanation of activities to support EYFS children in continuous provision; the embedded phonics programme Little Wandle; the full NC coverage with clear programme for all year groups and adapted

2-year cycle; how children have leadership opportunities as part of school committees – they say they are proud to have been chosen to do this; external visits, guest speakers and partnership with another school is in place to provide children with more diverse experiences; children are more confident to share their opinions and have greater understanding of British Values; robust safeguarding processes and how children feel safe in school and know that adults will help them – they say that adults are kind and that makes everyone kind.

Christmas kindness is most certainly the theme as we approach the end of term. The Nativity performances from Y1/2 and Reception have been spectacular and all children in school have been spreading joy by making Christmas cards and pictures for local businesses & emergency services, St. Wilfrid's Church, Bramble Lodge Care Home and our Reception children shared some wonderful singing outside Tesco this week.



Rather than ask parents to complete our usual questionnaire at the end of this term, please can you complete the Parent View one instead which can be found here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Here's a few pictures of school life this half term





Communication

Just a reminder of the chart below that was shared in the last newsletter and that each department will share a separate newsletter next week which details the learning planned for next half term.

Where to go?

| School Website | School Office | Class Teachers | SENDCOs | Head of School |
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| <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>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>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/residential <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</p> <p>email: info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p> <p>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> | |

Can I please remind parents that it is the school office (not department emails) you need to inform if your child is absent. You must contact us on each day your child is absent. It is also your responsibility to ensure contact information is accurate and up-to-date. In the event of us not being informed or a child is absent for more than three consecutive days, a member of SLT may carry out a safe and well check by knocking on your front door. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with understanding the importance of good school attendance procedures.

Personal Development

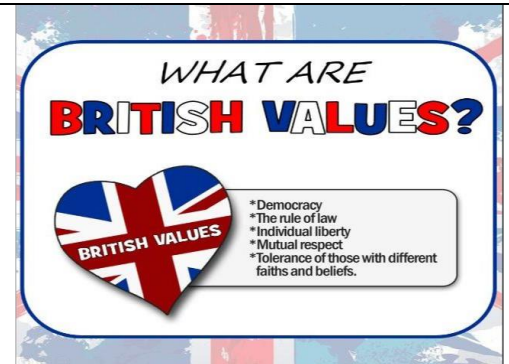
The children have been busy taking part in lots of activities to support their personal development this half term. Earlier in the half term, the school celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, which began with Odd Socks day to acknowledge how we are all different. This linked nicely to our topic in PSHE which was Celebrating Difference. Over the past few weeks, children have been learning that it is okay to be different and how we can be understanding of others differences. It has been lovely hearing children share the ways in which they are unique!

Y5/6 had the opportunity to discuss safety in the community with PCSO Palmer and information from NSPCC to deliver some different workshops, exploring different worries, who and where they can get support from and how to manage these. During our Class Thrive sessions, the children have continued taking part in targeted activities from their class learning targets, that were identified last half term and are still really enjoying their time together.



British Values at Scargill

At Scargill our pupils learn about the value of Democracy and how they can use their voice and views to help make decisions within school. This half term representatives of the School Council have been to visit Bishop Lonsdale School in Derby City to work collaboratively with members of their School Council. The pupils engaged in very informative discussions about the rewards used at both schools and what was similar, as well as different, about their schools. The Scargill School Council are excited to share what they have seen and learnt with the classes that they represent and then meet with Mrs Hallsworth to see how rewards could be improved even further at Scargill. Both schools also worked collaboratively to come up with solutions to that age-old British problem of wet playtimes! Working together they have created a bank of exciting games which they will now roll out at both schools to make wet break more exciting for all.



Class Fundraising™

For the first time in a few years, the children have been able to design Christmas cards for parents to purchase through the Class Fundraising company.

We are really pleased to say that parents have raised £557.90 for our school by buying tea towels, cards, gift tags, Eco bags and mugs created by their own children. Thank you to everyone who bought something- the children were so proud to see their artwork in real life!

This money will be used towards new rewards which the School Council will announce next term.

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



Thank you so much for taking part in Children in Need fundraising. We raised £536

Thanks too from The Royal British Legion for raising £252.14 For the Poppy Appeal.



Brrrrr!

A plea from class teachers during this colder weather - please check PE kits and ensure joggers and warm top is in school to wear for outdoor PE. Also, that if children are wearing wellies/boots to walk to school in ensure they have shoes to change into. Children also need to wear named gloves and a hat/ear muffs whilst it is particularly cold.





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 their Facebook page *Scargill C of E Primary PTA* or email scargillpta@yahoo.com

Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre



A huge thank you to everyone who organised, donated, helped, performed and spent at the Christmas Fayre. Lots of fun had by everyone.

Funds raised have gone to library books suitable for all the different ages of children in school as well as funding prizes and refreshments for the class Christmas parties next week.

The Great Scargill Bake Off

Thank you to all who entered The Great Scargill Bake Off. The School Council were overwhelmed by the amount of entries and it truly was a difficult decision to announce a winner.

Here are the winners for each category:

- Reception – Amelie E
- KS1 – Rose R
- KS2 – Ruby R

We hope you all had fun taking part as it was great to see so many bakers turn out in force. We may even have a future Great British Bake-Off star in the making...



Global Committee News

This term the global committee have created an action plan based on an Eco School audit they carried out. Our targets are as follows:

Biodiversity - To make our school grounds and community more welcoming to wildlife

Marine – To reduce use of single use plastic around school and community

Global citizenship – For everyone in the school community to become more aware of role and reasonability of being a global citizenship.

For more information about how we are working towards these targets take a look at the Global committee area on the website.

Global tip of the term

Over Christmas think about things you can reuse next year – save gift bags to use again, cut the front off Christmas cards to use as gift tags next year and save large pieces of wrapping paper and ribbon to use again for smaller gifts.

Please do share anything you do at home that you think the global committee would be interested in, we'd love to add any photos to our notice board.

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 the DFE have moved the tests so they start on the Tuesday of that week rather than the Monday.

Diary Dates

15.12.22 – PTA Christmas Film Night.

w/c 19.12.22 – Data Sheets to parents.

Department Christmas parties – see Department Newsletters for further information.

16.01.23 & 17.01.23 – Creswell Craggs Trip Y3/4.

06.02.23 at 6pm.– Online Safety information workshop for parents from i-vengers.

13.02.23 & 16.02.23– Parents' Evenings.

02.03.23 – World Book Day – Optional dress up as a book character.

w/c 17.04.22 – Y4 Edale Residential.

25.05.23 -26.05.23– Y2 Lea Green Residential.

05.06.22-09.06.22 – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential.



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

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.

To all members of our Scargill community we wish you a

