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Newsletter – December 2023  
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth



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### Nativity Performances



It is certainly feeling festive in school. Over the last couple of weeks our Reception and Y1&2 children performed their version of the Nativity Story. It was great that the children could remind everyone why we celebrate Christmas. All the children had worked very hard to learn their lines, songs and dances. Well done to all of them – superstars indeed! Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came along to watch and for your generosity in donations. £407.21 was raised which will be split between new nativity costumes and Rainbows Hospice.

### Carol Service



On Sunday, a group of children volunteered to sing some of the songs that we have been learning in school at St Wilfrid's Carol Service. They were wonderful! They sang Calypso Carol & Come and Join the Celebration. Thank you to the children and their families for coming along and joining in.

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## Church Visits



During the week ahead, all classes will be visiting Church. They will hold a special worship and have the opportunity to complete a church scavenger hunt. Our Y5/6 children will be making the Christingles at the start of the week as Y3/4 childrens visit to church will include a Christingle Service.

## Peace on Earth



Throughout school we have been spreading peace through the making of an extraordinarily long paper chain which spreads from EYFS all the way to Y5/6 classrooms. Each child has written a small act of kindness which would help spread peace through our school community.

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## Bramble Lodge



Last week, some of our Y1/2 children performed some of their Nativity songs at Bramble Lodge and shared the Christmas pictures children had made.

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## Preparing for Spring!



Last month, children across school worked hard to plant 100s of bulbs around the school grounds. Thank you to all who donated bulbs, we can't wait to see them come up in the Spring!

## Other activities in school this term

Other activities in school this half-term included: a visit from Theresa Peltier, The High Sheriff of Derbyshire; The Messengers in worship; Anti-bullying Week; Children in Need; NSPCC workshops; Christmas jumper day alongside all our usual exciting curriculum learning.



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## Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre

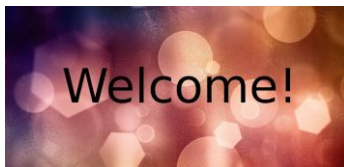


A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped, performed and came along to our Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre. It was certainly very busy and lots of fun! We had lots of entries for the Scargill Christmas Bake Off and I know the School Council had a really tough time deciding who the winners were. Well done to everyone who took part – they all looked delicious!



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### Staffing News



A warm welcome to Mrs Cross who will be teaching Hedgehog Class Wednesday – Friday from January. You may have spotted her already as she has been into school to get to know the children.



Thank you and good luck to Mrs Crawford and Miss Marshall Clarke who leave at the end of term. We will miss you. You will always be honorary Hedgehogs!

### 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 car parks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club.**

Thank you.



### Polite Request 1

There are a number of dogs accompanying their owners on the school run. It has been brought to my attention, that there now seems to be a large group of dogs waiting near the gate entrance off the rec. Please can dog owners be mindful that this can be very overwhelming and upsetting to young children. Please can you ensure dogs are well back from the path and stop them from jumping up at children and other parents.



Thank you

### Polite Request 2

Pre-school age children waiting on the playground at the end of the day. Please can you ensure your child waits next to you. There are an increasing number of children playing on the bank, bars and steps near to the Y3/4 classrooms. This has been particularly distracting to the children in their classrooms. The bars are not safe for climbing on. At this time of year, the school field and play equipment area are too wet to play on safely.



Thank you

## Friends of Scargill (FOS) needs YOU!

### 7 Reasons to join FOS



**Your Child benefits.** FOS is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school such as the screens and sound systems in both halls, extra books for the library and treats for the children on special occasions.

**To make a difference.** FOS also organises events which add so much to your child's experience. School discos, Winter Wonderland and the Summer Fayre. This creates a real sense of community and benefits the children.

**We have fun.** Being part of FOS is a fun and rewarding experience as we plan and host events where parents can get together and make new connections. Holding more social evenings for parents such as a Race Night is something we'd love to do more of.

**Make friends.** Many friendships develop from being part of FOS. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of our team.

**Feel involved.** Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteer a few hours of your time to help at an event. It is a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

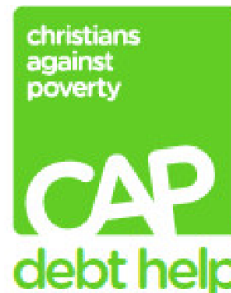
**Give a helping hand.** We realise that every parent is busy so we really appreciate any time you can give. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.

**Keep our FOS going.** As parents move on from the school. There is a real danger that there will no longer be a FOS to carry on providing this valuable resource. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents to take over running FOS in the future.

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facebook.com/friendsofscargill

Twitter @scargillfriends



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Together we raised  
£315

# Reading Challenge



Over the Christmas holidays we invite you to take on a challenge of reading a book in its setting and send a photo to your department email. The book can be any book of your choice, begin reading it, then once you know the main setting see if you can read some of it in that location. Be creative... for example you may be visiting the dentist over the holidays so get a photo in the dentist chair with you reading the book 'The Demon Dentist'.

or reading the 'The Snowman' in the snow.



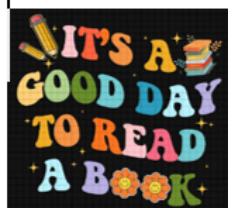
or reading 'Oh Christmas Tree' under the Christmas tree



The options are endless, have fun but most importantly enjoy reading. Please send all photos in by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Dojo points for everyone who enters, extra dojo's if you add a book review.

The most creative winner will be chosen by the school council.



### Get involved with a community run event!



(Please note that this event is run independently from school so it is parents responsibility to supervise their children should they wish to attend)

### Other church events over Christmas

#### St Wilfrid's

Midnight mass at 11.30pm Christmas Eve

#### West Hallam Methodist Church

West Hallam Methodist Church are having a Crib service, aimed at children, at 10.30am on Christmas Eve. It will be a time to remember the story of the very first Christmas, for children to place the crib figures in the crib and celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

#### St. Andrew's

St Andrew's at Stanley are hosting the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm



#### **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

Previously, we have asked that parents don't send in products containing sesame for allergy reasons. This is no longer needed so sesame products can be brought into school.

#### **Free School Meals for children**

Please check if you are eligible for Free School Meals. If you qualify, your child will receive free school meals for their whole time at Primary School and we will give each child two school jumpers and a book bag. In addition to this, the school will receive funding which is used to support our children. Your child being on free school meal is completely confidential. To apply, please follow the link below.

**Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council**



## **TERM DATES**

### **2023/24**

~~Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023~~  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February -Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### **INSET DAYS**

~~Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023~~  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### **BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2**

For the Class Parties, children can come to school in party clothes (note though that sensible shoes for playing on the playground must still be worn)  
w/c 18.12.23 Data sheets home to parents  
18.12.23 – Reception Christmas class party  
19.12.23 – Y5/6 and Y1/2 Worship at church  
20.12.23 – Y3/4 and Reception Worship at church. Y1/2 & Y5/6 Christmas Party  
22.12.23 – Y3/4 Christmas Party

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### **Spring Term**

22.1.24 – Y5/6 PCSO visit – Anti-social behaviour.  
Reception – PSCO visit – Strangers.  
5.2.24 – iVengers online safety training for children. 5pm- iVengers parent online safety session in the Old Hall – all parents welcome.  
9.2.24-15.2.24 -Scholastic Book Fair  
12.2.24 – Parents Evening  
15.2.24 – Parents Evening

7.3.24 – World Book Day  
w/c 25.3.24 – Y3&4 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) Church visits. Data sheets home to parents  
28.3.24 – 9.15am – Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception and Y1&2 children.

### **Summer Term**

Each class will arrange a class visit for parents during Summer Term 1  
w/c 15.4.25 – Edale Residential Y4  
19.4.24 – Y1&2 Trip to Conkers  
22.4.24 – World Earth Day  
w/c 13.5.24 – KS2 SATs week  
16.5.24 – Lea Green  
21.5.24 – Y5/6 Trip to The Black Country Museum


w/c 3.6.23 – Isle of Wight residential Y6  
Multiplication Times Table Check week for Y4 children  
10.6.24 – Phonics Screening check week – Y1 children  
11.6.24 – Y6 Primary Explorers Day at the University of Derby  
w/c 24.6.24 – Sports Days (exact dates and times TBC)  
w/c 15.7.24 – Y5&6 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) End of year reports to parents  
18.7.24 – Open evening for parents – 3.25pm-5pm  
23.7.24 – 9.15pm Leavers Service for Y6 at St Wilfrid's Church. All Y6 parents/carers welcome



## Communication

The chart below gives you key information regarding who to contact about the different aspects of school and how you can contact them should you need to:

### Where to go?

School Website	School Office	Class Teachers	SENDCOs	Head of School
<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term dates</li> <li>Key dates</li> <li>School policies</li> <li>Newsletters</li> <li>Key people in school</li> <li>Early Help</li> <li>Safeguarding</li> <li>Curriculum</li> <li>Statutory school information</li> <li>PTA information</li> <li>Governor information</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admissions</li> <li>Pupil illness/absence</li> <li>Medicines in school</li> <li>Medical conditions</li> <li>Changes to contact details</li> <li>School meals</li> <li>Payments</li> <li>Afterschool clubs information</li> </ul> <p><a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework</li> <li>Achievement</li> <li>Friendships</li> <li>Behaviour</li> <li>Lessons</li> <li>Family matters which be affecting your child</li> <li>Bullying concerns</li> <li>Trips/residentials</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Special Educational Needs or Disabilities</li> <li>Issues or advice regarding SEND</li> </ul> <p>Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:SENDCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">SENDCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding</li> <li>Sustained issues which the class teacher has been unable to resolve</li> <li>If the Head of School is unavailable, the Deputy Head will respond to any concerns.</li> </ul> <p>You can speak to the Senior Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email <a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>
<p><a href="http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p> <p>email: <a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></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 <a href="https://twitter.com/scargill_school">@scargill_school</a></p>	

### 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

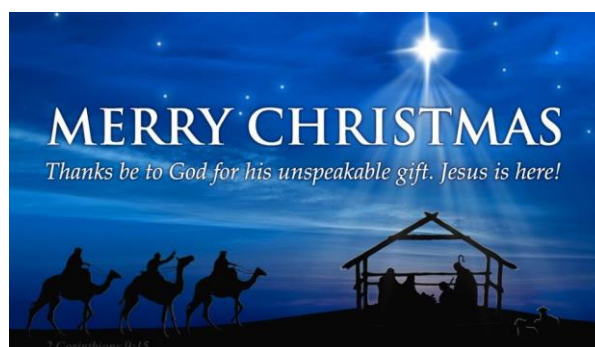
### Where can I find more information?

Please keep using our website for additional support and information.

A half-termly newsletter for each department detailing specific aspects of the curriculum that your child will be learning can be found in the Year Groups tab on our website.

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

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for the new year.



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