'Let all that you do,

be done in love'

1 Corinthians 16:14



Newsletter – June 2023 Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth









It has been a busy half term so far for personal development with Year 6 beginning this half term in Isle of Wight. They were able to grow in confidence, resilience and independence all while making lasting memories.





Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have been lucky enough to work closely with Changing Lives over the last few weeks. Together, they have set up a new Time to Thrive lunchtime club to help support our children further with their wellbeing by completing a variety of different activities linked to developing emotional literacy.

In PSHE, children have been focusing on the Changing Me puzzle piece. This is to help prepare for transitions and manage emotions surrounding change. In Thrive, we are also looking and change as we look forward to finishing our time together this academic year and forward for transitions into new classes, year groups and new schools.

## Michael's Way

A huge thank you for the incredible response from our school community so far. As you have probably spotted, work has commenced in the corner of the field. Last week, Ron Brooks, Toyota presented a



cheque to our Global Committee. Thank you to Ron Brooks for their generous donation.

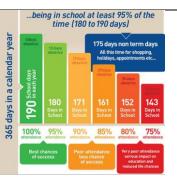
Well done to our design winner Rose. Her design was chosen by the Global Committee along with the Bull family because she had incorporated different elements into the garden that would help to stimulate the seven



senses. Rose had thought not only about the final look of the garden, but the experience that pupils would have when visiting.

If you would like to know more about Michael and the fundraising page, click the link below. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louisa-bull





Regular attendance is important to your child's success, children are expected to come to school every day. Attendance and achievement are closely linked and good habits, developed early in life do have an impact on levels of achievement.

We regularly keep you informed about your child's attendance throughout the year and for the majority of our children attendance is good (96% or better).

### Holidays during term time.

The school will not authorise an absence for a holiday during term time. Taking holidays during term time means that children miss important school time – both educationally and for other school activities. It will be difficult for children to catch up on work when they return to school. Only in exceptional circumstances may a holiday be authorised during term time – this will be decided by the Head of School. Exceptional circumstances do not include cheaper costs, family availability or weather conditions. You can be fined if you take your child on holiday during term time.

#### Lateness

Good attendance doesn't just involve being present in school – it also involves punctuality. You also have a responsibility to ensure that your child arrives to school on time. All children are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:55am every day for registration. If they are not in their classrooms by 9:05am, they receive a late mark.

### Can my child ever be absent?

When a child is absent from school, this will be classified as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. The Head of School decides which absences are granted as authorised. Authorised absences are only permitted for valid reasons, e.g.:

- Illness
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time, for which the school has granted leave
- Religious observances
- Family bereavement
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted lea
- An absence due to a family emergency

Wherever possible, parents should always try to arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours.

### What are unauthorised absences?

- Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider essential or reasonable. Unauthorised absences can include:
- Forgetting school term dates
- Oversleeping
- Absences which have not been explained
- Arriving at school after the register has closed
- Keeping your child off school unnecessarily or without explanation

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- Day trips or family outings
- Truancy before or during the school day
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays
- Absence due to day trips and holidays in term-time which have not been agreed
- Leaving school for no reason during the day

### School Absence Procedure:

Parents will be required to contact the school office via telephone (01159320005), in person or by email (info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) before **8.55am** on the first day of their child's absence – they will be expected to provide an explanation for the absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

The school will always follow up any absences in order to:

- Ascertain the reason for the absence.
- Ensure the proper safeguarding action is being taken.
- Identify whether the absence is authorised or not.
- Identify the correct code to use to enter the data onto the school census system.
- If no contact is made by 10.30am, a home visit may be carried out.

If a child has been absent for 3 days and has not been seen by a member of staff, the attendance officer/member of SLT may conduct an unannounced home visit.

#### What does the law say?

All children of compulsory school age – between 5-16 – must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for ensuring that this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making appropriate alternative arrangements. Once you have registered your child at a school, you are also legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly. If you fail to do this, legal action can be taken against you by the LA. It is a legal offence to fail to ensure your child attends school regularly. Legal action can involve a penalty notice or being taken to court. Parents also face the risk of imprisonment and parenting orders. Parenting orders involve attending a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class. A penalty notice of £60 may be issued as an alternative to prosecution, but this will rise to £120 if it is not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay a penalty notice will usually lead to prosecution.

More information can be found here in an information leaflet from Derbyshire County Council about School Attendance and the Law. You can also see our full Attendance and Absence Policy. https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/website/attendance/630553

### How can parents help?

You can help in many ways:

- Encourage good attendance by making sure your child goes to school regularly.
- Take an interest in your child's school work.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of absence from school.
- Inform us (via the school office) of your child's absence, and keep us updated throughout the absence period.

• Cooperate with our school to make sure your child overcomes any attendance problems. We are here to help – if you are having difficulties we can help so please tell us.

• Discuss planned absences with the Head of School and apply for permission well in advance (two weeks minimum notice).

• Only take your child out of school during term time where the absence has been authorised.

**Staff News** 



Miss Gavagan commences her maternity leave at the end of June. Her last day with Lions will be 29<sup>th</sup> June. We wish her all the best with the safe arrival of her baby. We can't wait to meet him/her! Mr Askew will teach Lions class for the remaining 3 weeks of term.

Mrs Rudd-Walters leaves us at the end of term as her contract comes to an end. We would like to thank her for her commitment to our school during the time she has been with us and although we will miss her, we wish her luck as she takes up a teaching post at a school in Nottingham.

| Year | Class Name | Class Teacher(s)                        |
|------|------------|---|
| R    | Dolphin    | Mrs Chisholm                            |
| Y1/2 | Deer       | Mr Swift                                |
| Y1/2 | Hedgehog   | Mrs Wilderspin (Mon & Tue)              |
|      |            | Miss Marshall-Clarke (Wed, Thurs & Fri) |
| Y1/2 | Badger     | Miss Clutterbuck (Mon – Thurs)          |
|      |            | Mrs Higgins (Fri)                       |
| Y3/4 | Lion       | Miss Roper (Mon – Wed)                  |
|      |            | Mrs Benn (Thurs & Fri)                  |
| Y3/4 | Tiger      | Miss Lang                               |
| Y3/4 | Leopard    | Miss West                               |
| Y5/6 | Owl        | Mrs Birkin (Mon & Tue)                  |
|      |            | Mrs Bown (Wed – Fri)                    |
| Y5/6 | Eagle      | Mr Ord                                  |
| Y5/6 | Merlin     | Mr Attenborough                         |

## Classes 2023-2024

The chart above sets out which classes teachers will be teaching next school year. Transition conversations between teachers will take place between staff on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June ready for children to meet their new teacher on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July for part of the day. We will let you know who your child's new teacher is on this day. We realise that most children take moving on to the next class all in their stride. However, we do know that for a few children, this can be an uncertain and worrying time. Please reassure your child as much as possible and if your child has concerns that you are unable to manage then please let us know.

## **Parking**



Please ensure you child has sun cream on and is wearing a named sun hat and has a named filled water bottle every day during this term.

In mentioning named items....please ensure all uniform is labelled please. This significantly helps with returning items.



Our uniform drop/swap shop will be available again from next week located in the bike shed at the front of school (same place as last year) until the penultimate day of term. If you can donate any uniform (including PE kit items or coats) that are in good condition, please bag them up in clear plastic bags and clearly label what is inside and the size. All parents can drop off, swap or take any of the clothing. This is completely free and simply a way for parents to support each other as well as help the environment. 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.



# Volunteers and Relief MDS needed.

Do you have some spare time and you would like to help in school?

Our children have really benefitted from some wonderful volunteers we have had in school this year. If you are interested in coming into help, please contact the school office for an application form.

We are looking for some relief Midday Supervisor cover. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

If you would like any more information regarding Relief MDS role or volunteering, please come and chat to me on the playground or give me a call.

## Activities to get involved with at home

National Schools Sports Week 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June - #PledgeToPlay & Aldi, Team GB and Paralympics GB Design a Lorry Competition – see separate letters from Miss Gavagan in the June section of our website.

Also...coming sooon...a new Geography summer challenge for over the holiday - A blueprint for the future!

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up at your local library! What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.<sup>1</sup>

# Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by **The Reading Agency** and delivered in partnership with the **public library network**.

# How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

# <u>OR</u>

**Online.** Take part online at **summerreadingchallenge.org.uk** 

- Sign up on the official Challenge website.
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## When?

Throughout the **summer holidays.** Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you (some are starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July). Unsure where your closest library is? Use the Library Finder to check.

## Primary Dance Festival

Some of our amazing Year 3 & 4 pupils attended the recent Primary Dance Festival at Friesland School. They performed their 'Revolting Children' routine, inspired by the film 'Matilda'. This is a routine that they worked on during their after-school club last half term.

Whilst at the Dance Festival, the children had the opportunity to perform on a large stage with a live audience, as well as to watch other schools perform their routines. Our children came alive on the stage and performed the routine the best they have ever done it! They were a credit to us and we are incredibly proud of them.



Plans are well underway for the fayre on Saturday  $24^{th}$  June 11am-2pm. Raffle tickets are coming home today each ticket costs £1 (£5 per booklet) Please return raffle ticket stubs along with cash in an envelope please. There are more tickets available. If you would like any more please contact the school office.

We will need your help for the Fayre. Volunteer opportunities for "Scargill School Summer Fayre" are now open. Please click on the following They really enjoyed the experience and we are hoping they will perform again at the summer fayre.



TERM DATES22/23Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2023

## **INSET DAYS**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

#### 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

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BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

# volunteersignup.org/7JP4K

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!



# **Diary Dates**

15.6.23 - Kirk Hallam Community Academy Roadshow for Y4,5&6 Parents – Scargill School Hall at 5pm

16.6.23 – Non-uniform Day in exchange for donations for the Summer Fayre. Please refer to separate letter.

19.6.23 – SEND coffee morning 9am-10am Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Please see details below.

w/c 7.7.23 – End of year reports to parents 10.7.23 2.30pm New Y1 (in September) information meeting for current Reception parents. 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July – Book Fayre – available each evening after school until 4.15pm in The Club Room (Old Panther classroom) 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 has invited parents into school to take part in a learning activity with their child.

Y6 children also have transition days. These are different for each of the schools that our children are transferring to. Please contact the individual school if you do not have this information yet.





Parents, carers and grandparents are warmly invited to watch the sports days next week. You can stay on the grass bank (bring a blanket to sit on) once you have dropped your child at school. Each sports day is due to start at 9.15 a.m. and expected to last about an hour.

For safeguarding reasons, no photography or filming of any kind is permitted and the school building will be inaccessible. Teachers will post pictures of Sports Day on the school's Twitter page.

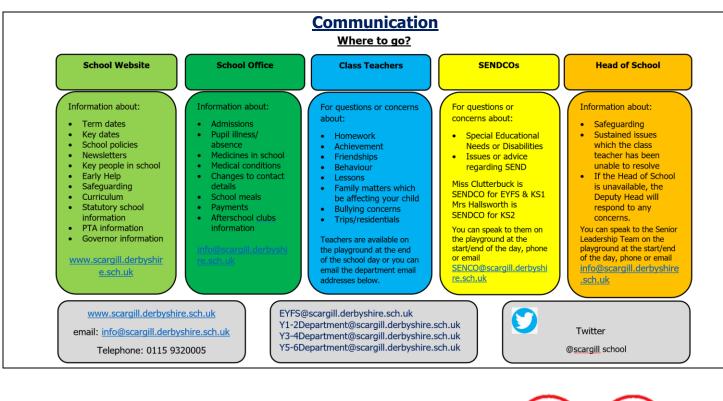
Thank you, in advance for your co-operation and support. We look forward to seeing you there.



## **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 hummus dips.

### Thank you!



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