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Newsletter – September 2023
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

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Welcome back. What a wonderful start to term we are having. Behaviour is exceptional and it has been wonderful to see great relationships developing as the children settle into their new classes.

I'm sure many of you have spotted the development over the summer holiday of Michael's Way Sensory Garden in memory of a much-loved former pupil. The support from our community has been incredible so far and a huge thank you to everyone who helped over the summer holidays. Unfortunately, we have come to a bit of a halt and again we are hoping you can help. The next phase of the development is detailed below and we really need your help!

A snap shot of the incredible support this summer:



You may have noticed that progress on Michael's Way Sensory Garden is coming along nicely with a lot of the hard work being done over the summer holidays, but we still need your help!

Can you or anyone you know help with the following?

- Laying edging stones
- Laying paving

We are hoping to work on the garden at the weekends throughout the month of September, so if you are available and willing to lend a hand we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact us via email at info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Many thanks in advance.


Mrs Bull, Mrs Bown and Mrs Higgins.



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"> 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/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>	



As many of you are aware, we use Class Dojo. This means children earn Dojo points as a reward and their eggs hatch into little monsters and they continue to earn points! You will be able to see the points that your child is earning, each week, via the Class Dojo App.

For new children to school, your child's teacher will be sending home a letter which explains how you can connect to Class Dojo. 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. For parents who connected last year, you should have noticed and automatic move to your child's new class.

As I'm sure you will agree, teachers need to spend their time teaching your children during the school day so the Dojo App is not to be used for communication with your child's teacher. You can contact any school staff that you need to as indicated in the chart above. Please appreciate that staff will only respond to emails when they are not directly teaching and only during their working hours.

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 and 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.

For every 50 dojo points, children can choose from:

- Dip in the class prize box
- Come to school in non-uniform for a day
- Go first into lunch for a week (For you and a friend)
- Choose the Thrive task for the week
- Get 10 dojo points
- Library time at lunchtime (for you and a friend)

Scargill Star

On Fridays, we have a special celebration worship. Each class teacher as well as other members of our school community award Scargill Star certificates in recognition of learning and behaviour.

Starfish Values



In recognition of children demonstrating our STARFISH values children collect small (diddi-dot) stickers on a special chart in their classroom.

5 diddi dots on 3 values= bronze award certificate and 1 golden ticket.

5 diddi dots on 6 values= silver award certificate and 2 golden tickets.

5 diddi dots on all 8 values= gold award certificate and 3 golden tickets.

When each certificate is achieved children will receive this along with their golden tickets in our Celebration Worship on a Friday. Golden tickets will be placed into the Golden box for a chance to win a mystery prize at the end of the school year.

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School Ready!

We are very pleased with how smart our children look. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform.

Details of uniform expectations can be found here in our policy:

<https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/policies/638006>

An additional reminder to parents that children need to bring a book bag to carry their belongings. Rucksacks are not permitted due to space on individual pegs.



Please, please, please ensure that your child's name is in all their school clothing!

Staffing News



Miss Gavagan and her partner welcomed baby Russell on 10th August. They are doing really well and we can't wait to meet baby Russell very soon.

Goodbye & good luck!

At the very end of term, we said farewell to our MDS Mrs Dobson as she moves on to complete her training to become a TA. We will miss you – best of luck.

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.

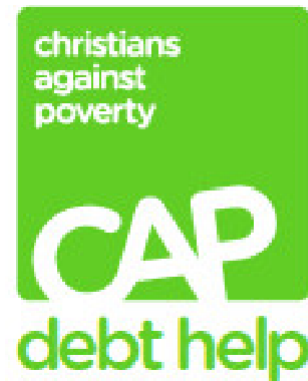
Thank you.



Well done to all the children who completed the summer reading challenge.

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Love of reading!



If you're looking for help to get out of debt, find a job or gain vital life skills, Christians Against Poverty provides a range of free professional services across the UK through local churches. West Hallam Methodist Church is a Centre for CAP, they offer help to anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. They are committed to their services being available to all individuals regardless of age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender identity, sex or sexual identity. For local FREE, confidential help please call Ian 07504 507347 Lesley 07594 256177 Or call the CAP national debt line free on 0800 328 0006. For more information go to <https://capuk.org/get-help>

Attendance & Absences

Please read the section on our website about school attendance. It includes a copy of our policy, information from Derbyshire County Council at well as advice for parents.

<https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/attendance/630553>

It explains clearly for parents everything you need to know. Please can I remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform school if your child is going to be absent. Please ring the school office and leave a message. Punctuality is important too. A reminder that out school day starts at 8.55 a.m. Children should be seated in their classroom ready for the register at this time.

Thank you, parents/carers, for your co-operation in supporting high levels of school attendance and punctuality.

Colours Day!

We are excited to tell you that we will be having a fundraising day on **25th September** to raise money for a fantastic charity. Therefore, children and staff will be able to come to school wearing bright colours, in exchange for donating £1. The Abilities in Me Foundation writes children's stories based on real children with a range of conditions. Money raised goes into: creating more books to help raise awareness, supporting school SEND projects and running family support events which we are looking to expand across the UK. If you'd like to find out more, please go to: www.theabilitiesinme.com



In addition to the fundraising (a link to donate will be sent via a text message) we are also asking if families can please bring in plant bulbs for our Michael's Way Sensory Garden.

Thank you!



#HelloYellow 2023

Stand out and show up for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day this **10 October** 2023.

Join thousands of people wearing yellow across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow

All children can come to school wearing yellow on Hello Yellow Day for a donation to Young Minds (a link to donate will be sent via a text message nearer the time). This can be all yellow clothing or a yellow clothing item with their school uniform.

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



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TERM DATES

2023/24

Monday 4th September – Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 6th November – Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 8th January – Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 26th February -Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET DAYS

~~Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023~~

Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed

Monday 6th May 2024

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

22.9.23 – Y6 Taster Day at Heanor Gate

25.9.23 – Colours Day! (See details above)

28.9.23 -Archaeologist visit Y5/6

2.10.23 – Harvest Festival – donation details below

3.10.23 – Reception parent information session

2.30pm-3.15pm – all current reception parents/carers welcome.

6.10.23 – 9am-10am SEND Parents Coffee morning. All parents of children with SEND invited.

10.10.23 – Hello Yellow Day (details above)
Road Safety workshop– Reception and Y1&2

12.10.23 – St Wilfrid’s Day. Bible Presentations for Y3 children. Y3 Parents invited to attend St Wilfrid’s Church at 9.15am

19.10.23 - Open morning for prospective new starter parents for September 2024

20.10.23-26.10.23 – Scholastic Book Fair

23.10.23 – Parents Evening

24.10.23 – Road Safety workshops Y3&4

26.10.23 - Road Safety workshops Y5&6
Parents Evening

Autumn Term continued

10.11.23 – Remembrance Worship

13.11.23 – Anti-bullying Week

17.11.23 – Children in Need

20.11.23 – Derbyshire Fire Service Fire Safety Y1&2

23.11.23 – Open morning – All parents and carers welcome

27.11.23 – Individual School photos

30.11.23 - Derbyshire Fire Service Fire Safety Y5&6

w/c 4&11.12.23 – Reception and Y1&2 Nativity Performances (exact dates and times TBC)

8.12.23 – Flu vaccinations

w/c 18.12.23 – Christmas class parties, church visits and Data sheets home to parents

Spring Term

9.2.24-15.2.23 -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 Spring 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

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

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

Get involved!



"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. Open from 08:00 Tuesday 26 September - 20:00 Friday 10 November.

For more information about how your child can take part visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



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 PTA or email scargillpta@yahoo.com

Geography Summer Challenge



Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Geography Summer Challenge so far. It has been lovely to see the geographical learning

that has taken place and your innovative ideas for the future has been amazing. We clearly have some wonderful geographers at Scargill! If you'd still like to take part in the competition, more information can be found in the News section on the school website under the July 2023. The last entries for the competition will be 25th September so we can enter them to Royal Geographical Societies 'Young Geographer of the Year'. We can't wait to see more of your posters!



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.

Harvest

This year we will be collecting donations for the West Hallam Methodist Church Food Bank.

Suggested items to please donate: Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, tinned meatballs, tinned potatoes, kitchen cleaning products, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls. Individual sponge pudding, tinned soup, biscuits. Shower gel of any kind.

Please can items be brought into school on **Monday 2nd October.**

Thank you

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Free School Meals for children

The start of a new school year is a good time to 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.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

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.

Collecting Children at the end of the school day

Reception children are dismissed at 3.20pm. The rest of the school (Y1-6) are dismissed at 3.25pm. Please ensure you are ready to greet your child at the correct time.

Parents must please ensure that any older siblings collecting children adhere to the following and that class teachers are informed of any change to the usual arrangement:

Collection of Reception children - Minimum age 16 years.

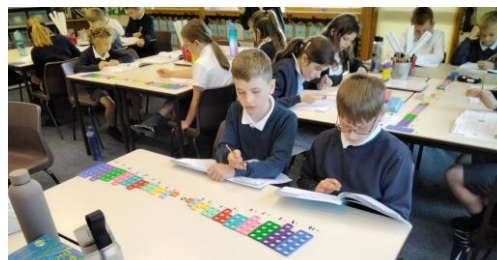
KS1 & KS2- Minimum age 14 years.

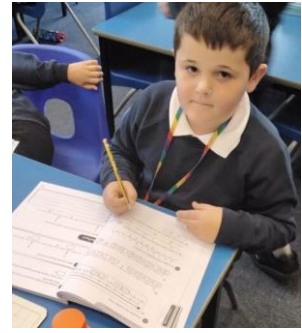
Y5 and Y6 children can walk home independently - please ensure the class teacher is aware of this arrangement.

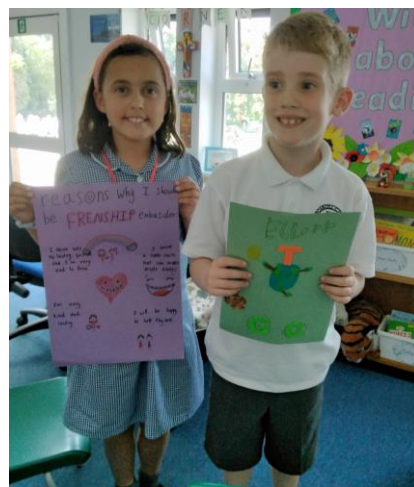
We understand that unforeseen circumstances can very occasionally lead to a late pick up. If you are going to be late, please ensure you have informed to school office.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer child care provision by teaching staff or admin staff after school has ended. If you are unable to make the end of the school day collection time on a regular basis, the Lanes After School Club (situated in our new hall) could be able to offer your child a place. Their contact number is - 01159440810

Here are some fabulous photos from the first weeks of term!







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