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1 Corinthians 16:14





Newsletter – September 2024 Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

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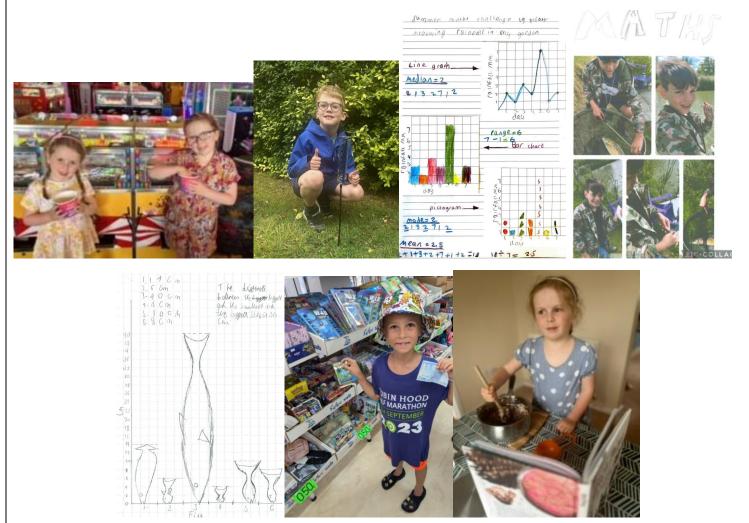


Welcome back. What a wonderful start to term we are having. Behaviour is exceptional and it has been wonderful to see great relationships developing as the children settle into their new classes.

# Thanks for taking part!

## Summer Maths Challenge

A huge well done to all those who submitted some of the Maths that they'd done over the summer holidays! It's been great to see children finding Maths in everyday activities and having fun. A big thanks to those who shared their pictures- here's a couple of examples below!



#### **Summer Reading Challenge**



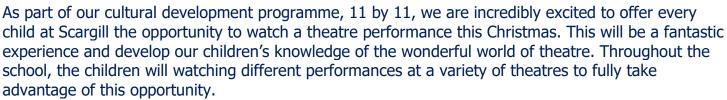


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Well done to all the children who completed the summer reading challenge. It was great to see so many more children taking part this year. of learning,

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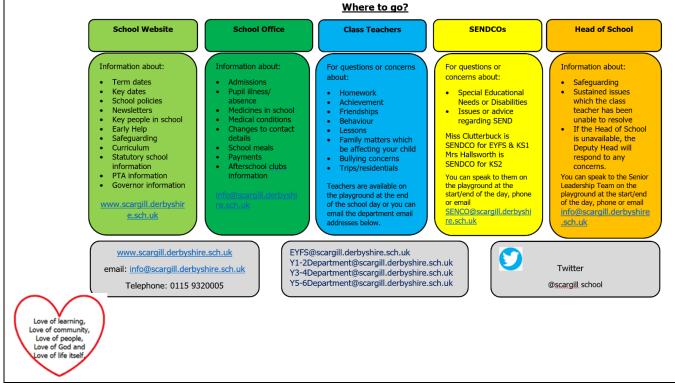
# **Theatre Visit**



Reception class will be watching Chicken Licken, Year one and two - Cinderella, Year three and four-Peter Pan and Year five and six - Christmas Carol. If you haven't already, please pop onto parent pay to give consent and make payment.

#### **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:



Scargill CE Primary School Beech Lane West Hallam ILKESTON DE7 6GU Tel 0115 9320005 Email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Website www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk



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 <u>free</u> 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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https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/web/school\_dinners/523933

#### Staffing News Good Bye and Good Luck!

Miss Garbett (midday supervisor) leaves us in a couple of weeks as she is moving to work in a school nearer home.



Mrs Wilderspin is expecting a baby in the new year so will commence her maternity leave at Christmas.

# Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint a MDS (Midday supervisor) and a relief MDS.

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

We will also shortly be advertising for a part-time class teacher.



Our uniform drop/swap shop is available again located in the bike shed at the front of school. 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.

## <u>Parking</u>

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.



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.

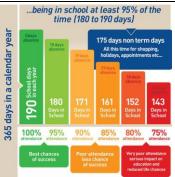
Thank you, parents/carers, for your co-operation in supporting high levels of school attendance and punctuality.

Below is also a reminder of the changes regarding attendance that was included in the June newsletter:

# <u>Attendance</u>

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.

#AttendanceCounts"



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
- Family bereavement
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted leave
- 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.

Is my child too ill for school?

This NHS guide provides useful advice for parents regarding illnesses:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

#### 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
- Truancy before or during the school day
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays
- Absence due to day trips/family outings/holidays in term-time
- 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 **<u>8.55am</u>** 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.

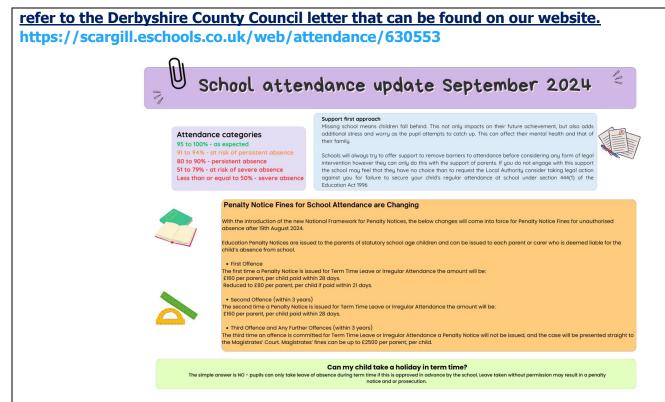
If no contact is made by 10.30am, a home visit may be carried out.

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. **The DFE is made changes to this for September 2024 and the fines will be as follows – an increase from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days.** <u>Please</u>

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#### 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). Email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

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

#### 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 24th September - 21:00 Friday 9th November. For more information about how your child can take part visit:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500words/articles/zctk7v4



#### **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



# Singing Saturday, 19th October

Does your child love singing and making music? Sign them up for a fantastic morning of fun at South East Derbyshire Music Centre, based at Kirk Hallam academy. For more details follow the link attached:

# http://sedmc.co.uk/singing-saturday/



# #HelloYellow

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.



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



#### NSPCC 'THE KINDNESS CHALLENGE'

As a school we have signed up to the 'Kindness Challenge', which is an initiative run by the NSPCC to spread more kindness in school. Our pupils will be spending the first week of October working through a list of kindness acts that focus on empathy, generosity and respect. We will be involving our wider school community and there will be opportunities throughout the week to help to raise funds for Childline. Our Friendship and Wellbeing Ambassadors will play a important role in the planning of these activities.

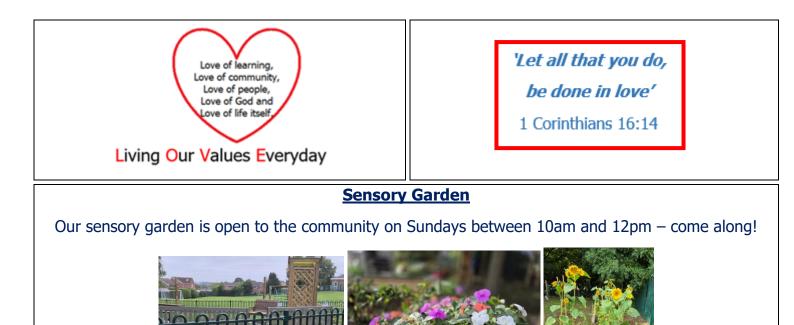






We are registered so please select Scargill CE Primary School. We will be using any funds raised towards the repair of the play equipment on the field.







# **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.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

Thank you

Thank you

#### **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/schoolmeals/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
- $\label{eq:2.1} Y5-6 Department @scargill.derby shire.sch.uk$

# 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.

## <u>Collecting Children at the end</u> <u>of the school day</u>

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 school office is aware of this in writing.

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!







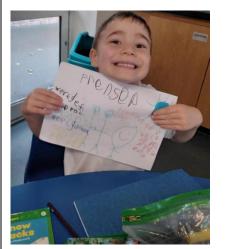


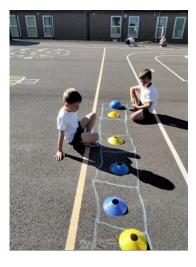












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# **TERM DATES - 2024/25**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Monday  $2^{nd}$  June – Friday  $25^{th}$  July 2025

### **INSET Days**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# **BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **Diary Dates**

## Autumn Term

20.9.24 – Y6 Heanor Gate Taster Day 26.9.24 – Reception parent information session 2.45pm-3.15pm – all current Reception parents/carers welcome. 30.9.24 – Harvest Festival – see below for donation details w/c 30.9.24 – NCPCC – Kindness Challenge 2.10.24 – Open morning for prospective new starter parents for September 2025 7.10.24 – Y2 Open Centre Workshop in school 10.10.24 – Hello Yellow Day – wear something yellow! 12.10.24 - St Wilfrid's Dav. 14.10.24 – 9am-10am SEND Parents Coffee morning. All parents of children with SEND invited. 15.10.24 Bible Presentations for Y3 children. Y3 Parents invited to attend St Wilfrid's Church at 9.15am (TBC) 18.10.24-24.10.24 October – Scholastic Book Fair 21.10.24 – Parents Evening 24.10.24 – Parents Evening

## Autumn Term cont...

w/c 11.11.24 – Anti-bullying week
11.11.24 – Remembrance Day worship
12.11.24 – Open Morning – All parents welcome
15.11.24 – Children in Need
22.11.24 – Y1 Jewish visitor
w/c 2&9.12.24 – Reception and Y1&2 Nativity
Performances (exact dates and times TBC)
10.12.24 – Pantomime – Cinderella -Y1&2
12.12.24 – A Christmas Carol – Y5&6
w/c 16.12.24 – Christmas class parties, church
visits and Data sheets home to parents
17.12.24 – Chicken Licken - YR
19.12.24 – Pantomime – Peter Pan Y3&4

# Spring Term

7.2.25-13.2.25 -Scholastic Book Fair
10.2.25 - Parents Evening
13.2.25 - Parents Evening
6.3.25 - World Book Day
w/c 31.3.24 - Y3&4 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) Church visits. Data sheets home to parents
4.4.24 - 9.15am - Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception and Y1&2 children.

# Summer Term

Each class will arrange a class visit for parents during the Summer Term 22.4.24 – World Earth Day 23.4.25 - 25.4.25 - Y4 -Edale 25.4.25 – Wollaton Hall trip Y1&2 8.5.25 -9.5.25 - Y2 Lea Green w/c 12.5.25 – KS2 SATs week w/c 2.6.25 – Multiplication Times Table Check week for Y4 children 9.6.25 – Phonics Screening check week – Y1 children w/c 23.6.25 – Sports Days (exact dates and times TBC) 7.7.25-11.7.25 – Y6 Isle of Wight w/c 21.7.25 - Y5&6 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) End of year reports to parents 21.7.25 – Open evening for parents – 3.25pm-5pm 25.7.25 – 9.15pm Leavers Service for Y6 at St Wilfrid's Church. All Y6 parents/carers welcome