



EYFS Newsletter

Autumn Term One 2018

Welcome to Scargill School and the EYFS Department

The EYFS team is made up of 4 members of staff

Mrs Chisholm is the department lead and class teacher for the Dolphin Class .

Miss Roper is the teacher for the Seahorse Class

Mrs Brown is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will support both classes and cover the teachers for their planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA)

Mrs Claypole is a teaching assistant and will support both classes.

Physical Education

All children will take part in two hours of PE each week this will include changing time. PE will commence on Monday 17th September so please can you ensure that full indoor and outdoor kit is in school so that your child can partake.

PE is timetabled for a Monday and Thursday for Seahorses and Tuesday and Thursday for Dolphins, although as our curriculum is flexible we do sometimes change days.

If your child has earrings please can you ensure that they can remove them or that they come to school with them already taken out on PE days

Water Bottles

The children need to come to school each day with a bottle of water so that the children can have a drink throughout the day. Please only send water. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name



The children have been settling into school life well and have been enjoying lots of different activities.



What we have planned for the children...

Below is a very brief overview of what we will be learning this term. Our Topic is all about Ourselves and we have lots of interesting and exciting activities planned for the children, however, at this stage the most important part of their learning is that the children enjoy coming to school, feel happy, safe and confident during the school day.

Week	Topic focus	Literacy	Phonics	Maths	Other
1 3/9/18	Washing hands, toileting etc	Settling in and baseline assessments	Sounds in the environment	Settling in and baseline assessments	Staggered Start times
2 10/9/18	Routines	Settling in and baseline assessments	Listening for sounds	Patterns	
3 17/9/18	Me - what I look like My family –when I was a baby	Lists – what a baby needs/baby books	s a t p	Simple number songs and counting 1:1	Bring a photo of when you were a baby
4 24/9/18	Where do you live?	Traditional tale	i n m d	Counting	Bring a photo of your house
5 1/10/18	Senses	Non fiction	ck e u r	Counting Upto 20 moveable objects	
6 8/10/18	Like and dislikes	Instructions	h b f l	Matching numeral to number of objects to 20	Harvest Festival – 8 th Shipley – 11th
7 15/10/18	Keeping fit –	Fiction Text	ff ll ss zz	Counting Back (10 little superheroes)	Bike and Scooter day – 19/10
8 22/10/18	Diwali	Facts/ non fiction India	qu ch sh th	Estimating	Parents Consultations Diwali dress up – 26th Oct

We have three trips per year and our first one has been arranged for a visit to Shipley Park on Thursday 11th October. If any parents who are DBS checked and are available to help on this trip please let a member of staff know. More information regarding the trip will be sent nearer the time.

If we have any parents or grandparents who are free for a few hours every few weeks to help maintain our outdoor areas we are always grateful. Please speak to a member of staff. If anyone has any compost left over from the summer we would be grateful of any donations so that we can fill our planters.

Other Exciting Opportunities

During the term we will be making and tasting different types of bread, making fruit salad and fruit kebabs, tasting and identifying different tastes as part of our senses week.

In EYFS we try and widen the children's learning opportunities beyond the curriculum and enhance their learning as much as possible by offering these extra experiences. In order for this to happen we ask parents to make a contribution to cover the costs of the extra provision being offered. This term we ask if you would send £3 with your child. In the past this has always been well received by the children and parents. If you do not wish your child to take part in these activities please do let a member of the EYFS team know.



Please make sure all items of clothing and belongings are clearly named with your child's name.

Diary Dates:

Monday 17th September 2018—Send a photo of your child when they were a baby

Monday 24th September 2018—send a photo of your house

Thursday 20th September 2018 6pm in the Old hall—EYFS Curriculum Information evening.

Wednesday 3rd October 2018— EYFS Open Morning—an opportunity to see what happens in school.

Monday 8th October 2018—Harvest Festival in School

Thursday 11th October 2018—Shipleigh Park Trip

Friday 12th October 2018—. Bring your favourite vegetable (we will make soup)

Friday 19th October 2018—Bring a bike or scooter to school

22nd and 25th October 2018 - Parent Consultations

Friday 26th October 2018—Diwali—Children come to school dressed in Indian clothes.

Treasure Box and Visiting Friends

Within the next week we will introduce the children to our friends Danny Dolphin and Sara Seahorse. These cuddly friends will be sent home with one child to have a little adventure with them. All details will be enclosed when they are sent. We will also introduce our Philosophy Bears who will have some thought provoking questions for you to discuss with your child. Finally, there will also be a treasure box which can be filled and returned to school so that your child can share their special items with the class. More detail will follow with each of the items.