



NEWSLETTER 2

28th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our desire to improve our communication with all parents and give everyone more information about the school, I am going to include some standing items within newsletters – they will not be included in every newsletter but they will be familiar to you by the end of the year. These sections will include: assessment updates, governor information, School Improvement Plan updates and Pupil committee updates to name but a few.

Assessment Overview for 2017-18

Last year was a positive year overall for Scargill with the vast majority of children doing well in their Teacher Assessments and making super progress. The following table shows the average percentages across the whole school. When you delve deeper into the results from year groups, then the areas where we need to improve further become evident and these have been included in our School Improvement Plan.

Whole school Averages – 2017-2018						
	Reading	Writing	SPAG	Maths	Science	RWM
Teacher Assessment	81	76	77	79	84	70
Expected progress (one year)	89	87	92	88	91	
Expected progress (Key Stage)	88	85	86	85	88	

Some explanatory notes:

SPAG stands for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

RWM stands for Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

All three rows above are the percentages for those who are at the expected level and above for attainment or progress.

In Teacher Assessment any percentage above 75% is generally in line with the National Average and any percentage above 80% is what we are aiming at. In Reading, Writing and Maths combined the aim is to get the percentage above 70%.

In Expected Progress over one year, we want all children to do this so our target is always 100% of pupils. However, any percentage above 90% shows very good levels of progress.

Expected Progress over the Key Stage shows the progress made from a baseline point (school entry, end of EYFS or end of Y2). Therefore, this measure includes multiple years and in the case of our Y6 pupils, it means progress over 4 years. We want every child to make at least expected progress so our aim is again 100% but again 90% and above shows excellent progress.

NB Any pupil who has not made expected progress and is in danger of not reaching their targets automatically becomes a focus child for teachers in order that they can close the gap and get back to be on track for their targets.

In future newsletters, we will look at different areas relating to Assessment throughout school.

Open Morning

This year, as you will be aware, we are having two separate Open mornings. The first of these is next week on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 from 9.30am to 11.30am. This is for parents who wish to have a look around EYFS before applying for a primary place by the 15th January 2019. Pre School are also holding an open morning at the same time.

The second Open Morning will be for parents of all children from EYFS to Y6 and it will give everyone, who wishes to come, an opportunity to see the school at work. During the morning, you will see a range of different activities and lessons. This morning will be held on 23rd January 2019.

Harvest 2018

This year our Harvest Service will continue your fund raising efforts for our link school in India. I am delighted to report that our fund raising has reached £11,000. We are now approaching our target of £14,000 and I hope that we will reach our target by the end of 2018.

Mrs Higgins, will be travelling to visit our link school in Mahamaya in January 2019 so I hope that she will bring the news that we have reached our target and be able to see the progress towards completing the building work.

With all this in mind, I would ask that children bring in a donation this year, rather than the more traditional donation of food, etc. We fully intend to return to our support of the Padley Centre next year.

Mrs Higgins India Link Visit – January 2019

In preparation for the 2019 India Link visit, Mrs Higgins has been meeting with teachers and TAs from other Derbyshire Church of England schools to plan how our school can help the teachers and children of the Kolkata schools. One of the things that we are planning to do is create Maths story sacks to help teach counting, addition, subtraction, time and measure. As part of this, we are looking for multiple copies of the books below either new or in good condition.

1. How many legs? By Kes Gray
2. One is a snail by April Pulley and Jeff Sayre
3. Goldilocks by Kate Clyne and Louise Daykin
4. The best bug parade by Holly Keller

Maybe you already have a copy that your child no longer reads or perhaps you could pop one in your basket the next time you do an online order. Any donations will be labelled with 'Donated by ...' with a name and a photo so the children in India will see who gave them their books as they use them in class.

Mrs Higgins is really excited to be visiting India to support the teachers and children there and to work with the International committee to see how we can use our ongoing India link to continue to learn about life in a different country.

Reminders from staff

I have been asked by teachers to pass on a few reminders regarding day to day things at school.

Coming in to Y1 – We have had some issues with children who are coming into Y1 classes in the morning. The teachers are reinforcing this with the classes but I would ask that you also have a word with your children. The problem is that some children have been sent in by parents but then, some of them, are coming out again to have one last goodbye. Please can you reinforce that once the child enters the school then they must stay there. The teachers will keep a

vigilant eye on the situation to ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for your help with this.

Reading books KS1 and KS2 – Reading at home is a key part of our school week. Please can you ensure that your child completes the reading tasks from the teacher and that books are returned to school on the correct days.

Homework – As I am sure you are aware homework tasks help to reinforce the learning at school and provide good experience of the discipline needed for moving on to secondary school. Please help your child, by ensuring that they have completed and returned their homework tasks by the agreed day.

Parent Volunteers – If you have some free time during the week and want to help out in school then we have lots of opportunities to hear readers, help with displays or doing some photocopying. Please contact a class teacher or one of our department lead teachers if you want to help.

A really positive start to the year – I just want to share the very positive start to the year from the vast majority of our children this year. We are all working hard to maintain our school rules and the way we conduct ourselves in school. I have been really impressed with the work that I have seen in books as I have gone around school. The presentation and general effort is a real step forward from previous years. The comments from visitors this year – from the Rolls Royce STEM team and teachers from Kirk Hallam to name but two – have been uniformly positive. Keep up the great work!

Class Representatives – All of our departments have now selected our class representatives for our school pupil committees. They are:

1. School Council
2. ECO committee
3. International committee
4. PE committee
5. Anti-Bullying Team

Over the next few newsletters, I am going to ask the pupils and the teacher in charge to let you know a little bit more about the job that the representatives do around the school

Reminders from the office

We also have some reminders from our office staff.

Regularly late – We have some children who are coming to school late on a regular basis. Please help us by making the effort to get children to school on time so that lesson time is not affected by lateness. Occasionally, circumstances mean that lateness cannot be avoided. However, regular lateness is something that can easily be avoided.

Parent pay - Parent pay is now up and running and is working well for the collection of dinner money. From now on, all payments to school including trips, both day trips and residential, will be paid for by this means. This will mean that you will be given letters for setting the system up if you have not already done so. I would ask that you help the office by acting promptly to do this as it makes things so much easier. You will receive email reminders of payments rather than the letters that you would previously have received. Parent pay will also be the way of giving permission for going on these trips so even if it is a trip where there is no cost involved, you may still have to log on to tick the box giving your permission for your child to attend the trip. I am sure that we will have some inevitable teething problems as we move from one system to another but if you do have any problems then Mrs Page in the office is our resident expert.

Parking – Please remember to only park in a safe and legal way so that all of our parents and children can cross the roads safely near our school entrances. We also wish to be good neighbours with everyone who lives around our school. If things are too crowded and you have the time, why not park some distance from school and take the opportunity to get even more active and walk the last part of your journey to school.

SEND Letters – The Local Authority have asked us to send out a letter to parents of all pupils on our SEND register. They are currently conducting a review into SEND provision in Derbyshire and this is your chance to have your say. The meetings are on 8th October and the full details can be found in these letters. If you have not received your letter by Monday then please contact the office for further information.

Friesland Bus information – Some parents have asked for information about buses to Friesland to see if this is a viable option for secondary school. They have sent us the following information:

FRIESLAND 111 BUS SERVICE

The original route starts off on Derby Road (Opposite Ron Brookes on the fire station side) This has now been agreed to extend to the Rose and Crown pub at Smalley cross roads from September 2019. The timings are as follows:

<i>Rose and Crown</i>	<i>7.25am</i>
<i>West Hallam Cross Roads</i>	<i>7.30am</i>
<i>Ron Brookes</i>	<i>7.35am</i>

It will also stop at all stops in-between if needed. This service will still remain at the original price of £2.50 for a 2 way ticket.

Governor at the Gate – On the second Thursday of each month, at home time, one of our governors – Gill Turner Callis (the rector of St Wilfrid's) will be in the playground and happy to talk to any parent. If you have a question, an issue that needs sorting or indeed a positive comment about things that are happening in school then she will be happy to talk to you. We are hoping to have more governors making themselves available on other days as well in the near future.

PTA – The PTA held their AGM on Monday after school and unfortunately, only four parents (including two members of the current PTA) attended. The rest of the people there were from the school staff. We failed to establish a new committee, as we did not have enough volunteers to be the office holders or members of the committee. There will be a letter sent out in the near future to consider the future of the PTA both in the short term and in the long term.

Whilst the future of the PTA is in doubt, the funds that they have already committed towards the new audio system in the Old Hall will still be released so that the children can benefit from the funds raised by the PTA in the past year.

Head lice – We have had a number of cases of head lice in the past week or so and texts have been sent home regarding this. A number of parents have asked me to explain the school's stance on head lice.

In the dim and distant past the School Nurse came into Primary schools to check hair and if lice were found then children were sent home. Those days are long gone. More recently, the advice is that children should not be sent home for having head lice but that all parents of children in the class should be informed so that their children can be checked and steps taken.

The only way to be rid of head lice is for everyone to act. If just one child is not treated, then the whole cycle can repeat.

There is no direct correlation between dirty hair and head lice. In fact, it has been said that head lice prefer clean hair. There are a number of ways of treating lice. The first one is to use treatments that can be bought at the local pharmacist. These can be expensive and sometimes they can be less effective than others. It is commonly thought that the more we use such treatments the less useful they are. The second and more effective way of treating head lice is to use conditioner and a fine nit comb. This is time consuming and you have to make sure that you systematically cover all of the hair but is often seen as the most effective.

Please help us to eradicate head lice by working together and checking your child's hair on a regular basis.

Kaleidoscope Worships

St Wilfrid's are running what they call Kaleidoscope services at church on the second Sunday in each month at 11.00am. All families are welcome to come along to St Wilfrid's for these services. They have a family feel and there are drinks shared half way through the service. I hope that you can find the time to try one of these services out with the whole family. I have included the dates of these services in the diary dates below.

Awards

Winners of the class award were Badgers and Seahorses in the Infants and Leopards and Owls in the Juniors. Well done also to Westwood and Cavendish houses who have won the house cup since the last newsletter.

Class	Scargill Star winners – 7/9/18		Scargill Star winners – 14/9/18	
Dolphins	Ruby	Harry	George	Sophie
Seahorses	Blake	Noah	Tallulah-Belle	Iris
Deer	Ben	Archie	Annaleise	Ruby
Badgers	Charlie	Melissa	Millie	Theodore
Rabbits	Macy	Bethany	Alfie	Lily
Hedgehogs	Nieve	Ben	Freya	Matthew
Lions	Ellie	Joshua	Emilia	Thomas
Tigers	Callum	Taylor	Archer	Millie
Panthers	Kyran	Hollie-Ann	Logan	Rory
Leopards	Feighlan	Georgie	Lucie	Kyron
Eagles	Lewis	Tallulah	Daniel	Amelie
Owls	Evie	Joshua	Louis	Thea
Flamingos	Isabelle	Joe	Lillia	Kian
Merlins	Carliah	Harry	Ella	Daniel

Class	Scargill Star winners – 21/9/18		Scargill Star winners – 28/9/18	
Dolphins	Oscar	Lara	Ivy	Charles
Seahorses	Lila	Leo	Sofia	Noah
Deer	Kai	Jake	Isabella	Emilio
Badgers	Amelie	Zach	James	Nellie
Rabbits	Calvin	Teddy	James	Amelie
Hedgehogs	Fraser	Grace	Joshua	Brooke
Lions	Leo	Ella	Alex	Reuben
Tigers	Jessica	Joseph	Mason	Harley
Panthers	Ashton	Tyler	Ethan	Jodie
Leopards	Eleanor	Edward	Finn	Hallie
Eagles	Alfie	William	Hannah	Callum
Owls	Thomas	Isabelle	Sophie	Joseph
Flamingos	Millie-May	Bailey	Holly	Hugh
Merlins	Baileigh	Jayden	Miranda	Harley

Diary Dates 2018/19 academic year

2018-2019	INSET DAYS
Monday 3 rd September 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018	
Monday 5 th November 2018 – Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 19 th November 2018
Monday 7 th January 2019 – Friday 15 th February 2019	
Monday 25 th February 2019 – Friday 12 th April 2019	
Monday 29 th April 2019 – Friday 24 th May 2019	
Monday 3 rd June 2019 – Monday 22 nd July 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019 Friday 28 th June 2019 Monday 22 nd July 2019

Date	Event
3/10/18	OPEN MORNING (EYFS and Pre School)
8/10/18	Harvest Festivals (9.00 and 10.00)
14/10/18	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
19/10/18	PTA fashion show
22/10/18	PARENTS EVENING
23/10/18	Owl class worship 9.15am
25/10/18	PARENTS EVENING
26/10/18	School Closes
5/11/18	School Opens
5/11/18	Y3/4 Open centre visitors into school re Diwali workshop
9/11/18	PTA discos
11/11/18	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
19/11/18	INSET day
29/11/18	Merlin class worship 9.15am
9/12/18	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
10/12/18	Y2 production AM

11/12/18	Y2 production AM
12/12/18	Y1 production AM
13/12/18	Y1 production AM
14/12/18	DATA SHEETS out to parents
18/12/18	EYFS Christmas production AM
19/12/18	EYFS Christmas production PM
20/12/18	Tiger class worship 9.15am
21/12/18	School Closes
7/1/19	School Opens
13/1/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
23/1/19	OPEN MORNING Y1-6 AM
30/1/19	EYFS class worship 9.15am
4/2/19	PARENTS EVENING
6/2/19	Eagle class worship 9.15am
7/2/19	PARENTS EVENING
10/2/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
10/3/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
13/2/19	Badger class worship 9.15am
15/2/19	School Closes
25/2/19	School opens
21/3/19	Deer class worship 9.15am
27/3/19	Leopard class worship 9.15am
28/3/19	Y3/4 production PM
29/3/19	Y3/4 production AM
3/4/19	Flamingo class worship 9.15am
5/4/19	Data sheets out to parents
8-12/4/19	Y4 trips to Edale
8/4/19	Y1 trip to Butterley
9/4/19	Y2 trip to Butterley
12/4/19	School closes
14/4/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am

29/4/19	School opens
6/5/19	MAY DAY
12/5/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
13-16/5/19	KS2 SATs
24/5/19	School closes
3/6/19	INSET Day
3-7/6/19	IOW week (NB leaving on INSET day)
4/6/19	School opens
6/6/19	Panther class worship 9.15am
9/6/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
10/6/19	HOSPITALITY WEEK
17/6/19	EYFS Sports day
18/6/19	Y1/2 Sports day
19/6/19	Y3/4 Sports day
20/6/19	Y5/6 Sports day
20-21/6/19	Y2 trip to LEA GREEN
24/6/19	EYFS Sports Day reserve
25/6/19	Y1/2 Sports Day reserve
26/6/19	Y3/4 Sports Day reserve
27/6/19	Y5/6 Sports Day reserve
27/6/19	Hedgehog class worship 9.15am
28/6/19	INSET Day
4/7/19	Arts Day
4/7/19	Lion class worship 9.15am
11/7/19	Reports out to Parents
11/7/19	Rabbit class worship 9.15am
14/7/19	Kaleidoscope Service at St Wilfrid's at 11.00am
15/7/19	Parent Drop in 3.30-5.30
17/7/19	Y5/6 Production
19/7/19	Leavers worship 9.30am
19/7/19	School closes

22/7/19	INSET day
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NB Following a request from parents any changes to previous diary dates sheets will be highlighted in green