



NEWSLETTER 11

12th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year! – The academic year 2016-17 will be one that lives long in the memory for all of us who are linked with Scargill. We have lived through momentous decisions for the school – becoming an academy (the latest date looks like September 2017) and having a pre-school on site (we hope the Village pre school will move to Scargill in 2018). We have endured an unbelievable OFSTED experience where a report was given out, recalled and the school was ultimately re-inspected. This is a very rare occurrence - Ofsted very seldom admit to making a mistake – and although we didn't feel the ultimate outcome of the inspection was correct, it was still amazing!

Those months following Ofsted were certainly difficult for everyone. However, the year is ending on more of a high. As you will know by now, our recent Church schools' inspection assessed us as Outstanding and this pleased everyone within the Scargill Family. On top of that, we had confirmation of funding for a number of building jobs including preparation of the building for the pre-school and new toilet provision in the Junior department.

If that wasn't all, we have had more good news about the results – all of our main outcomes are 'up' from last year (more formation later in the newsletter).

So, all in all, a very eventful year but as we look back, solely in terms of outcomes, the only regret I have is that we didn't get the 'good' outcome in our Ofsted inspection that the school deserved. It is always good to have something to aim for!

I would like to pay tribute to all the members of the Scargill Family this year. To the children who have worked hard and produced some great results. To the staff who have kept going through the most trying of circumstances. To the governors who have been really supportive through the year and to the parents who showed unbelievable levels of support when things were tough. I am truly proud to be a member of our #ScargillFamily.

Readathon – Some people have been asking about whether the new books have been purchased yet. The short answer is ... no not yet. The longer

answer is that it was decided that, as the library was going to be moved and books would be sorted that this should be done first and then the new books can be put into our new library in the New Year. The Literacy co-ordinators are looking forward to choosing and buying the new reading books and library books.

Scargill Citizen award – I am pleased to note that we have seen the first winners of our Bronze award getting their certificates in recent weeks. The children have been trying really hard to earn their Scargill Citizenship values and we have many more children who are close to earning the award.

I am happy that the trial of the award has worked really well during this term and we will roll it out properly in September. Everyone will start with a clean sheet and hopefully, at this time next year, I will be reporting on the first gold and even platinum winners!

Residentials – All residentials have now been completed for the year and I was thrilled to see so many positive tweets from all the trips – the children all seemed to have a really good time. My thanks go to all the staff who have given up their own time to organise and go on the trips – without their dedication it would be impossible to run them.

New staff – It is lovely for us to welcome back two valuable members of staff in Mrs Hanson and Miss Marshall-Clarke. They will be working as a job share with Y2 pupils next year. With their return, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Hartstone and Miss Keenen and we wish them every success in their new ventures. Also leaving us at the end of this term is Mr Hutchinson who is moving to a new job in Derby.

I'm sure that most of you will be aware that Mrs Bown will be going on maternity leave in September and her class will be taught by Miss Smith who will be joining Flamingo class from the start of the new school year.

Assessments

I thought that I would take the opportunity to give you a few headlines of the successes that we had in terms of assessments:

EYFS – The percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) this year is 82%. This compares with 77% last year for the school and 69% last year national average. Overall a very successful group. Well done!

Phonics – Our results for Y1 have climbed again from 80% last year to 82% this year. This compares with last year’s national average of 81%. This shows continued progress for our Y1 children. This year is the first time that all children (100%) have passed their screening check by the end of Y2. I am really pleased with this wonderful achievement.

KS1 SATs – These results are very pleasing and show that we are well ahead of last year’s National Average in most areas.

KS1 SATS	Expected standard and above			Working at greater depth		
	Scargill 2016	Scargill 2017	NA 2016	Scargill 2016	Scargill 2017	NA 2016
Reading	73	80	74	39	34	24
Writing	73	78	65	39	23	13
Maths	75	80	73	41	27	18
Science	64	88	82			

KS2 SATs – These results are a big step forward in most areas from last year and compare well to the national average from last year.

KS12SATs	Expected standard and above			Working at greater depth		
	Scargill 2016	Scargill 2017	NA 2016	Scargill 2016	Scargill 2017	NA 2016
Reading	67	73	66	30	27	19
Writing	77	73	74	33	29	15
SPAG	56	77	73	19	17	23
Maths	60	71	70	32	21	17

Overall, I am really pleased with the progress made by all groups through the school and following our somewhat eventful year – these are results that we can both build on next year and be proud of now!

Derby visit

Our Year 5 children went on their annual school trip to the Open Centre in Derby this week. This was part of our RE curriculum and the trip's aim was to promote understanding between different communities by celebrating and raising awareness of their faith and cultural heritage.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their day learning about and developing a greater understanding of different world faiths. During visits to a Mosque, Mandir and Gurdwara, the children were able to ask questions about the religions of Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism and they showed respect to all our different hosts from the Open Centre. They really were a credit to our school. The children especially enjoyed trying some spicy food in the Sikh Gurdwara and they had great fun in the afternoon session creating some block painting designs; some of which are already on display in school.

Here are some of the children's thoughts on the day...

"It was really fun and you got to learn a lot of different things from different people" **Madison, Year 5.**

"I really enjoyed it. There were lots of interesting facts. I especially liked when we saw all the arrows and swords in the Sikh Gurdwara. It was really inspirational" **Charlie, Year 5**

"My favourite place of worship was the Hindu Temple because of all the colours and statues" **Eirene, Year 5**

"It was really inspirational and educational. I really enjoyed tasting the food because it was really spicy" **Dalton, Year 5**

"It was really good because we got to know how to communicate with each other in different ways" **Archie, Year 5**

"A good day- packed with fun and excitement!" **Caitlyn, Year 5**

"The Mosque was very interesting because I felt that I learned a lot in there and now I know more about the origins of the religion." **Imogen, Year 5**

"It was an amazing trip. The carpets were beautiful in the Mosque. The food was good and I enjoyed learning more about different religions." **Abigail, Year**

Governor Corner

At our meeting this week, the Governors discussed our recent church schools' inspection report, which we were delighted with, and would like to thank the staff, pupils and parents for their hard work over the last year. It was wonderful to hear that our school is rated outstanding in its distinctiveness and effectiveness as a church school. We will be working closely on the two areas that were highlighted for us to improve – for governors to embed monitoring of RE and increase the number of visits to and visitors from other faiths to school.

The report came out around the time when the Y5s went on their annual trip to the Open Centre in Derby. However, the governors were sad to hear that only 20 out of 42 from the year group went on the trip. We understand that some parents felt uneasy about sending their child on the trip due to recent world events. At Scargill, we promote the values of respect and tolerance of others, we want our children to learn about other faiths and play an active part in our multicultural society. As pointed out in the church schools' report, it is important that we continue to arrange these visits to learn more about other faiths as well as classroom-based activities. We hope and anticipate that next year and for following years that there will be a better political climate and that everyone will go on the trip.

At the meeting, the Governors were also pleased to see that there have been improvements in the children's end of year results – thanks again to all the hard work of our pupils and staff and thank you to the parents for supporting your children's learning. We also discussed some of the building works that will be taking place to ensure that the Village Pre School will have the best set up for when they move into school.

Kate Rennison – Parent Governor

West Hallam Village Show 2017

The Village Show this year will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd September. It would be fantastic to see more entries from Scargill pupils in the Children's classes this summer.

EYFS pupils can decorate a paper plate on the theme of "butterflies". The challenge for years 1 to 3 is to produce a decorated mask. For both of these

there are templates on the show website: www.westhallamvillageshow.com alongside details of how to enter and an entry form. Alternatively you can use your own design. Years 4 to 6 are invited to make a "junk spaceship" from recycled materials no bigger than 18" x 18" x 12" (45 x 45 x 30cms).

Good luck everyone!

The Village Show organisers

Awards

Winners of the class award were Dolphins, Hedgehogs and Rabbits in the Infants and Merlins, Tigers, Owls and Panthers in the Juniors. Well done also to Royce, Cavendish and Nightingale house who won the house cup since the last newsletter.

Class	Scargill Star winners – 19/5/17		Scargill Star winners – 16/6/17		Scargill Star winners – 29/6/17	
	Dolphins			George	Kaci	Matilda
Seahorses	Ethan			Oliver	Samuel	Amelia
Deer	Thomas	Ellie	Evie	Lawrence	Lilly	Mason
Badgers	Joyce	Caitlan	Isla	Harry	Reuben	Charlie
Squirrels	Imogen	Bradley	Lois-Skye	Thomas	Isabelle	Emily-Jayne
Rabbits	Bethany	Alfie			Edward	Libby-Jayne
Hedgehogs	Isaac	Jack			Saffiya-Holly	Leo
Panthers	Jayden	Lydia	Chloe	Regan	Joseph	Joe
Tigers	Thea	Isabelle	Ewan, Lydia	Harry	Holly	William
Rhinos	Max	Millie	Joshua	Archie	Henry	Ella
Lions	Toby	Blake	Ben	Isabelle	Joshua	Lewis
Owls	Lucy	Matthew	Alicia	Samuel	Charlie	Charles
Flamingos	Charlie	Olivia	Daniel	Joe	Felix	John
Merlins	Oliver	Maddison	Oscar	Georgia	Taylor	Edward

Stevens Award Winners – May 2017	
Class	
Dolphins	Harvey
Seahorses	Phoebe
Deer	Luke
Badgers	Charlotte
Squirrels	Jacob
Rabbits	Jenson
Hedgehogs	Louisa
Panthers	Kian
Tigers	Warren
Rhinos	Evie
Lions	Brooke
Owls	Ava
Flamingos	Caitlyn
Merlins	Alex

Diary Dates 2016/17 academic year

2016/17	INSET DAYS
Monday 5 June 2017 – Friday 21 July 2017	
2017/18	INSET DAYS
Monday 4 September 2017 – Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 4 September 2017
Monday 30 October 2017 – Tuesday 19th December 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
Tuesday 2 January 2018 – Friday 16 February 2018	Tuesday 2 January 2018
Monday 26 February 2018 – Friday 23 March 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Monday 9 April 2018 – Friday 25 May 2018	Friday 29 June 2018
Monday 4 June 2018 – Friday 20 July 2018	

DATE	EVENT
13/7/17	Reports out
13/7/17	EYFS Induction evening for parents 6.30pm
14/7/17	PTA Summer Fayre
17/7/17	Parent Drop-in evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
18/7/17	EYFS Graduation (morning)
19/7/17	Y5 to Kirk Hallam for Taster Day
19/7/17	Y5/6 Production (date and time to be confirmed)
21/7/17	Leavers worship (9.30am at St Wilfrid's)
21/7/17	School Closes
4/9/17	INSET DAY
5/9/17	School Opens
NB Following a request from parents any changes to previous diary dates sheets will be highlighted in green	