



NEWSLETTER 1

4th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new members of our #ScargillFamily to a new school year. It was great to see so many smiling faces on the way to school this morning and I hope that this continues through the year.

We welcome several new staff members this year as well. Mrs Benn has joined the Y6 teaching team and will work alongside Mrs Bown in Flamingo class. Miss West has joined the Y4 teaching team and will teach in Leopard class. Mrs Price will work as a TA within the Y3/4 team and she will be joining us next week. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them every success in their time with us at Scargill.

I would also like to report that the governors have appointed Mrs Chisholm to the post of Assistant Headteacher. Her role will be to look after our EYFS department and to liaise closely with the pre school.

There are a few things to inform you about at the beginning of the year and I would ask you to read through them carefully so that you know what is happening at school.

School Improvement Plan

Each year, we seek to improve how we perform as a school and to this end, we write a school improvement plan (SIP). This plan takes three or four main areas where we are seeking to improve but they are by no means the only areas for improvement. All of the other things that we are doing alongside the SIP can be found in our whole school Teaching and Learning Action Plan (TLAP) and this is made up of lots of action plans from different subject co-ordinators as well as from suggestions from external bodies that come and assess our performance.

This year, our SIP is made up of four objectives:

1. To raise standards in the end of year KS2 assessments and to quality assure the Teacher Assessments across the whole school.

2. To improve consistency in behaviour, our approach to school policies and procedures and to further raise the expectations we have for all pupils.
3. To improve relationships between all stakeholders but particularly in terms of improving communication with parents.
4. To ensure that all action points in the whole school TLAP are addressed, implemented and the impact assessed.

In future newsletters, I will address these aspects at some point and let you know some of the progress that has been made.

Start and End of the Day Procedures

There are no real changes to what was happening last year but I wish to reinforce several points:

1. Children should come straight into class in the mornings. Parents who wish to see the teacher should try to do this at the end of the school day. In the mornings, it can be difficult to speak to parents whilst dealing with a full class so please only try to talk to teachers in the morning in exceptional circumstances.
2. After school, the school field and play equipment will be out of bounds and we ask for pupils who are walking home on their own to leave the site promptly. Mr Hunt will be locking the school gates as usual and his job is much easier if everyone leaves the site promptly.
3. Mr Poole, Mrs Hallsworth and Miss Clutterbuck will be out on the playground on Monday mornings and if you have any issues at all then please feel free to come and have a chat with us. There may be some days when one of these teachers may not be at school but if that is the case then the other two should be available.
4. The governors are keen to be available to talk to parents as well and they have suggested having a 'Governor@theGate' where one or two governors will be available to talk to any parent who wishes to speak to them. They are still ironing out the final details of this initiative but I will let you know when it will start.
5. Finally can I remind all pupils that those who bring a scooter to school should not be scooting on the school playground as it is very busy at the

start and end of the day. I would appreciate it if you could remind your children about this.

Class Worships

In the next week or two teachers will be booking in dates for class worships through the year. As soon as they are set I will include them in our diary dates section of the newsletter and website.

This year we are hoping to expand the experience for those who attend. We hope that parents will be able to not only attend for the worship itself but also for a cup of tea or coffee as well as a short activity in the class afterwards to see what the children are working on. I would imagine that everything should be completed by 10.30am when the children go out to play.

You are welcome to stay for part or all of this new Class worship experience and I hope that it will be an enjoyable experience.

Open Days

We are having an Open Day again this year but after a request from staff and some parents we are going to do it in a slightly different way this year. In October, we will be having an Open Day specifically for those who are interested in applying for a place at Scargill in EYFS next year (September 2019). On the same day, the Pre-school will be having their open day as well. Then, later in the school year, we will have an Open morning for the rest of the school where current parents can come and see the school in operation. Dates for these events can be found in the diary dates below.

Secondary Admissions

I would like to remind you that the closing date for applying for a place for your child at secondary school is 31st October. All pupils in Y6 will be given a flyer which explains the process and I will tweet a copy of the leaflet as well. It is vital that all parents of Y6 children apply for a place at secondary school in a timely manner. If you apply late then your child will go to the end of the queue and they may not get their choice in terms of secondary school.

Reports

In order to improve communication with parents this year we are changing the way that reports are done this year. Instead of getting one longer report at the end of the year, parents will receive 3 shorter data sheets with the final one also containing a short comment about how the pupil has done during the year. These data sheets will be sent out at the end of each longer term and will contain information on assessments, progress towards targets, effort, attendance and behaviour.

This will fit in nicely with the current parent consultations and will mean that you should have specific information about how your child is progressing at least five times per year.

Term	Month	Communication
Term 1	October	Parent Consultation
Term 2	December	Data Sheet 1
Term 3	February	Parent Consultation
Term 4	April	Data Sheet 2
Term 5/6	July	Data Sheet 3/Drop in session

For those children on the SEND register there will be additional meetings with teachers to review individual education plans through the year

Diary Dates 2018/19 academic year

2018-2019	INSET DAYS
Monday 3 rd September 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018	Monday 3 rd September 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
4/9/18	School Opens
13/9/18	STEM event Y4
14/9/18	R Dahl day dress up Y3/4
24/9/18	PTA AGM at 3.30pm (film in a classroom for the kids)
25/9/18	Full Governor's meeting 6.00pm
26/9/18	Y3/4 European languages day (Dress up) Y3/4
3/10/18	OPEN MORNING (EYFS and Pre School)
8/10/18	Harvest Festivals (9.00 and 10.00)
19/10/18	PTA fashion show
22/10/18	PARENTS EVENING
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
19/11/18	INSET day

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
21/12/18	School Closes
7/1/19	School Opens
23/1/19	OPEN MORNING Y1-6 AM
4/2/19	PARENTS EVENING
7/2/19	PARENTS EVENING
15/2/19	School Closes
25/2/19	School opens
28/3/19	Y3/4 production PM
29/3/19	Y3/4 production AM
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
29/4/19	School opens
6/5/19	MAY DAY
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
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
28/6/19	INSET Day
4/7/19	Arts Day
11/7/19	Reports out to Parents
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

NB Following a request from parents any changes to previous diary dates sheets will be highlighted in green