



## NEWSLETTER 4

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's really hard to believe that we have once again arrived at December and Advent is just about to start meaning that we are well and truly on the countdown to Christmas. It will be lovely to see many of you in school over the next few weeks watching nativities, going to fayres and generally getting in a festive mood. I trust that whatever you are doing this Christmas that you will have a safe and enjoyable time.

### **Term time Holidays**

I have been asked on a number of occasions to explain to people what the school's policy on term time holiday is. In short, the school's policy is that we don't authorise any term time holiday (in line with the government's stance) because of the proved detrimental effect that such holidays have on the education of our pupils.

However, I am aware that there are some exceptional circumstances that mean that term time holiday has to be taken and, in these cases, the holiday is authorised. Our definition of exceptional circumstances can include, an absence that is related to a death or a wedding of a close family member. In some cases, these will involve travelling to and from the event and this will also be authorised. Other requests deemed exceptional could include a holiday that includes a father or mother who is currently a member of the armed forces or one related to a family member who is terminally ill.

Please note that any other term time holiday is unlikely to be authorised even if it is linked to an occupation where holidays are limited or have to be taken at certain times.

In some cases, where a term time holiday is not authorised, a penalty notice may also be issued which ultimately leads to parents being fined. Scargill governors have discussed this and feel that if the following three criteria are all met then a penalty notice will be issued.

1. The requested holiday is not the first unauthorised holiday for the pupil.
2. The requested holiday is longer than two school days.

3. The pupil's attendance is below the National average (to the nearest percentage point) of 96.0%. This attendance rate will be taken for the current academic year if the holiday is requested after Christmas. If the holiday is requested before Christmas, then the percentage will be taken for the whole of the previous academic year.

Please feel free to talk with Mrs Page in the office (or myself) about any of these points. I hope that this provides clarity into how we deal with such requests at Scargill.

### **Anti-Bullying week**

#### **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Update**

This term we have been getting new members for the anti-bullying team. Also we had an Anti-Bullying week throughout the school where we celebrated what makes us different and unique. During that week, we also did a worship for Key Stage 2 and the younger ones to explain who we are and what our roles are. If you have a walk around the school, you will see our Anti-Bullying display. This year at Scargill, we are going to create a rota of patrolling on both playgrounds.

Written by Max, Oliver & Emma – Y6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

### **Parking around school**

Over the recent past, we have been having a number of complaints about parking around school. This is particularly the case around the Hallam Way entrance to the school. Illegal parking can have a number of effects – from being annoying for our long-suffering neighbours to being very dangerous for our pupils. Please help us make the roads safer around school by parking both considerately and safely. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **MDS Vacancies**

Over the past few weeks, we have been working with two vacancies on our Midday Supervisor Team. We hope that in the next few weeks, we will be able to fill these vacancies but there are often occasions where we are looking for people to cover on a one-off or short-term basis. If you are interested in

helping by becoming one of our relief team members then please contact the office for further details.

### **School Dinners – Menu changes**

Staff in the school kitchen have asked us to make you aware of some changes to the menu for the first week back after Christmas due to difficulties with deliveries over the Christmas period. On Wednesday of the first week back, it will be a burger meal and on Thursday it will be a roast dinner. In addition, it should be noted that the choc & pear sponge will be substituted for cookies.

### **St Wilfrid's Christingle service**

You are invited to come to the annual Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's which will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 5.00pm. The collection candles have been sent out earlier this week and as always the charitable donations will be passed on to the Children's Society.

### **St Wilfrid's Toy Service**

This year the toy service will be held at church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. Gifts will be presented to the Arena Church for distribution over Christmas.

### **Awards**

Winners of the class award were Deer, and Hedgehogs in the Infants and Panther and Merlins in the Juniors. Well done also to Royce house who have won the house cup since the last newsletter.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Scargill Star winners – 10/11/17</b>		<b>Scargill Star winners – 17/11/17</b>	
Dolphins	Reece	Henry	James	Millie
Seahorses	Bodie	Joseph	Jack	Ruby
Deer	Jessica	Macy	Elloise	Ben
Badgers	William	Jessica	Maisie	Grace
Rabbits	Archer	Emilia	Ella	Jacob
Hedgehogs	Lois-Skye	Ellie	Sophia	Chloe

Panthers	Joshua	Tallulah	Tyler	Myla
Tigers	Millie	Eleanor	Daniel	Cristina
Rhinos	Kyran	David	William	Sonny
Lions	Hollie Ann	Regan	Zac	Lucas
Owls	Ewan	Ethan	Emily	Leo
Flamingos	Caitlyn	Jude	Maddison	Ben
Merlins	Holly	Baileigh	Harley	Eirene

<b>Class</b>	<b>Scargill Star winners – 24/11/17</b>	
Dolphins	Ben	Sidney
Seahorses	James	Maia
Deer	Samuel	George
Badgers	Cooper	Isla
Rabbits	Dexter	William
Hedgehogs	Harley	Kalma
Panthers	Amelia	Reggie
Tigers	Safiya	Lydia
Rhinos	Isabelle	Ethan
Lions	Jack	Chloe
Owls	Toby	Shane
Flamingos	Aaron	Kye
Merlins	Isabelle	Isobel

## Diary Dates 2017/18 academic year

<b>2017/18</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
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	

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
4/12/17	Non-Uniform day in exchange for something for the Christmas Fayre
6/12/17	Y1 Nativity AM
7/12/17	Y1 Nativity AM
7/12/17	Governors meeting 7.15pm
8/12/17	Christmas Fayre 5.30pm-7.30pm
13/12/17	EYFS Nativity AM
14/12/17	Rhino Class worship – 9.15am
14/12/17	EYFS Nativity PM
19/12/17	School Closes
2/1/18	INSET – School Closed
3/1/18	School Opens
8/1/18	Edale Parents evening – 6.00pm
18/1/18	Flamingo Class worship – 9.15am
24/1/17	Whole school INDIA day
25/1/18	EYFS Class worship – 9.15am
31/1/18	Rabbit Class worship – 9.15am
5/2/18	Governors meeting – 6.00pm
8/2/18	Badger Class worship – 9.15am
12/2/18	PARENTS EVENING
14/2/18	Valentine's Day discos
15/2/18	Tiger Class worship – 9.15am
15/2/18	PARENTS EVENING
16/2/18	School Closes
26/2/18	School Opens
2/3/18	Class photos
8/3/18	Deer Class worship – 9.15am

15/3/18	EYFS trip to National Forest Adventure Farm
15/3/18	Y3/4 Production PM
16/3/18	Y3/4 Production AM
20/3/18	Governors meeting – 7.15pm
2/3/18	Owl Class worship – 9.15am
19-23/3/18	Y4 trips to Edale
23/3/18	School Closes
9/4/18	School Opens
16/4/18	HOSPITALITY WEEK
7/5/18	May Day
14/5/18	KS2 SATs week
16/5/18	Governors Meeting 6.00pm
23/5/18	Y3/4 Cathedral singing event
24/5/18	Panther Class worship – 9.15am
25/5/18	School closes
4/6/18	INSET – school closed
5/6/18	School Opens
8/6/18	PTA Summer Fayre – 5.30pm- 7.30pm
11-15/6/18	IOW week for Y6
18/6/18	EYFS Sports Day
19/6/18	Y1/2 Sports Day
20/6/18	Y3/4 Sports Day
21/6/18	Y5/6 Sports Day
25/6/18	EYFS Sports Day – reserve date
25-26/6/18	Lea Green Trip for Y2
27/6/18	Y3/4 Sports Day – reserve date
28/6/18	Y5/6 Sports Day – reserve date
28/6/18	Hedgehog Class worship – 9.15am
29/6/18	INSET – School Closed
29/6/18	Y6 Leaver’s Disco
2/7/18	Lion Class worship – 2.45pm
2/7/18	Y1/2 Sports Day – reserve date
3/7/18	Y6 Transition Day – Kirk Hallam
4/7/18	Y6 Transition Day – Kirk Hallam
11/7/18	Y5/6 Production at Kirk Hallam 7.00pm – Change of date
12/7/18	Reports out
12/7/18	Governors meeting – 7.15pm
18/7/18	Y5/6 Production at Kirk Hallam 7.00pm
20/7/18	School Closes
NB Following a request from parents any changes to previous diary dates sheets will be highlighted in green	