



NEWSLETTER 5

11th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pre School – I would like to start our first newsletter of 2018 by extending a warm welcome to everyone connected to the West Hallam Village Pre-School as they have now opened for business. It is lovely to see our #ScargillFamily continuing to increase in size.

I would pay tribute to all staff, volunteers and friends of the Pre-School who have done so much to get the building ready for the opening. You all did a wonderful job. My hope is that this is a lasting relationship and that the Pre-School will be here at Scargill for many years to come. This can only benefit the children of West Hallam.

I was particularly touched by the bunting that was put up in the new building to celebrate the Pre-School's 50th birthday. This mirrors a similar idea for our own 350th birthday a couple of years ago. The seeds of an excellent working relationship have already been sown.

Fences – As part of our new Pre-School partnership you will have noticed the new fence that has been erected to establish a safe zone for picking up and dropping off Pre-School children at different times of the day. The inner gate is closed in the morning at around 9.00am in the same way that the Hallam Way gate used to be. This is to secure the site for the rest of the children. Please note that if your child is late and comes from that side then they should go round to the front of school and sign in as usual. They should not try to get in through the Pre-School entrance. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Text system – We are in the process of switching from one text provider to another. The new system is having a few teething problems getting started and we hope to have it up and running fully as soon as possible. However, in the short term you will find that we are going a little 'old school' and you may notice a few more flyers until we can get the text system back working properly. I apologise for any inconvenience and we hope that this will be done as soon as possible.

If we have another cold snap and you are unsure about whether school will be open or not then please check for an 'urgent' message that would flash up on the home page of the school website.

Hedgehog information - I wanted to provide parents of children in Hedgehog class with an update about the situation relating to Mrs Wilderspin's continued absence. Firstly, I am sure that you would join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and that we would soon see her back with us at Scargill. Until then, we continue to do our very best to provide as much continuity as possible so that the children can continue to make progress this year.

As you may well have already been told, I will be holding a short information meeting for parents of children in Hedgehog class at 3.00pm in the Old Hall on Friday 12th January. Please enter by the front door of school and the meeting will be over in time to collect the children from the playground at the end of school.

Dogs Around School

This week we had an incident where a dog was tied up outside school whilst its owner went to collect their child. Unfortunately, while going to stroke the dog one of our older children was bitten. Thankfully, the bite was not serious and the incident has been sorted amicably.

Please can I remind parents of three things:

- 1) Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time except in the case of guide dogs.
- 2) If your dog is brought to school then please make sure that you are considerate to others who may not be comfortable with dogs. Tie them up well away from any path and keep them under close control around other pupils.
- 3) Please remind all children that they should not approach or stroke any unfamiliar dogs.

If we remind children of these steps then our dogs get exercised and our children can remain safe. Thank you for your help in this matter.

India link – We are very keen to promote our India link and to this end a number of things are happening over the coming weeks. Mrs Wilderspin set up

this link when she visited our link school in Kolkata last year. I am lucky enough to be going to visit it this year and to this end will be away from school for six school days starting on 19th January.

While I am in Kolkata, I will hopefully be sending pictures and messages back to school and this will coincide with our India Day. I hope that the children will learn lots from the day and on my return we will be looking to begin a project where we can show our support for our link school and the other Cathedral Relief Schools in Kolkata in lots of different ways. We may be able to raise funds to support them, we can send messages and resources to them and hopefully we can make lots of new friends and connections in a completely different part of the world.

Look out for lots of messages via Twitter when I can get connected to WiFi.

Flamingo Class Worship – Please note in the diary dates below that the Flamingo class worship has changed date. It will now be held on 1st February. Parents of children in this class should already have received a flyer giving this information.

Awards

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

Class	Scargill Star winners – 1/12/17		Scargill Star winners – 8/12/17	
Dolphins	Ryder	Mila	Barney	Caitlan
Seahorses	Lewie	Alfie	Alfie	Connor
Deer	Noah	Joshua	Lily	Ellie
Badgers	Bethany	Lily	Finley	Kaci
Rabbits	Patsy	Eva	Bethany	Jessica
Hedgehogs	Alex	Lawrence	Henry	Thomas
Panthers	Harriet	William	George	Sam
Tigers	Eleanor	Honey	Keira	Hannah
Rhinos	Shelby	Evie	Harley	Freya
Lions	Priya	Georgie	Emily	Hallie
Owls	Ava	Dam	Hugh	Carliah

Flamingos	Ellsa	Charlie	Daniel	Max
Merlins	Max	Jayden	Kian	Tegan

Class	Scargill Star winners – 5/1/18		Stevens Award Dec 2017
Dolphins	Noah	Hollie	Reuben
Seahorses	Oliver	Una	Isabella
Deer	Honey-Rose	Elora	Brooke
Badgers	Aaliyah	Lilly	Isla
Rabbits	Joyce	Isla	Kai
Hedgehogs	Joseph	Millie	Mason
Panthers	Olly	Liberty-Mai	Amber
Tigers	Joanne	Toby	Joseph
Rhinos	Edward	Emilie	Ewan
Lions	Lily	Molly	Evie
Owls	Sophie	Joe	Phoebe
Flamingos	Archie	Warren	Isabelle
Merlins	Luke	Daisy	Olivia

Diary Dates 2017/18 academic year

2017/18	INSET DAYS
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
24/1/17	Whole school INDIA day
25/1/18	EYFS Class worship – 9.15am
31/1/18	Rabbit Class worship – 9.15am
1/2/18	Flamingo Class worship – 9.15am
5/2/18	Governors meeting – 6.00pm
8/2/18	Badger Class worship – 9.15am
8/2/18	Y3/4 WWII dress up day
12/2/18	PARENTS EVENING
13/2/18	Valentine's Day discos Note change of date
15/2/18	Tiger Class worship – 9.15am
15/2/18	PARENTS EVENING
16/2/18	Y1/2 super hero dress up day
16/2/18	School Closes
26/2/18	School Opens
2/3/18	Class photos
8/3/18	Deer Class worship – 9.15am
8/3/18	PTA Spring Fashion Event
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	Y3 Cathedral event (Panther and Tigers)
20/3/18	Governors meeting – 7.15pm
22/3/18	Y3 Cathedral event (Rhinos and Lions)
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

