



## NEWSLETTER 6

12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

A lot has happened since the last newsletter, both for me and for our extended Scargill Family. I had a fantastic, yet challenging time in Kolkata in January – but more later! Children and staff have been working really hard back at school and of course, Mr Redhead has become a father. Baby Max was born in January and we wish the whole Redhead family every success for the future.

**Staffing** – We are delighted to welcome Mrs Wilderspin back from her illness and we hope that she will settle back quickly into life at school. Her return will be a gradual one during her phased return and she will be back full time with us at some point around Easter time. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming her back – however – in order to make sure that she is not swamped as soon as she returns, I would ask that parents do not accompany their children into class in the mornings. If you do have any queries or concerns that can't be written in the communication books then please either contact myself or Miss Clutterbuck in the first instance or speak to the member of staff dismissing the children at the end of the school day. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Some reminders** – It has come to my attention that some adults are entering school at the pick-up time at the end of school and are using the children's toilets. Understandably, some of the children have complained and I totally understand the issue. Please be aware that only pupils should be using the children's toilets and any visitors to school (during the school day) should have signed in at the office.

If you do wish to talk to a teacher about an issue relating to your child then we continue to have an open door policy. However, please bear in mind that teachers are very busy at the start of the day making final preparations for the day. If possible, try to talk to the teachers at the end of the day unless it is a matter of some urgency.

**Owl Class Worship** – There has been some confusion regarding the date for Owl Class Worship. I can confirm that the correct date for your diary is Thursday 10 May 2018 at 9.15am.

**India Link** – I hope that you have been able to follow the blog entries from the India trip. If not they are still on the website for you to have a look at.

Next week, I am conducting some sessions with each department about life for the poorer children in Kolkata and how life for them is radically different from life in West Hallam. However, there are many similarities as well.

I visited our link school in Awami and will share lots of information regarding the link with the children during these sessions. Did you know that the majority of families of the children that attend Awami have an annual family salary of less than £18? This works out at about 5p per day. Everything is cheaper in Kolkata but even so feeding a family for this amount of money is impossible and this leads to lots of begging in the streets.

I was also on the lookout for a fundraising project that Scargill could get involved in. I really wanted a project that would have a lasting legacy for the children of Kolkata. I did find a project and it is certainly a real challenge.

**Mahamaya School Project** – Mahamaya is one of a group of thirteen villages situated about a two-hour drive outside of Kolkata. There are almost 6,000 people living in the villages and facilities are very poor. Life chances are also slim, with almost no children enrolling in the local government school because they have no basic education. Health is another major problem leading to life expectancy being lower than other surrounding areas.

A local charity made a proposal to construct a three storey building – one storey being the school, one a health centre and one a women's empowerment refuge to help give local women practical skills and basic literacy skills to help them better care for their families. The government in India sponsored the project and building started. However, soon after, the government changed, the funding ceased and work on the project ground to a halt. This left the bottom floor completed but without windows, doors or any finishing touches. The only truly completed area was an impressive toilet block.

Despite this, 350 children are being educated in the unfinished bottom floor each morning and in the afternoon; it turns into the women's empowerment centre for 450 women learning sewing, needlework and basic literacy skills.

The building really needs to be finished. It needs the two extra floors, the doors, windows, plaster and paint. All this could be completed for £14,000 – the price of a new mid-range car. If completed, the centre would have an even bigger impact on the lives of all 6,000 people in the surrounding villages, providing education, support for women and health care for all. For this amount, we can really make a difference both for the people who live near Mahamaya now but also for those who will live there in the years to come.

We have already had gifts amounting to £2,000 given towards the project and the Derby Diocese Board of Education has promised nearly £2,000. Therefore, our challenge is to raise £10,000 over the coming year to make a massive difference to the people of Mahamaya.

This year, we will concentrate all fund raising at Scargill towards this project and I hope that by this time next year we will be able to say that we have achieved our goal. If every child (400 on roll) at Scargill raised £25 then we would achieve our goal but I hope that with support from local industry, churches and other gifts then this amount will be even less.

**Fund Raising** - In order to get the ball rolling, I am proposing that for the second half of the school year we have a 'dress down Friday' where children can come in their own clothes each Friday between now and the end of the school year. For this, there will be a suggested fee of £10 per pupil or staff member. Some parents may choose to donate more and some less but all children can get involved whether they have contributed or not. I hope that everyone will be able to give generously to this amazing cause.

You can choose to give one donation up front or can donate a little each week. The choice is yours. If everyone (staff and pupils) donated £10 then this could see over £4,000 raised towards the final amount. We will collect this money after half term and the first 'dress down Friday' will be 2/3/18.

**Class Photos** – the date for class photos has changed from 2/3/18 to a week later on 9/3/18. This has landed on our second 'Dress Down Friday'. Therefore,

for that week only we will have a dress down Thursday and come in our school uniforms ready for the class photos on Friday.

## Awards

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

Class	Scargill Star winners – 12/1/18		Scargill Star winners – 19/1/18	
Dolphins	Albert	Archie	Louis	Eli
Seahorses	Joshua F	Joshua R	Lily	Cole
Deer	Amelia	Isaac	Jimmy	Nieve
Badgers	Eleanor	Paige	Harry	Evan
Rabbits	Charlie	Cian	Lacy	Sophie
Hedgehogs	Harley	Jayda	Lawrence	Charlotte
Panthers	Isla	Cruz	Thomas	Libby-Jayne
Tigers	Lexi	Katie	Finn	Niamh
Rhinos	Claudia	Lexi	Isabelle	Mally
Lions	Jenson	Evie	Joshua	Sophie
Owls	Ava	Mary	Sam	Lillia
Flamingos	Ella	Joel	Ella	Abigail
Merlins	Emma	Conor	Millie-May	Olivia

Class	Scargill Star winners – 26/1/18		Scargill Star winners – 2/2/18	
Dolphins	Henry	Ben	Melissa	Theo
Seahorses	Chrissy	Harvey-Lee	Noah	Kage
Deer	Calvin	Macy	Millie	George
Badgers	Fraser	Matthew	Amelie	Grace
Rabbits	George	Thomas	Ella	Lukus
Hedgehogs	Evie	Percy	Jenson	Chloe
Panthers	Jodie	Kizzie	Jacob	Joshua
Tigers	Louis	Cristina	Kyron	Leo
Rhinos	Kyron	Lucie	Isabelle	Oliver
Lions	Bethany	Lydia	Ollie	Ashton
Owls	Emily	Alyssa	Carliah	Joshua
Flamingos	Ewan	Madison DS	Jude	John
Merlins	Lochlann	Lewis	Jack	Faye

<b>Class</b>	<b>Scargill Star winners – 9/2/18</b>	
Dolphins	Amelie	Jake
Seahorses	Archie	Ruby
Deer	Lily	Ellie
Badgers	Finley	Eleanor
Rabbits	Ellie	Floryn
Hedgehogs	Thomas	Evie
Panthers	Lucy	Lydia
Tigers	Lydia	Thomas
Rhinos	Henry	Evie
Lions	Rosie	Regan
Owls	Ava	George
Flamingos	Archie	Max
Merlins	Ella	Bailey

## 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
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
8/3/18	Deer Class worship – 9.15am
8/3/18	PTA Spring Fashion Event
9/3/18	Class photos – note change of date
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)
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
10/5/18	Owl Class Worship – 9.15am
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

