



## NEWSLETTER 8

18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

At this point in the year, we are both looking back at what has been accomplished so far but also looking ahead to see what next year has in store. Part of this process is thinking about what the class structure will be for next year. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April was 'Offer Day' and we hear how many pupils have been offered a place in our Reception classes next year.

This year we have currently had 62 pupils who have been offered a place to become new members of our Scargill Family. With only 41 Y6 pupils moving on this will mean that Scargill will have about 420 pupils come September 2018. This is as big as it has been in some years and is an increase of 90 pupils from only five years ago.

Bigger numbers bring with them bigger challenges regarding class structure but because we have not got any very small year groups then the bigger numbers can also offer stability for class structure for a number of years.

**Looking ahead – Class Structure for next year** – With this in mind, I am pleased to inform you that for the first time in a good number of years we will be able to offer single cohort classes throughout the whole school. If numbers remain stable then this looks like a sustainable model for the future.

This will mean that we will have 14 classes and hence will be employing another teacher for this new class.

In practical terms, this means that your children will have only two choices for classes for this year. As always, we will endeavour to ensure that children get placed in classes where they will be able to work hard and achieve well. We will try to make sure that they have a friend with them but most of all that they have children who will be able to work together to achieve well. As always, I am asking for your help in this task. If you have any strong feelings about who your child works well with or indeed struggles to work with, then this is your opportunity to let me know about it. I can't promise that we will be able to accommodate all requests, but I can promise that all will be considered by the senior management team as we sort classes.

In some cases, where classes have worked well and they are already divided into two groups, then I may decide to keep the classes as they are in order to avoid disruption and ensure continuity. Where the classes have not proved to be a good mix, then these can be re-sorted.

I would ask that you let me have your request either by email or by letter addressed to the headteacher. The closing date for this information this year will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Uniform** – I am pleased with the way that all classes have embraced the non-negotiables since the Easter holiday and I have noticed a real upturn in how children respond to adults and how they move around school.

One of the non-negotiables is that children are ready for school wearing their school uniform and when having a PE lesson are fully ready for this as well. There has not been a consequence given out for this particular non-negotiable as it is largely out of the control of the pupil but I would request that parents help all pupils to be ready for school in terms of both uniform and PE kit.

Please see below the extract from our school brochure which states our policy on uniform and as always if you need to talk to me about anything further then please don't hesitate to do so.

### **School Uniform (extract from school brochure)**

*The Governors and staff expect all children to wear our school uniform. It looks smart, provides a sense of belonging, is very practical, and is not expensive.*

*School Uniform may be purchased from **www.YourSchoolUniform.com** website. This website stocks school logo items.*

*Alternatively, you can purchase uniform from any chain store or Hamiltons in Ilkeston.*

*Here is our daily uniform*

- *Grey skirt/pinafore dress, trousers or formal shorts.*
- *Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt.*
- *White polo shirt preferred for Foundation children, Shirts or blouses can be worn as children get older and can confidently cope with all buttons.*
- *Blue gingham dress for summer.*

- *Black shoes from September to Easter*
- *BLACK trainers can be worn but only from Easter to July. No open-toed sandals. No boots to be worn in class.*

*Please note, shoes and not trainers or boots should be worn by the children*

### ***P.E. Clothing***

*For reasons of Health and Safety the children change for P.E., and we would be pleased if you could ensure your child is provided with a 'draw string' bag and the following equipment:-*

- *Plimsolls of the slip-on type are preferable for young children.*
- *Socks are needed for P.E. if tights are worn during the day.*
- *Shorts without a belt or buckle or netball skirts can be worn.*
- *Children should have a white Tshirt to change into for P.E. lessons.*

*Trainers are not suitable for indoor work for safety reasons. For outdoor work trainers must be worn, and tracksuit trousers will be useful in the winter time.*

*It is essential that all PE clothes are named.*

### ***Jewellery***

*It is not necessary to wear jewellery to school, apart from religious reasons.*

*If a child has pierced ears they must only wear studs. Looped ear-rings are not acceptable as they are considered unsafe, particularly at break times and during technology lessons. Studs must be removed by the child for PE lessons, in line with LA Health and Safety Regulations. If the child is unable to remove them her/himself, then they must not be worn on days when PE lessons, including swimming, take place. If your child is getting their ears pierced, please arrange for this to be done at the start of the summer holiday to reduce the chance of not being able to participate in PE sessions. Please ask at the office for our full policy.*

*In order to keep things simple for everyone here is a list of forbidden items!*

- *Toys*
- *Jewellery*
- *nail varnish*

- *make up*
- *mobile phones*
- *sweets*
- *extreme haircuts*

**Cathedral event** – As part of our membership of DDAT (Derby Diocese Academy Trust) we are coming together to meet with other member schools to have a celebration service at Derby cathedral. All the children from Y4 are going to represent the school in a service that will be filled with drama (from the Footsteps Drama Group) and music (from all of the children).

Initially we had been told that all children in Y3/4 could attend but this had to be changed because the number of children from all schools became too high. I am sure that the Y4 children who do go representing Scargill will have a wonderful time. This event is due to take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

**India update** – I am delighted to be able to report that we have just sent a cheque for £4,000 to the Cathedral Relief Services for Kolkata and that this will allow building work to recommence on the Mahamaya school. This will go alongside the money raised already by the Derby Diocese Board of Education, meaning that we will have in the region of £6,000 already raised for this amazing project. I would like to thank everyone who has helped so far. Our next step is to challenge the children to have some sort of sponsored event to continue our fund raising challenge. Each department will be doing something different and over the coming weeks children will take home information about this.

**Pupil Premium Funding** – You will recently have received (or are about to receive) a letter regarding eligibility for pupil premium funding. Derbyshire have changed the way this is assessed. It used to be that if you qualified for Free School Meals then this would automatically trigger the funding but this was up to parents to come forward with this information and in the past many have been missed.

Now it is going to be linked to Universal Credit and pupil premium funding eligibility will be automatically checked for by the Local Authority. This is done by an automated system linked to HMRC and in order that the Local Authority can access this information then they need to collect the information that is on the form. Please help us by filling them in and returning them as soon as possible. The Local Authority have asked us to assure you that the data provided will only be used for this specific purpose.

## Awards

Winners of the class award were Rabbit class in the Infants and Panther class in the Juniors. Well done also to Westwood house who have won the house cup since the last newsletter.

Class	Scargill Star winners – 16/3/18		Scargill Star winners – 13/4/18	
	Dolphins			Nellie
Seahorses	Harvey-Lee			Joshua
Deer	Phoebe	Elloise	Joshua	Jimmy
Badgers	Kaci	William	Finlay	Bethany
Rabbits	Brandon	Patsy	William	Matilda
Hedgehogs	Luke	Jude	Charlie	Evelyn
Panthers	April	Thomas	Amelie	Libby-Jayne
Tigers	Harvey	Lily	Farren	Scarlett
Rhinos	Shelby	Isabella	Oliver	Ethan
Lions	Liam	Emily	Evie	Logan
Owls	George	Lucy	Sian	Ava
Flamingos	Arthur	Imogen	Joel	Georgia
Merlins	Eirene	Olivia	Josh	Miranda

Class	Stevens Award March 2018
Dolphins	Barnaby
Seahorses	Maia
Deer	Ellie
Badgers	Maisie
Rabbits	Emi
Hedgehogs	Leo
Panthers	Jodie
Tigers	Olivia
Rhinos	Edward
Lions	Liam
Owls	Jacob
Flamingos	Ewan
Merlins	Isabelle

## Diary Dates 2017/18 academic year

2017/18	INSET DAYS
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
16/4/18	HOSPITALITY WEEK
16/4/18	Lea Green meeting 6.00pm
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
24/5/18	KS1 Food Day
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
10/7/18	Y5/6 Production at Kirk Hallam 7.00pm (please note change of date)
12/7/18	Reports out

12/7/18	Governors meeting – 7.15pm
16/7/18	Open Evening for Parents 3.30pm to 5.30pm
20/7/18	School Closes

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