



**Scargill Church of England
Primary School
Newsletter
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth**

**June
2021**

Welcome Back to the Summer
Term



It seems hard to believe that we are in the final half term of the school year. It's certainly been a year like no other! We are so incredibly proud of our wonderful Scargill Family. Our children continue to show great positive learning attitudes and determination to achieve their best. We thank parents for their understanding and support throughout this turbulent year.

We have been busy planning events such as Sports Days, transition days, an open evening and a Y6 production and Leavers' Service. We were hopeful that restrictions would have been lifted from 21st June which would have allowed us to invite parents into school for some of these special events. However, following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday, schools have been told by the Department for Education (DFE), 'Please keep your current protective measures in place until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the roadmap. These measures in education settings will remain in place to help reduce transmission of the virus.'

Unfortunately, this means no change to our Covid-19 risk assessment and we continue with year group bubbles, staggered starts/pick-ups, enhanced cleaning, additional handwashing, one adult and mask wearing for parents when drop off/collect please.

Sports Days will still go ahead week commencing 5th July but sadly without parents cheering the children on - I know that there will be plenty of encouragement and cheering from peers and the staff though! Children will meet their new teacher on Thursday 1st July and spend part of the morning with them.

Y6 children's transition activities – There is a little uncertainty about how/if these will go ahead as planned. Secondary schools will contact parents about this if they need to. Unfortunately, the plan of holding an outdoor performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream can no longer go ahead. However, we will film the performance so parents will still be able to see it. Information about permissions for filming will be sent home shortly. We remain hopeful that Y6 parents will be able to join us for an outdoor Leaver's Service on the morning of Thursday 22nd July.

End of year reports will be brought home on Monday 12th July. Our intention was to have an Open Evening on Thursday 15th July but this will now be replaced with the opportunity to discuss your child's report (if you wish) via a phone call. Details of how to request this will be sent home with your child's report.

We realise how much you were looking forward to the easing of restrictions. We were looking forward to that too! Our Scargill community has showed impeccable courage, strength and positivity throughout this whole pandemic so please keep that going. We are almost there!

Staffing News

We have appointed three teachers - Miss Gavagan, Mr Keene and Miss Rudd. We have also appointed three Teaching Assistants - Miss Dexter, Mrs Rowles & Miss Speller. We are delighted to welcome them all to the Scargill staff team from September.

Reception parents - As you know, Mrs Chisholm returned to school shortly before the half-term break. Unfortunately, she is absent again. Mr Askew is back with us again supported by Mrs Brown and Mrs Claypole. Can you please use Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk rather than the EYFS Department email at this time please.

We are still in need of Midday Supervisors for September. It's an ideal job if you're still wanting to do the school drop off and pick up as your working hours are in the middle of the day. It's also a great way into seeking other roles in school. Two of our previous MDS have now started TA Apprenticeships with us. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Rhodes in our school office. The closing date for MDS applications is 20th June 2021.

Hospitality Week

Monday 14th June- Friday 18th June 2021

Every year here at Scargill, we set some time aside during a specific week to focus on being hospitable towards one another and our community. We focus on the Scargill Citizen Values of being Kind, Welcoming and Respectful to all. This year our children will be learning about the concept of hospitality through their RE lessons. Our Reception and KS1 children will be working on a unit called *What would Jesus do?* And our KS2 children will be working on a unit called *What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace, and Ummah (community)?* We have chosen these specific units as they each have a hospitality theme running through them. The children will also be recording themselves doing a mini class worship, so they can share with the rest of the school what they have been learning about. The teachers have lots of exciting activities planned for the children during the week- so keep an eye out on our Twitter feed to see what they have been up to.

COVID Positive results

Notifying us of COVID-19 pupil cases – please continue to use info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk to keep us informed about positive cases. If we are informed of cases, it may be that we need to ask children and staff to isolate. If this is the case, we will send a text link to letters on our website.

Please read the text carefully as this will tell you if your child needs to isolate using their name to avoid confusions with siblings. All pupils and staff have to be notified when there is a positive case in school even if there is no further action you need to take. So please read the texts and the letters carefully. If a child or anyone in your household develops Covid symptoms please ensure you book a PCR test not take a LFT. If you are at all unsure, please contact us and we can advise you.



NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme

Next week, children across school will be watching a special worship provided by the NSPCC. The theme of this is Speak Out. Stay Safe. This is a safeguarding programme used by schools across the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Please do take the time to read more details about this in the parent/carer letter which can be found here on our website <https://bit.ly/2S2smP8>

PCSO Visit

Parents collecting their children from school on Tuesday will have spotted that two of our local Police Community Support Officers joined me on the playground. I just wanted to reassure you that there is nothing to be alarmed about. We are simply strengthening community links. The PCSOs will be coming into school later on in the term to talk to each class about their role in our community.

Readathon

A huge thank you to everyone for taking part in our Readathon event. You have raised a total of £486 for readforgood.org. Well done!



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TERM DATES

2020/2021

Monday 7th June 2021 - Thursday 22nd July 2021

2021/2022

INSET DAYS

2020/2021

~~Wednesday 2nd September 2020~~

~~Friday 23rd October 2020~~

Thursday 2nd September 2021-Friday 22nd Oct 2021

Monday 1st November – Thursday 23rd December 2021

Monday 10th January –Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 12th February 2021

~~Monday 7th June 2021~~

Friday 2nd July 2021

2021/2022

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

2 further INSET dates TBC



Whilst we are very fortunate to have the vaccine roll out and easing of restrictions, we realise that this is not the case across the world. Our thoughts and prayers have very much been with the teachers and families of the Mahamaya community in Kolkata. Mrs Higgins last visited in January 2020. She spent time helping to train teachers from the Cathedral Relief Service and visited the school which our Scargill community funded. Recently, Mrs Higgins has been in contact with some of the teachers in Mahamaya. Unfortunately, the school remains closed at this time. Hopefully it will be able to reopen soon as I'm sure you will realise there is no online alternative! Please do keep the Mahamaya community in your thoughts and prayers.

School Ready!

Can you please ensure your child is 'school ready' when they arrive at school. We have had many children without water bottles and sunhats and an increasing number of parents coming to our school office to drop off missed items during the school day. There has also been an increase in children arriving late. This is often upsetting for children as it disrupts their usual routine.

Can I remind you that as there is no change to our risk assessment at this time, you must contact our school office to arrange a convenient time to drop off items you have not ensured your child has ready for the school day.



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

Parking

Please can we ask that parents show respect and consideration to our neighbours when parking near school and not block drives and leave engines running unnecessarily. **Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club.**



Thank you.

Contacting Teachers

If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have, please get in touch. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by phoning the school office or using the email addresses below for each department. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents entering school at this time.

Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Communication

Please keep using our website for additional support and information.

Also, follow us on Twitter @scargill_school as we often share helpful information and it gives you an up-to-date view of what is happening in school.



Our PTA are organising a uniform drop/swap shop which will be located in the bike shed at the front of school (same place as last year). If you can donate any uniform (including PE kit items) that are in good condition please bag them up in clear plastic bags and clearly label what is inside and the size. Once we send a text letting you know it has started and parents can drop off, swap or take any of the clothing. This is completely free and simply a way to support parents.

Sunflowers – The PTA will be giving all children some sunflower seeds to grow at home. They would love to see photos of successfully grown sunflowers after the summer holiday.

As I am sure you realise, a Summer Fayre is not possible again this year. The PTA are currently organising a Summer Raffle. Perhaps you work for a local business/company? If you have any great raffle prizes you would like to donate, please contact the PTA.

pta@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Thank you so much for all your continued support – we are getting ever closer to funding our library and sensory prayer courtyard space.