

Scargill Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter – March 2023

Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth



What a great week to start this half term off with! World Book Day was brilliant. Thanks to everyone for getting involved. Wonderful Masked Readers and fantastic costumes too! Throughout the day, children enjoyed many activities linked to reading in a way to inspire them and promote their love of reading.

The phonics scheme, Little Wandle, which was introduced last year alongside thousands of pounds worth of new books is showing a positive impact on our children's ability to read. We were particularly pleased with our Y1 phonics screening pass rate of 95% (significantly above national average and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2022) and we are hoping for similar outcomes again this year.

However, phonics is only one part of reading. The comprehension (understanding) of a story is an important part too and this is often where children struggle as they get older. Children need support to develop comprehension of a text and in particular understanding of new vocabulary. Parents play a vital role in this and it is very important that you continue to hear your child read every day and read to them regularly too. Sharing a book and spending that time together is important for their mental health and wellbeing too.



## The Importance of Reading



At Scargill, we are working hard to promote reading for pleasure. There is nothing quite like snuggling up with a good book: visiting lands in our imagination, finding out facts about our favourite topics or being immersed in someone else's story.

As much as we speak to the children about it, we need your help at home too. Reading is a great habit. Like all habits, it needs repetition and regularity to establish itself. As all of our lives are very busy, children need this time to be created for them. Whilst we do lots of this at school, reading should also be treasured at home. This will enable the love of reading to take root, grow and become part of your children's lives. And what an enriched life that will be!

Read below to find out why reading is so important and what you can do to help nurture this at home...

Reading with someone close to you **builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination** and research suggests that it even **improves sleeping patterns!**

Although listening to reading can sometimes feel like a chore, it will soon grow into a deep joy for parents and children creating a **lifetime bond of sharing.**

**Share** some of your favourite childhood books together or go hunting for a new one at the local library. **Take turns** in reading pages and talking about likes and dislikes. There really is no right or wrong, **simply quality time together.**

A quiet and relaxed environment works best, with few distractions. **Bedtime is a great time to establish this routine.**

Reading provides **relaxation, time together, routine** and promotes a love of reading for pleasure.

**Happiness, fun, confidence and security...the benefits are limitless!**

The **difficulty of vocabulary increases** as children get older, so it is vitally important that they still have an opportunity to **discuss meanings with an adult.**

Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their socio-economic background.

Listening to your child read shouldn't stop as they get older. In fact, they still love the same **protected time to bond with a parent or caregiver**, even if they appear too cool for school! Working together helps them to feel valued and connected.





Towards the end of last half-term our Reading Leaders (Miss Clutterbuck, Mrs Birkin & Miss Lang) shared with parents information about a Readathon which we hope will promote the importance of daily reading and the discussion of books and new vocabulary.

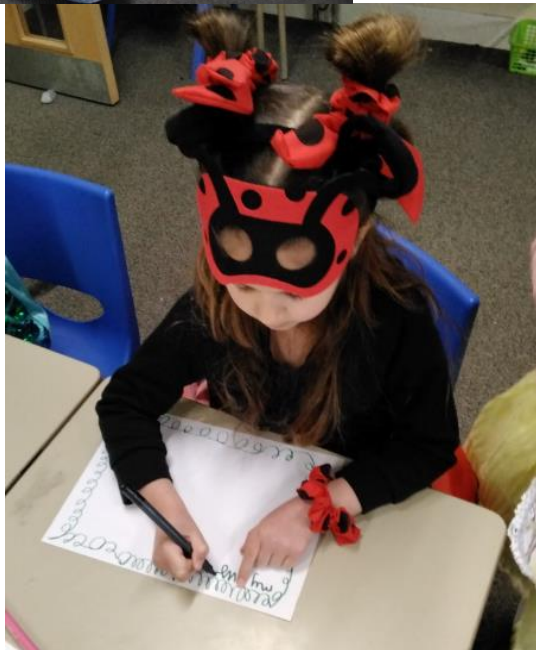
For more information about the Readathon and Reading at Scargill please look here on our website:

[https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/phonics\\_and\\_reading/580909](https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/phonics_and_reading/580909)

Below are some photos from across school on World Book Day. Thanks to everyone for making this such a memorable 'love of learning' day.









## Once upon a storybook...

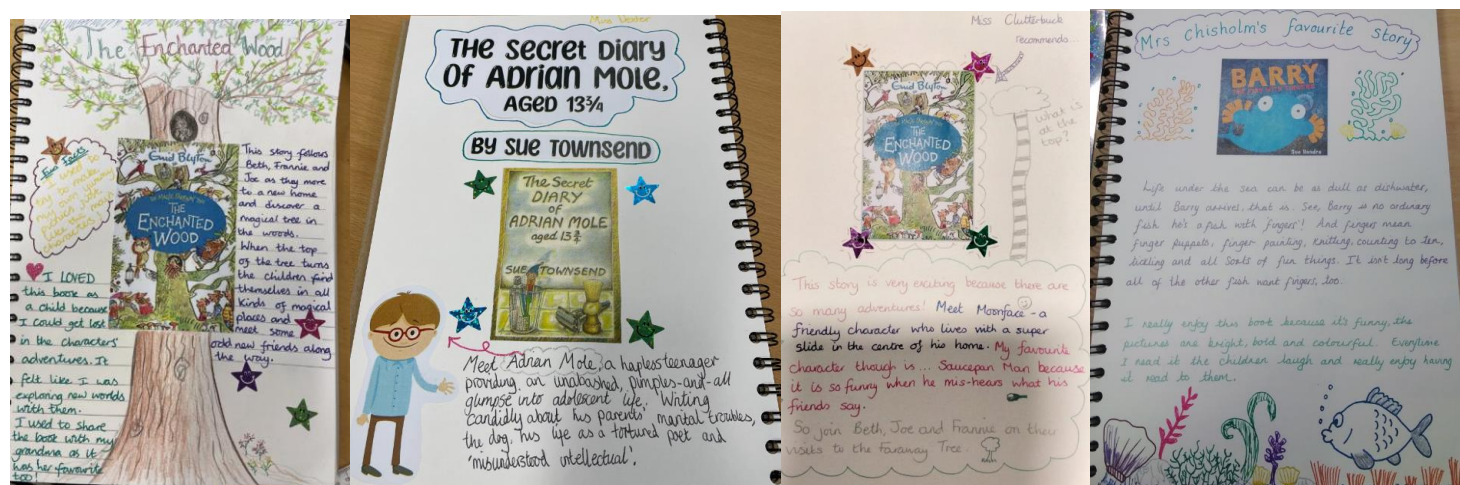
In order to encourage our love of reading, we have decided to ask children to share a review of their own recommended read.

Once a week, a child from each class will be selected to take home the 'Once upon a storybook' pack and add information about their favourite book. They should tell the reader what the book is about and why it is their favourite. Children should also include a drawing or picture.

We have provided pens and stickers to make it look as interesting as possible but the children are more than welcome to add any of their own stickers or ideas.

Each 'review' should take up **one page only** and should be brought back into class once finished so that we can share it together.

Please support your child to complete the activity and ask class teachers if you have any questions. There are some examples below and an example of the teacher's favourite text at the front of each book.



## Parents' Evening and Parent Questionnaires

It was wonderful to welcome parents into school again for parents evening meetings. Recently we asked the parents of children who are identified as having Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) to complete a quick questionnaire. Below are some of the fantastic comments they made. We will shortly be sending out a parent questionnaire to all parents via a text message. Please take the time to answer these questions. Your feedback is really important to us and working together is how we will continue to improve.

*'Great help with him throughout his journey at Scargill up to now :)'*

*'I think there is a much better understanding of his anxiety and he loves Thrive which has been wonderful for him. I can't fault the support he's received for this aspect of his SEND. His anxiety is also supported and well managed with regards to crowds and noise.'*

*'I had no idea that there was SEND information on the school website. This needs to be made more aware to SEND parents.'*

*'You're all awesome!!'*

*'All members of staff have an all-inclusive working ethic. Thank you to all involved in the progress and care of my child.'*





On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Traci Good from i-vengers completed online safety workshops for pupils, staff, governors and parents. Traci's experience and knowledge in this area was a great addition to the online safety learning that frequently takes place in class. In this ever-changing world of technology, parents have a great responsibility to keep their child safe online and having the knowledge and skills to do this is not always easy. Which is why I would have hoped more parents would have attended the Parent Workshop. Thank you to those that did come, I would really appreciate any feedback about how helpful the session was. For those that didn't attend (particularly Y5/6 parents who allow their children to have a mobile phone and social media access) and to help us with planning such opportunities moving forward, please can you let me know why you didn't attend this event and what would help you to attend in future. Thanks, in advance. Please ensure you keep up-to-date with National Online Safety Updates which we regularly share on Twitter and are also available here on our website. [https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/online\\_safety/519543](https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/online_safety/519543)

### Brrrrr!

A plea from class teachers during this colder weather – please check PE kits and ensure joggers and warm top is in school to wear for outdoor PE. Also, that if children are wearing wellies/boots to walk to school in, ensure they have shoes to change into. Children also need to wear named gloves and a hat/ear muffs whilst it is particularly cold.



### Snow!

If the weather forces us to close the school, a message will be sent to parents via the text messaging system.

### 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.

There are cars parking/pulling in on the zigzags on Hallam Way. I have asked our PCSO to monitor this. The markings are there to help keep all our children safe. It is extremely dangerous when people park illegally.

**Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club.**

Thank you.



### Personal Development

Over the last half term, the children have been taking part in lots of different activities to support their personal development.

During our PSHE topic of Dreams and Goals, the children have been learning about different aspirations, dreams and goals for both the present and the future. It has been lovely hearing these for themselves, those around them and for the wider communities that they are all a part of.

The whole school celebrated Children's Mental Health week, focused on mental health and wellbeing.



The children really embraced the theme of 'Let's Connect' and took part in a variety of activities to explore and understand how this supported their personal development. We also had lots of visitors during the week: i-vengers came to deliver workshops linked to staying safe online and Changing Lives shared an assembly on worries and being able to recognise and manage these.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have stepped up in their role and supported Miss Lang and Miss West in both organising Children's Mental Health week and in delivering our half-termly Wellbeing Worship. We are so proud of how they have developed in their role as the year has progressed.



### Bikeability

Children in Y3,4&5 completed their Bikeability sessions last half term. The training was completed by the School's Sports Partnership and

In addition to our PE curriculum, all Year 4 and 5 children were given the opportunity to achieve either level 1 or level 2 Bikeability. The children thoroughly enjoyed the course and their improved confidence throughout the sessions was complimented by the training providers Erewash Schools Sports Partnership who were very impressed with how well children behaved and concentrated.

A few Bikeability highlights from our children:

*"I enjoyed weaving in and out of cones, it was a lot harder than I thought but I now can do it with control. I really hope I can do level 2 next year!"*  
Evie Yr4

*"The day before the training I went on a bike ride with my family and I knew I couldn't signal with my hands. The training taught me how to do it and now I can!"*Harry Yr 4

*"I love it! It's nice to have time to cycle with all my friends safely. We got to ride on the road and learnt how to pass a parked car which is useful. I was a little anxious to start with but the trainer was really helpful."*Oliver Yr 5

I would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting this enrichment opportunity and hope children continue to practice all they have learnt to make them confident cyclists in our community.





### HELP NEEDED!

The PTA are looking for new members. Please do get in touch if you would like to help. Events can only take place with the support of our parent community volunteers and the fundraising really does make a difference to the school. More information about how to get involved can be found on the PTA Face Book Scargill C of E Primary PTA or email [scargillpta@yahoo.com](mailto:scargillpta@yahoo.com)



### NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES

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

Thank you!



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Wear something **red** with your uniform. Donation information will be sent via text next week.

Thanks!

### WANTED!

If you have any children's magazines you no longer need, please give them to our Reception Team.

Thank you.

### Easter Competitions

On Friday 31st March all Reception, Y1 & Y2 children are invited to take part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. The children come to school with a decorated bonnet. The children will parade around the playground at 9am and parents are invited to stay after drop off to see the children in their bonnets. Afterwards, the children will return into school and parents will leave via the playground gate. There will be a prize for the winning Bonnet from each class.



This year children in KS2 can enter a competition of their choice. They can either choose to design an Easter card or decorate a hard-boiled egg character/scene. They will need to bring their cards/eggs in on Friday 31st March. Enjoy getting creative!



## TERM DATES

**22/23**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## INSET DAYS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

## BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Please note that this is SATs week for Y6 and the DFE have moved the tests so they start on the Tuesday of that week rather than the Monday.

## Diary Dates

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February through to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – Readathon

10.3.23 – Class Photographs

W/c 27.3.23 – Data sheets home to parents

28.3.23 – Y3&4 Singing at Derby Cathedral

30.3.23 – REC visit to Matlock Farm Park

31.3.23 – Easter Bonnet Parade R, Y1&2. Egg art and Easter Card competition for Y3-6.

W/c 17.4.22 – Y4 Edale Residential

18.4.23 – Y5&6 trip to Crich Tramway Museum

26.4.23 – Y1&2 trip to Wollaton Hall

23.5.23 pm – Y3&4 Production – The Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.


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25.5.23 -26.5.23– Y2 Lea Green Residential

5.6.22-9.6.22 – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

## Communication

### Where to go?

School Website	School Office	Class Teachers	SENDCOs	Head of School
<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Term dates</li><li>• Key dates</li><li>• School policies</li><li>• Newsletters</li><li>• Key people in school</li><li>• Early Help</li><li>• Safeguarding</li><li>• Curriculum</li><li>• Statutory school information</li><li>• PTA information</li><li>• Governor information</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admissions</li><li>• Pupil illness/absence</li><li>• Medicines in school</li><li>• Medical conditions</li><li>• Changes to contact details</li><li>• School meals</li><li>• Payments</li><li>• Afterschool clubs information</li></ul> <p><a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework</li><li>• Achievement</li><li>• Friendships</li><li>• Behaviour</li><li>• Lessons</li><li>• Family matters which be affecting your child</li><li>• Bullying concerns</li><li>• Trips/residentials</li></ul> <p>Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day or you can email the department email addresses below.</p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Educational Needs or Disabilities</li><li>• Issues or advice regarding SEND</li></ul> <p>Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS &amp; KS1 Mrs Hallsworth is SENDCO for KS2</p> <p>You can speak to them on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email <a href="mailto:SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguarding</li><li>• Sustained issues which the class teacher has been unable to resolve</li><li>• If the Head of School is unavailable, the Deputy Head will respond to any concerns.</li></ul> <p>You can speak to the Senior Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email <a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>
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Love of people,  
Love of God and  
Love of life itself.