



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

**February
2021**



We have been so impressed with all of our children this half term. The children who have been attending school continue to be brilliantly behaved and they have really enjoyed the learning activities taking place. We are also very proud and pleased with the children remaining at home too. Their efforts to keep up with remote learning and positivity in completing work set has been remarkable – well done!

We realise the challenge of home-learning can be difficult and that the pressure of continuing work as a Critical Worker can be equally challenging. We are very appreciative of the approach and support parents have given to their children to continue to enthuse and keep learning moving forward, especially under what can sometimes be very difficult circumstances. Parents – you have been incredible and we really do appreciate your support.

Feedback about our remote learning has been overwhelmingly positive. Whilst we know there are things we will continue to improve on, we have very much cherished the many messages of appreciation and even some greatly received biscuits and cakes from you, which have kept us all going!

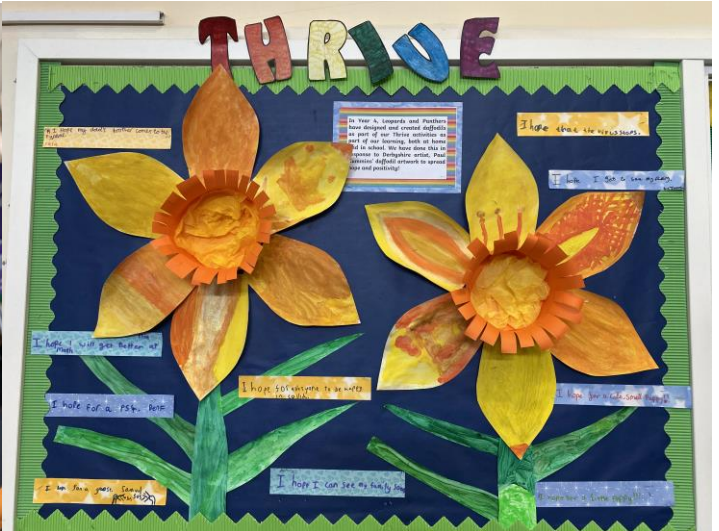
You are all very much in our thoughts and we miss all the children who are remaining at home. It really isn't the same without you! We are hopeful we will be able to welcome everyone back to school very soon. The Government have stated that potentially we will open more widely from 8th March. However, we do not have any more information about this at this time. We will share our plans with you for wider reopening as soon as the Government decide. The Government have said that there will be at least two weeks' notice given to schools prior to all children returning so this will help us to provide a smooth transition. We know there may be worry and concern from parents and children but be assured we will complete the necessary risk assessments and plan a further recovery curriculum to ensure a positive return for all our wonderful children.

Have a great half-term break – you all deserve it! 😊

Delightful Daffodils!

We are taking part in BBC Radio Derby's download appeal for everyone to put a daffodil in their window as a symbol of hope, new beginnings and Spring. Click here for more information <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p086t1v1> You can download and print out Paul Cummins' daffodil pictures, print one to colour in or decorate yourself, there's even one Paul has painted and signed for you.

Here's a few examples of the daffodils adding some sunshine to our corridors.



Communication

Please keep using our website for additional support – we have recently added some SEND support http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/send_support/542269 and General support and advice for you http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/website/general_support_and_advice/541717 for remote learning.

Also follow us on Twitter @scargill_school as we often share helpful information and we love it when we see what you are doing at home.

Notifying us of COVID-19 pupil cases – please continue to use info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk to keep us informed about positive cases. Do make sure you notify school if your child has a positive covid result even if it is during the half term holiday. Thank you

Staff Update



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Wilderspin on the birth of baby Milo in January. We can't wait to meet him!

We welcome to new TAs. Miss Bates to the Y5/6 department and Miss Smith to the Y1/2 department. Mrs Brown has also joined the staff team as an apprentice TA.



As we continue to stride forward with improved teaching and learning, at our INSET day on Friday all teachers and TAs will be receiving the first part of our whole school training on Talk for Writing.

TERM DATES

2020/2021

Monday 4th January 2021 - Friday 12th February 2021
Monday 22nd February 2021 - Thursday 1st April 2021
Monday 19th April 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021
Monday 7th June 2021 - Wednesday 22nd July 2021

INSET DAYS

2020/2021

~~Wednesday 2nd September 2020~~
~~Friday 23rd October 2020~~
Friday 12th February 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Friday 2nd July 2021

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.

EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

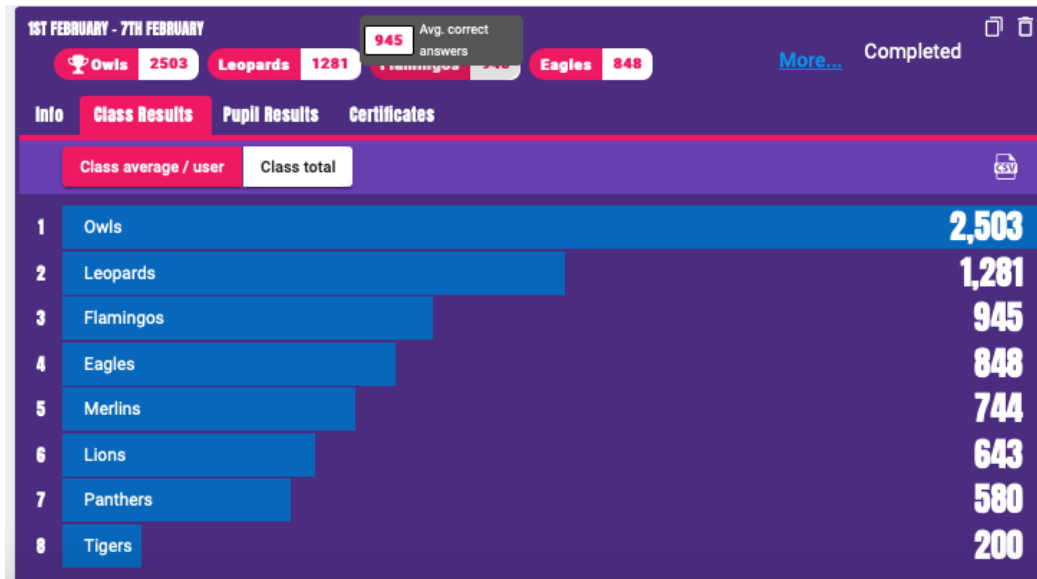
Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

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

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

NumBots & TTRockStars

Following the Times Tables Rock Stars battle last week, we want to say a huge well done to everyone who contributed! We can't believe how many coins some children earned. By the end of the week, the results were as follows...

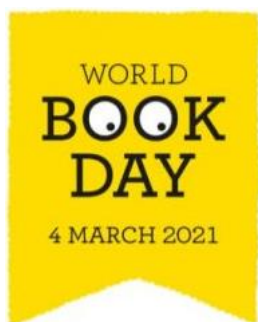


So a huge well done to the top 3 classes! There's a new display on the old hall which will have the names of the best contributors in both Times Tables Rock Stars & NumBots too.



The first week back after half term there's going to be a DDAT-wide competition and we want to see Scargill high up in the leader board!

Are you a share a story reading star?



For World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March** we would like you to join in with reading in different places – click here for more information

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Reading-stars-leaflet-4.pdf>

Children (and parents) are also invited to dress up as a book character on 4.3.21 – at home or at school we hope you will join in!

Big Cat Collins eBooks – just a reminder to keep on reading at home –

<https://bit.ly/3p7erlv>

Comic Relief



Friday 19th March

We will be taking part and raising money for Comic Relief this year as we 'share a smile' with the nation.

We will send out more details nearer the time.



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. Please also note that parents should not park in the staff car parks.

Thank you.