



Scargill Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter

Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

December

2020

It's nearly Christmas!

What a busy term it has been. Our children have continued to strive to achieve their best with a continued positive attitude. We are so proud of all of them. Excellent behaviour and hard-working attitudes are really helping to catch up missed learning. Here's a few photos of what's been happening in school.



We are really missing welcoming parents into school at this time of year so all the children in school have put together a short film for parents to enjoy. We will send you a text next week with a link to watch it. We won't be charging you to see it! Usually, at the end of our school performances we hold a bucket out to collect for a charity. The School Council are currently deciding on a charity and we ask that you please make a donation to show your appreciation of the children's performances to that charity. We will let you know which charity they decide and how to donate next week.

Thank you.

India Link

Mrs Higgins has been in touch with our link school in India throughout this year and, although the situation there is very difficult and schools remain closed, the staff and children are all well. The school has been used as a distribution centre for food and aid to the local area. Alongside providing emergency support needed due to Covid-19, CRS is currently raising funds for a smart phone for each school in Kolkata to enable them to use web-based resources and facilitate the links with the UK teachers more easily. In February, there will be a virtual training event between the UK and India based teachers to continue to support them in their teaching and learning of English.

End of term finish date

As you may well be aware, the Department of Education (DfE) has written to all schools asking them to remain contactable for a six-day window after the end of term so that we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. That means we will need to be available for Test and Trace calls up to and including Christmas Eve and we may then have to contact you if your child is affected.

As a result of this, you may have seen that the press are reporting that we are being allowed to finish a day early and that this is to 'give teachers a proper break'. This is not the case, but merely to avoid what schools have been warning the DfE of for a long time with potential phone calls up to and including Christmas Eve, notifying of positive Covid cases.

If we chose to close early, we would need to either start back early or move one of our other Inset days, which are already planned for including the content of them for staff training. We also think it is not fair to change the dates when we have Christmas activities planned for the children, as well as leaving parents who are working to suddenly find child care. We will therefore NOT be changing our finish date and all children will finish on Friday 18th December as planned.

To help us keep everyone safe, please ensure if your child is unwell or showing any symptoms you do not send them to school, getting them tested as soon as possible if you think they need a test.

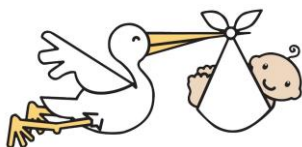
As ever, we ask that you email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk to notify us of any COVID Tests. This includes over the Christmas period.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Staff Update

Mrs Hanson leaves at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for everything she has done over the last 10 years of teaching here. We wish her the best of luck.

Mrs Wilderspin starts her maternity leave at the end of term. Our Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Wilderspin and soon to be big sister Ida. Best wishes!



Eco-Schools

The Global Committee have started our journey towards our silver award by asking their class what we do well to be Eco-friendly at Scargill and what we could be better at. The children have had lots of fantastic ideas which we are starting to put into place now and will continue to over the next two terms. The children generally think we are good at recycling but we could do more. From next term we will be starting to recycle glue sticks which is great, and the children will learn more about this in the New Year. There are a lot more plans to come that we are super excited about.

TERM DATES

2020/2021

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020
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



The children have been enjoying their class Thrive time this half term. The children have been enjoying strategies and activities informed by their class action plan from the whole-class screening that class teachers completed earlier this term. All of the activities are designed to support the children's 'right time' learning for their social and emotional development. Keep an eye out on Twitter for lots of photos and updates of what we are up to.

Christmas in the Community

Our children have been busy making extra Christmas cards and pictures for local shops, care-homes & emergency services, pictures for church and cards for community individuals who may be finding things particularly challenging at the moment. Ilkeston Blue Watch were particularly pleased to receive their cards this week.





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.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE **Beech Lane, West Hallam**

WHEN: 4th January 2021 to 14th January 2021. WHERE: Beech Lane, West Hallam between its junctions with School Square and Hallam Way. REASON: To facilitate new water and sewer connections. ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Hallam Way, Scargill Road, Nursery Avenue, St Wilfrids Road, The Village and vice versa. Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised. Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place. Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

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

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