



Scargill Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter

Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

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Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe we are now half way through the school year. Last term was a busy one and this one is certainly just as busy. It is great that trips and residentials can take place once again. Our Y5 are visiting the Open Centre in Derby this week and Y4 children will be staying up in Edale in a few weeks. I hope the weather improves by then!

Our children have certainly come back to school excited and ready for the term ahead. It seems there are still a large number of parents who are telling us they don't know what their child is learning about. This is shared through the Department Newsletters each half term and further information can be found on our website.

This week, our Y6 children found out which secondary school they have been allocated. We realise that this can cause some worry for children. Please be assured that we have good links with the many different schools our children transfer to and many of them have already been in contact with regards to transition days and activities to support all our children. If you are at all concerned, please do get in touch so we can help.

Lent



The Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Carol Coslett led our whole school worship today. She spoke about the Temptation story from the Bible and Jesus' time spent in the desert. She chose different children to use props to represent different parts of the story and also explained why Ash Wednesday is so called. She talked to the children about Lent and suggested they take part in the Church of England Live Lent: Embracing Justice 40 day challenge. More information for families can be found here including a link to the free app **Live Lent: Embracing Justice (chpublishing.co.uk)** It contains 40 daily reflections for both adults and children to help you act and pray for a fairer world, one for each of the 40 days in Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (2 March 2022) and ending on Easter Day (17 April 2022).

For adults, each day (Monday to Saturday) the app offers:

- A passage from the Bible
- A short reflection on the theme of justice
- A simple prayer

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- Full audio recordings of the above.

For children and families, the app offers:

- 40 exciting daily challenges for each day of Lent
- A weekly theme to help us think about how we can live well together
- Short passages from the Bible
- Simple prayers for use throughout the week.

Other worships and discussions, particularly with our older pupils this week, have focused on the events in the Ukraine and our children have shown compassion and have linked their thoughts to the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Many children have expressed their desire to help and our Global Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss what they would like to do.

Mental Health and Wellbeing



Last half term our new Wellbeing Ambassadors met together for the first time. The focus for the first meeting was to plan activities for Mental Health Week, which took place from the 7th-13th February. They decided as a school we would look at the book *Emotionary*, take time to do yoga, complete some mindfulness activities and to learn about mental health in PSHE that week. Everyone really enjoyed the activities planned and benefited from taking time to think about the importance of mental health.

Just before the half-term holiday, Changing Lives from Action for Children delivered assemblies to the children in KS1 and KS2. The KS1 children learned about emotional literacy and the KS2 children learned ways to cope with managing worry and anxiety. This week I sent a leaflet out to parents (via text) about an emotional literacy and worry management workshop for parents run by Changing Lives Mental Health Support Team. This is a virtual Teams Meeting and will take place on 9th March 7-8pm.

COVID

Please read the updated risk assessment on our website carefully which outlines how we are adapting to living with Covid.

Staffing News

Last term we said goodbye to Mrs Berwick. She has been a TA here at Scargill for 13 years and we were very sad to see her leave but we wish her and her family well as they move to Lincolnshire.

Another TA, Mrs Gresswell, leaves on 10th March for a new adventure. Thanks for all the support you have given the children at Scargill over the last 15 years. We wish you well and will miss you.

Mrs Rhodes, our School Business Manager is also leaving Scargill after 13 years. We thank her for everything she has done and although we will greatly miss her, we wish her well on her next adventure.

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.

Some of our neighbours have also informed us that cars parking on grass verges near to school are ruining them. Please avoid parking in such areas.



Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club and when children attend after school activities.

Thank you.



The PTA are looking for new members. They are busy making plans for some events in the run up to Easter and also beginning to think about the Summer Fayre. 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. Recently the fundraising has meant we have been able to purchase much needed phonics books for Reception and KS1 to replace the really old and tatty ones we had and we have almost finished our whole school library....just a few things left to buy along with some more books!

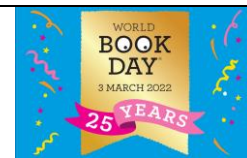
More information about how to get involved can be found on the PTA Face Book *Scargill C of E Primary School* or Twitter *@ScargillPTA* accounts.

School Dinners

Polite reminder please from our admin team for you to pay for school dinners in advance through Parent Pay.

The Spring Term menu is available to view on our website. If you are ordering a jacket potato, this needs to be done by prior arrangement with the school office well in advance.

Thank you.



The theme and message this year is *You are a Reader*, and is focusing on children from disadvantaged backgrounds. There are 14 books that you can get with the £1 book token (already sent home) as the World Book Day charity wants "every child and young person to believe they are readers".

In school, children can dress up as a book character on Thursday if they would like to.

TERM DATES

2021/2022

Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April 2022
Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May 2022
Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July 2022

INSET DAYS

~~Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021~~
~~Monday 1st November 2021~~
Monday 6th June
Friday 1st July

2022/2023

Thursday 1st September – Friday 21st October 2022
Monday 31st October – Thursday 22nd December 2022
Monday 9th January – Friday 17th February 2023
Monday 27th February – Friday 31st March 2023
Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023
Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022



Children can wear red noses or wear something red on Friday 18th March. Please can you donate through the school's Just Giving page which we will text you the link to nearer the time. Suggested donation £1 please.



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

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.

EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

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.