

Scargill Church of England Primary School Newsletter

April

2021

#### Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth



What a great start to term! We have noticed many positive learning attitudes returning to school ready for the busy term ahead. Along with the Government's easing of restrictions, the sunny weather has helped bring a smile to everyone faces. Although the 'Road Map' for easing restrictions is changing our social and working lives outside of school, schools are still awaiting updated guidance.

This means our risk assessment remains unchanged and the 'bubble' restrictions remain in place. We do however remain hopeful that there could be some class trips with priority being given to the children in Y6, Y4 & Y2 who have missed their residential this year. We are also hopeful we can hold Sports Days and other transition activities as we approach the end of term. We will update you as soon as we can once we receive the Government's updated guidance.

# **Staffing Update**

Many people have taken time to review and reflect on work and family situations during this pandemic. That is no different for some of our staff. Mr Nelson, Owl Class Teacher, is heading into retirement and moving to supply teacher work from September. Mr Redhead is also leaving at the end of the school year to commence a change in career working for Wolverhampton Wanderers Youth Squad.

There will soon be changes to our Midday Supervisor (MDS) team as Mrs Back commences her new role as an Apprentice TA from next week. Another MDS, Mrs Wilmot, will shortly be leaving us to take up a new full-time career.

Mrs Stafford, who is a MDS and a TA, will be leaving at the end of the school year to enable her to spend more time with her family.

We thank all of these staff for their commitment and dedication to Scargill during their time and for those staff who are leaving us we will miss you and wish you every success in your new endeavours.

This leaves us with a number of posts we are advertising at the moment. Details of MDS, TA and teacher adverts can be found on the Derbyshire County Council and DDAT websites so please have a look or share with others who may be interested.

## **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.

## **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.

#### **Parent Questionnaire**

A huge thank you to the parents who completed the parent questionnaire. Whilst the feedback we have had is overwhelmingly positive, it has really helped us understand what you know and do not know as well as things we want to improve on to ensure the best for all our pupils. We will be ensuring we take action on issues needed and keep you informed.

One of the issues that you have raised is that some of you tell us you don't know what your child is learning in school. Details of what your child is learning can be found on the school website. Each half term Department Leads also keep you informed through the Department newsletter which are also found on our website. Once these newsletters are available on the website, a text is sent to direct you to them.



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#### **Book Fair**

This half term we will be hosting an online book fair from  $3^{rd}$  May –  $16^{th}$  May. This is a fantastic way to both buy books at a great price whilst also earning books for the school. Our school discount code, which is **only valid for the two-week** book fair window, allows you to buy books for £2.50 each with free delivery to school. For every five books sold the school will be donated a book of our choice for the children to enjoy in school. Have a peek at the website to see all the fantastic books on offer.

**www.bookwormsonline.co.uk** ready for the fair itself.

# Pupil Premium

We are aware that the pandemic has changed many lives and we want all children to achieve their full potential and access everything that our school has to offer. This can be supported by additional funding for children who are eligible for a Pupil Premium grant.

Could your child be eligible for a Pupil Premium grant?

Children qualify for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit

• Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that you tell us. Even if they're in Early Years or KS1 and receive universal school meals for infant pupils, or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim pupil premium. This funding can then be used to support your child in school.

Children also qualify if:

• Children are in care

• Children previously in care who have been adopted, or who have a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order

• Children recorded as being from service families

If you think your child could be eligible please complete the form (available from our school office) and in return for successful applications, you will receive a voucher that will pay for two school jumpers and a book bag.

TERM DATES	INSET DAYS
<b>2020/2021</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Thursday 22nd July 2021 <b>2021/2022</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021 Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January –Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	2020/2021 Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021 2021/2022 Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 2 further INSET dates TBC
Image: NUT ALLERGIES   We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut	Parking Please can we ask that parents show respect and consideration to our neighbours when parking near school and not block drives

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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.	and leave engines running unnecessasarily. Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using the Lanes before/after school club.
Thank you	Thank you.
<u>Contacting Teachers</u> 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	PTA – Easter Events Thank you to everyone who took part in the PTA Easter Egg hunt. We have had a lot of entries for the competition. Congratulations to Joseph and Miles the two winners selected at random from the entries received.