

# Scargill Church of England Primary School Newsletter

**January** 

2023

Head of School - Mrs S Hallsworth



Welcome back! It is great to see all our children return to school with such a positive sense of motivation and determination to progress with their learning. Lessons continue to be inspiring, fun and children are highly engaged and enthusiastic to start new topics of learning. During the last week of the autumn term, a text link for the department newsletter was sent which detailed the learning planned for this half term in each area of school.



Last term, our School Council gathered ideas for rewards from all children in school and they worked with the Senior Leadership Team to decide on a final set of rewards. They shared these with the children in worship on Monday. Our children have been very excited and quick to embrace them as I know some of you are aware that the non-school uniform day option has been a particular favourite this week! Here are the new rewards:



For every 50 **dojo points**, children can choose from the following:

- Dip in the class box of prizes
- Non-uniform day (this can be any non-school uniform as long as it is appropriate eg warm & inoffensive.

- First into lunch for a week (For you and a friend)
- Choose the class Thrive task for a week
- Get 10 dojo points
- Library time at lunchtime (for you and a friend)



## **Starfish Values**

When children demonstrate the values above they receive a diddi-dot sticker which they place on their Starfish Values wheel.

5 diddi-dots on 3 values= Bronze Award certificate and 1 golden ticket.

5 diddi-dots on 6 values= Silver Award certificate and 2 golden tickets.

5 diddi-dots on all 8 values= Gold Award certificate and 3 golden tickets.

All golden tickets will be placed into the Golden Box for a chance to win a mystery prize at the end of the school year.



### 100% Attendance

For children who have 100% attendance for a week in school they will receive an 100% attendance ticket to go in a prize draw each half term. So, this half term there is the potential to receive 6 tickets. At the end of the half term, 1 ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive £25.



The online world needs heroes...

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Traci Good from i-vengers will be completing online safety workshops for pupils, staff, governors and parents. Below outlines the details of each workshop.

## **Pupils**

These workshops are specially designed for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Pupils will learn about age-appropriate issues, such as bullying, gaming, social media, wellbeing and privacy. They will also explore the many ways children can make the most of digital technologies, both inside and outside of the classroom, equipping them with the knowledge and lifelong skills to positively impact their lives now and for the future.

### **Staff and Governors**

This workshop will focus on how a significant aspect of keeping pupils safe online is understanding the potential risks they may face, how we mitigate these and how we deal with incidents if they arise. The training answers a range of questions, such as: What are our statutory responsibilities as staff and governors? Has Covid changed online behaviour? What are our statutory and educational responsibilities? How does Online Safety link in with the inspection framework? We also explore sources of help and support for staff, students and parents/carers.

### **Parents and Carers**

We are dedicated to ensuring that our pupils have the knowledge and skills to stay safe online. We also know that parents and carers sometimes feel a little left behind and unsure of what help and support is out for help them. The parent and carers workshop informs parents about the amazing opportunities that the internet has to offer our children and also a look at some of the risks that our children may face and how to deal with them if they happen.

This session considers what young people are doing online and how we can support them to navigate this space carefully. We look at the pros and cons of parental controls, including tracking apps and the importance of engaging with our child's online life. As part of the session parents will be directed to excellent sources of support that they can tap into, free of charge.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get advice about keeping your children safe online. We think this is particularly important as children are spending more time online than ever before. We are also aware of many children, even in our younger year groups, who have their own mobile phone or access to one.

Traci says "Firstly, and most importantly this isn't a session to tell you how to parent your children! As parents and carers we need to understand some of the risks our children face and how we can support them, and where we can get help ourselves if we need it. Children are making and sharing their own content online from a very young age, using apps like YouTube, TikTok, Twitch and Roblox and often we feel left behind, or unsure around things like screen time.'

The parents and carers session will take place at **6pm on Monday 6th February** and you are all warmly invited to attend and I really hope you take advantage of this opportunity. It is expected to last about an hour and is for parents and carers only as it is not appropriate for children to attend. We will shortly be asking parents to sign up to attend this using the Parent Pay System.

## **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.





#### **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

# **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 unnecessasarily.

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.



# **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!

# **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**

## **Diary Dates**

16.1.23 - Creswell Crags Trip Y3
17.1.23 - Creswell Crags Trip Y4
6.2.23 at 6 p.m.- Online Safety information workshop for parents from i-vengers
13.2.23 & 16.2.23- Parents' Evenings
2.3.23 - World Book Day - Optional dress up as a book character

W/c 17.4.22 – Y4 Edale Residential 25.5.23 -26.5.23 – Y2 Lea Green Residential

5.6.22-9.6.22 – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

Monday 1st 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.

