



Scargill Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter

Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

September

2022



All our children have made a wonderful start to term. Behaviour is exceptional and it has been wonderful to see great relationships developing as the children settle into their new classes. Teachers have ensured that curriculum planning is fully in place to meet the needs of the mixed age classes. More information about what your children are learning can be found on our website.

Over the holiday, the smaller playground re-surfacing was completed and our younger children are thoroughly enjoying their playtime on it. The work was completed in the cellar and the complete refurbishment of the main toilet block in school.

Thank you to families who have shared photographs taken on your holidays across the country and wider world. A display, in school, is in the process of being put together which will help all our children secure their knowledge of continents, countries and cities.



The British Values have been a focus during the first week of term. Children have been campaigning and votes have been cast for a democratic approach to electing the School Council and other committee groups.



On Friday, our school marked the sad news of the Queen's death with a special collective worship which focused on Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As you will be aware, a period of National Mourning for has now started. The period of National Mourning will continue until the end of the day of the State Funeral. The State Funeral will be preceded by a period of Lying-in-State. School will be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for the Queen's funeral.

The Royal Family will undertake a separate period of Royal Mourning, subject to the wishes of King Charles III.

National Mourning covers, among other matters:

- Half-masting of flags;
- How observing mourning can affect the continuation of business, events and sporting fixtures;
- Floral tributes; and
- Books of condolence.

Mourning is very personal and we anticipate pupils, individuals, families, communities and organisations may want to mark Her Majesty's demise in their own way. As a school, we will have a book of condolence and remembrance which our children can contribute to. We will continue to support our children during this period of mourning.

### **School Ready in September!**

We are very pleased with how smart our children look. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform.

Details of uniform expectations can be found here:

An additional reminder to parents that children need to bring a book bag to carry their belongings. Rucksacks are not permitted due to space on individual pegs.



Please, please, please ensure that your child's name is in all their school clothing!

## Staffing News

We have welcomed Mrs Else in her role as School Business Manager as well as Mrs Greenwood as Admin Assistant.

At the end of September, Mrs Brown is retiring. She has been a much-loved TA with our children for 18 years. We thank her for the huge impact she has had in helping our youngest children during their first year at school. You will be greatly missed, Mrs Brown, but we wish you a wonderful retirement.

Mrs Price also leaves us at the end of the month as she begins her new role as School Admin Officer at a school in Derby City.

We have a couple of staff vacancies:

1 Full Time Teaching Assistant (TA)

1 Midday Supervisor

If you are interested in joining our staff team you can find out more about these here:

<https://bit.ly/3Die2qY>

## 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.



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.

## Attendance & Absences

Please see the leaflet, regarding attendance, from Derbyshire County Council which can be found here on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3B7PXAr>

It explains clearly for parents everything you need to know. Please can I remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform school if your child is going to be absent. Please ring the school office and leave a message. There have been a number of occasions recently where our admin team have had to spend a lot of time chasing up absent children. If we are not able to ascertain a reason for absence then we have to carry out a child safety and wellbeing check. This means that the Senior Leadership Team will end up knocking on your front door!

## Pupils at Scargill awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag.



You may remember that in 2020/21 we were very pleased to have achieved our Silver Eco-Schools award. We are very pleased to have now earned an international accreditation, recognising the amazing work in making our school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow pupils.

Eco-Schools is an international education programme that prompts young people to explore sustainability and climate change and take action.

Our Global Committee collaborated with Mrs Higgins & Mrs Benn to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their school is. They reviewed everything from the school's recycling practices, to energy usage, to how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the Global Committee planned a year of activities that would up their green-credentials.

The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: School Grounds, Biodiversity and Global Citizenship.

Activities included starting the development on our wild area, a project which we are excited to continue; all children taking part in learning about the environment and the impact, however small, which we can have; a variety of charity events raising money for local, national and global projects and raising the profile of Eco needs in our classrooms

Our Global team are a dedicated and passionate group of children who aspire high to ensure our schools global progress has the greatest impact. The children always work together to think of innovative ideas for our global events. Their desire to improve our school filtered through to all members of our school community and allowed everyone to take part.

One our Year 5 Global reps said 'During our global committee we did lots of things to help our school. We had to plant trees, raise money for those in the Ukraine and had lessons and activities about different global topics. The green flag is to help our school get a better health. I loved being part of the committee and it is one of the best roles in school I have ever done.'

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Pupils should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

To see examples of the pupil's work, visit our Global Page on our school website.

## TERM DATES

**22/23**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022  
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

## Diary Dates

19.9.22 – School closed – Queen’s Funeral  
3.10.22 – Harvest Festival (see below)  
6.10.22 – EYFS parent information 2.30pm  
11.10.22 – EYFS parents invited for stay and play 9.15-10am.  
12.10.22 - St Wilfrid’s Day – Bible presentations for children in Y3, 4 & 5. Parents are invited to attend at St Wilfrid’s Church. Y5 at 9.30. Y4 at 10.15 and Y3 at 11am.  
13.10.22 - Open morning for prospective new starter parents September 2023  
17.10.22 & 20.10.22 – Parents’ Evening  
16.11.22 – Individual Pupil Photographs  
17.11.22 – Open Morning – all parents welcome.



## 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

## Harvest

This year we will be collecting donations for the Padley Centre. Information about what to donate can be found below this newsletter on the school website. Please can items be brought into school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



## Pupil Premium

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.

### **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.

### **Collecting Children at the end of the school day**

Reception children are dismissed at 3.20pm. The rest of the school (Y1-6) are dismissed at 3.25pm. Please ensure you are ready to greet your child at the correct time.

Parents must please ensure that any older siblings collecting children adhere to the following and that class teachers are informed of any change to the usual arrangement:

Collection of Reception children - Minimum age 16 years.

KS1 & KS2- Minimum age 14 years.

Y5 and Y6 children can walk home independently - please ensure the class teacher is aware of this arrangement.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can very occasionally lead to a late pick up. If you are going to be late, please ensure you have informed to school office. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer child care provision by teaching staff or admin staff after school has ended. If you are unable to make the end of the school day collection time on a regular basis, the Lanes After School Club (situated in our new hall) could be able to offer your child a place. Their contact number is - 01159440810

Here are some photos from the first week of term!

