



# School Newsletter

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to Graham Glover at the end of this term. Graham has spent just over a year with us as our caretaker and has managed to secure a role with more hours at a local school. I would like to thank him for the work he has done for us and wish him the best of luck in his new role.

On a brighter note, we are lucky enough to have a teaching student (from Sheffield Hallam University) in school for the next two months. Miss Bagon will spend the majority of her time working in Class 2 but will visit each class during her time with us.

### Gov Monitoring Morning

On Tuesday this week, our governors were invited to spend the morning in school monitoring the effectiveness of our curriculum. They spent lots of time talking with subject leaders and comparing the work we are doing against the OfSTED framework. They also had some time talking to children to check what their views were. They were pleased to see very clear plans for each subject which ensure learning is progressive. They were impressed with the outcomes pupils have produced and how much they could explain about each topic they have covered.

Please visit the school website to read a more detailed record of their visit:

<https://www.scarcliffeprimary.org.uk/page/?title=CURRENT+Governor+Priorities&pid=61>

### Easter Events



Children should have brought home a letter recently about some of the Easter events we have planned for the end of this term. We have

decided to hold our annual 'Decorate and Egg' contest on the last day of term (28<sup>th</sup> March). Please encourage children to bring entries along on the day along with the £1 entry fee.

During the last day of term, we will also be holding an Easter egg hunt for the children so they should come home with a few sweet treats.

### Easter Bingo



The PTA have also arranged an Easter Bingo night on 28<sup>th</sup> March (6:00 – 7:30pm) for families to come along to play a few games and hopefully win an egg or two. We have had lots of

responses already and I am pleased to say it has now sold out.

### Eggs Please!

Both the Easter Bingo and Decorate and Egg Contest will have chocolate eggs as prizes. If anyone is feeling generous, we would be very grateful for any donations of Easter Eggs we could use as prizes. Thank you to those people who have already given!

### Scarlett Fever and Illness



As you will be aware, there are a number of bugs and illnesses passing around between pupils at the moment. While attendance at school is vital, it is more important that children are at home when they are unfit to be here. I recently explained that we have had a case of Scarlet Fever in school. If your child is diagnosed with this, please let school know as we have to keep a record of each case.

Please make sure that school is contacted (ideally by phone) if your child needs to be absent from school.

## World Book Day (WBD)



Last week we celebrated World Book Day. Mr Horton (our literacy leader) took the decision last year to stop dressing up for WBD so we could have a clear focus on books. This has worked really well and it was so nice to see children arriving at school so excited to share their favourite books. During our assembly, staff bought their favourite books for the children to choose who to sit and have a story with. In the afternoon, the older children paired up with the younger ones to share a story together. I enjoyed seeing lots of other activities going on too – like book quizzes and extended story time. Hopefully lots of children have had the chance to spend their WBD vouchers!

## PSHE this term

This term, the whole school topic for PSHE is *Drugs Education*. During this unit, children will learn the role of medicines, how they can be helpful and harmful and why it is so important to take medicines correctly. Older children will start to learn about laws about drugs and medicines.

### Changing Lives Team

The Changing Lives Team were in school last week to deliver two workshops to our pupils. They worked with Class 1 and 2 to tackle gender stereotypes. This helped children understand that anyone can have any favourite colour, play with whatever toys they wish and do a job of their choice in the future. In Class 4, they taught children about body image and helped them understand how media can put pressure on young people to look a particular way. Both sessions delivered key messages and were based on issues we said were important to support our pupils.

## Chess Club



We were pleasantly surprised recently to learn about how many children were interested in joining our lunchtime chess club. 48 children put their name down to join the club. While this is amazing news, we are unable to teach all the children how to play at once so are having a staggered approach to accepting new members. We have started with those children who

children the rules and how to play. Rest assured, if your child wanted to attend, they will be invited to join in over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, if they have shown an interest and you have time to dust off the chess set and show them how to play, this would be massively helpful!

## Redhill Trust Update:

In the recent parent survey, it became apparent that we didn't regularly share the advantages we were noticing about being part of Redhill Trust. Here are some events we have completed recently.

### Moderation Event

We met with staff within the trust to share our writing outcomes and compare them with theirs. We discussed next steps for each school. We will be having a second moderation session next term.

### Safeguarding Audit

The trust's safeguarding lead came to spend the day at school to carry out a detailed audit of our safeguarding procedures. Overall, they were delighted with the findings but were able to offer some advice to further improve what we do.

### Visiting to look at whole class feedback

Next week, Miss Baldwin and I will be visiting Tupton Primary School to see the great work they are doing in relation to marking and feedback. We hope to bring back some fresh ideas to our school.

### Grammar and Spelling Open Morning

Following our amazing results in last year's SATs, we were asked to host a grammar and spelling open morning to share our good work. Mr Horton planned and hosted the morning which was attended by nine colleagues from the trust. It is great to be able to support other professionals beyond our school.

## INSET for 2024-25

As we recently explained on Class Dojo, we have now set our INSET days for 2024 to 2025. School will be CLOSED to pupils on the following days. We thought it might be useful to share these early so you can make the necessary plans.

- Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Friday 20th December 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 30th June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025

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