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School Newsletter

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Please see below for the latest information and upcoming events happening at Scarcliffe.

Class webpages

Over recent weeks, teaching staff have been busy adding further information to their class webpages. They have now completed them for at least the first two terms of the year. Now, the class pages give information about what children will be learning in a wide range of subjects. Please visit the class webpages to find out what is happening in each class.

<https://www.scarcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk/classes>

Tesco Funding

Thank you to everyone who placed a blue token in our cause at Tesco in Clowne over recent weeks. I am pleased to say that we have been awarded £500 which will be used to buy outdoor furniture to encourage more children to read (and develop wider literacy skills) during break and playtimes.

Children in Need



Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need day. We have asked each class to decide on a theme for dressing-up and for them to consider another way in which they might like to raise some money. You

should have received the class specific information via email and Class Dojo earlier this week.

Christmas Planning



Staff are busy distributing scripts, auditioning children, learning songs and preparing props and costumes in readiness for their Christmas plays. All performances will take place during the week beginning 9th December. Class 3 and 4 will perform at The Bolsover School on 11th December (6:00 – 7:30pm) and Class 1 and 2 will perform their shows during the mornings of 12th and 13th December and the afternoon of 12th.

More details about tickets will follow soon.

We have also set the date for our Christmas dinner which will take place on 10th December.

Christmas parties will happen on the last day of term – 19th December – and we invite children to come in festive clothing on the day.

PSHE Topic this term

This half term, classes will be exploring a PSHE topic called *Bullying Matters*. In this topic, they will learn what bullying is. We define bullying behaviour as: 'repeated, negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe.' We make sure children understand that bullying

might be physical, verbal or indirect – such as online. The main message we share is around making sure that bullying behaviour is reported so it can be dealt with.

School Council

Our school council are always exceptionally busy coming up with ways to further improve our school. The Fundraising Council have been busy selling poppies to raise money for the British Legion, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been trained up and have been working in the background to plan an assembly to launch the work they will do this year and the iVengers have been planning a new mission about Truth Seeking. The aim of the mission will be to help children spot the difference between the truth and mis or disinformation they might see online.

Spooky Disco and PTA Update



Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Spooky Disco. We hope the children had a fantastic time. We were absolutely thrilled to have raised... for school and look forward to putting this to good use. Thanks too to Jenson, Grace and Sophie who have been harnessing their creative skills in order to raise money for us! Grace and Jenson organised and ran a very successful *Guess the Sweets in a Jar* activity and Sophie's loom band sale was a big hit too! The total raised on the night was a staggering **£487.78!** Thank you!!

Our next major fundraising venture is the Christmas raffle. We already have a number of special prizes and would greatly appreciate any donations from the school community / local businesses for any further ones. Ticket books will be sent home with children very soon so please keep an eye out for them.

As well as raising money, we are also fairly adept at spending it on your children. You might have noticed two great new outdoor benches which we hope will improve the quality of our outdoor provision at break and lunchtimes. These benches have been purchased using money raised by the PTA and through generous donations. We hope they will last (and be enjoyed) for many years to come!

Sports Events

I was incredibly proud of our school football team's recent performance in the district finals. Despite finishing second overall, we did not automatically qualify for the next round. That said, the team worked really hard and supported each other throughout. Mr Horton and I were also very impressed by the quality of football on show!

Staffing

We are aware that we are yet to confirm staffing plans for classes from January 2025. The lack of information about this is not due to inactivity, so please rest assured that we have been busy working on making sure all classes are fully (and very well) staffed after Christmas. As soon as we have tied up a few loose ends, we will be in a position to let children and parents know what the plans are. I appreciate your patience!

Trips

Last half term, Class 1 had a local area walk to explore Scarcliffe, Class 2 visited Bolsover and Class 4 explored the National Coal Mining Museum.

This term, we have planned a great visit to the Open Centre in Derby and will also be heading to see the Pantomime in Mansfield. Our trips continue to be exceptionally well attended and supported and we really appreciate this too!