

School Newsletter

Tuesday 18th November

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

Spooky Disco and PTA Update



Many thanks to everyone who came along to help support the Spooky Disco. We hope the children had a fantastic time. We were absolutely thrilled to have raised £390 for school and look forward to putting this to good use. Thanks too to Jenson, Grace and Mila who have been harnessing their creative skills in order to raise money for us! Thank you also to parents who have expressed their interest in restarting the PTA; we will be making contact regarding our next steps soon.

Junction Arts

As many of you will already know, the annual Bolsover lantern parade is coming up on the 29th of November.

This year, school are working with Junction Arts who will be supporting us in making our lantern creations. Children will bring their lantern home once completed - and before the lantern parade of course!



Sporting events

We have taken part in lots of exciting events so far this year and have more lined up in the near future. Recently, some children in Class 4 took part in a hockey festival in Mansfield; children in Y1 completed a fun run at New Bolsover School and our Y2s were also able to shine in a multi-skills festival at Shirebrook Leisure Centre where they experienced a range of team-building activities!

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 and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will shortly be trained through The Diana Award before they plan an assembly to launch the work they will do this year.

KS1 Reading Quiz

For the first time, children in Y2 have been able to compete in the Redhill Academy reading quiz with the final being held at Carlton Infants on November 20th. I'm pleased to announce, after holding our own quiz in school, that Leo, Emilia, Henry and Lola will be our fab four representing Scarcliffe!

Christmas Planning



Staff have been 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 8th December. Class 3 and 4 will perform their play: Pirates of The Currybean at The Bolsover School on 10th December (6:00 – 7:30pm) and Class 1 and 2 will perform A Wiggly Nativity during the mornings of 11th and 12th December and the afternoon of 11th. More details about tickets will follow soon. We have also set the date for our Christmas dinner which will take place on 9th December. Children are more than welcome to come in festive clothing for this day and also for their party day on the last day of term – 19th December.

Staffing update

This half term we unfortunately say goodbye to two longstanding and valued staff members: Mrs Tebb and Miss Bannister. All of us in the Scarcliffe community agree that they have had a

huge impact on many children during their time with us and we know you will join us in wishing them well for the future.

Following successful interviews last week, we would like to officially welcome Mrs Fish as our new out-of-hours club worker and midday supervisor, and Miss Royles who will also be joining our midday team. As a result of this, Miss Rich is now in a position to step down from her midday supervisor role and fully commit her time to her operational and SLT roles.

We are now in a position to confirm that Mrs Swift will be returning to the classroom in January after her maternity leave — something we know our staff, children and families will be thrilled about. These changes mean that Class 1 will continue to be taught by Mrs Sellars who has done a wonderful job since her move in January and is now moving to a full-time role. Class 2 will then be taught by both Mrs Swift and Miss Sidwell who has also made a huge contribution to the school since moving into her class teaching role in January.

Thank you for your patience in regard to these changes. There are a few small tweaks still to be made but we are making progress behind the scenes to ensure this happens promptly so that your children can arrive in the new year fully prepared to continue to make excellent progress and so that our high standards of teaching and learning are maintained.

Children in Need



Last Friday (13th November) was Children in Need day. We asked each class to vote on a theme for dressing-up and to donate money. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, Scarcliffe Primary incredibly raised £85.10 for Children in Need. Thank you!

Scarcliffe Church

We are very pleased to announce that, after feedback from parents (and staff), we have rekindled our community links with Scarcliffe Church and are excited to restart regular events throughout the year in such a beautiful location in our village. Recently, Class 4 attended a Remembrance service led by Reverend Annette and held a two-minute silence at the cenotaph. We are excited to be visiting the church again in the final week before Christmas for a carol service with all children in attendance.

Educational visits

At Scarcliffe, we value the opportunity to offer wider experiences for children that can bring their learning to life away from the classroom which is why we subsidise these from funds raised in school. Last half term, Class 4 explored Eden Camp to support their learning about WWII and Class 2 visited Bolsover to learn about their local area. This term, Class 3 have planned a great visit to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham to support the children's understanding of our seas and oceans and the role humans play in protecting

these biomes. Although there seems to be rising costs each year for our visits, they continue to be exceptionally well attended and supported and we really appreciate this too!

Governor monitoring morning

On 16th October, we held our first governor monitoring morning. Governors left pleased with the view that our learning behaviours provide the opportunity for children to be well-rounded, resilient and willing to take risks. They mentioned that this is crucial for success in the next stage of the children's education.

Key dates for the Autumn term

19th November: Flu immunisations

24th November: Class 3 trip to the Sealife Centre

25th November: Progress review evening 1

27th November: Progress review evening 2

2nd December: Panto in school

5th December: KS2 play rehearsal at The Bolsover School

9th December: Christmas Dinner Day

10th December: KS2 school play at The Bolsover School

11th December: Class 1 and 2 nativity (show 1 at 09:30 and show 2 at 14:15)

12th December: Class 1 and 2 nativity show 3 (09:30)

19th December: Christmas party day

19th December: Last day of term