

# Scapegoat Hill School Summer 2024 Newsletter

## The Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to our final newsletter for the academic year 2023 to 2024. The community of Scapegoat Hill is one of the most supportive and caring communities I have ever worked in. This year, the wonderful scarecrow festival, discos, school fairs and colour run have really demonstrated, alongside the hard work of FOSS (our PTA) and families, that as a school we work brilliantly to support the children and wider school life.

We have had a lot of fun, raised some money (the current total for all fundraising is an amazing £10 000!) and given families across the community the opportunity to get to know each other a little bit more. FOSS is always looking for volunteers so if you feel like you could lend a hand in anyway possible, it would be very much appreciated.

We are also delighted to launch our new Facebook page providing the wider community up to date information about events, celebrations and learning. So, on behalf of colleagues and the school community, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support this year and also wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd September.

## An update from school governors

I continue to meet monthly with the IEB (Interim Executive Board) who is overseeing the academisation of Linthwaite Clough over the forthcoming months. I would just like to reassure you all that the IEB and local authority are dedicating time and energy to ensure the school continues to thrive. In these meetings, we discuss how children and colleagues continue to work hard to ensure Scapegoat Hill, supported by its steadfast community is a good school and more! We continue to be supported by our Kirklees Learning Partner, Nick Long, who will also be working with us next year on our school improvement priorities (these are listed below).

Thank you for your patience and support over this academic year. Within the next academic year, the school will become a stand alone school, de -federated from Linthwaite Clough School but still maintained by the Local Authority. We will be supported our own new governing body and will be recruiting parents and co-opted governors from across the local community. Further correspondence to this effect will be shared in September.

Miss Shackleton

## Staffing



The 'School's Out for Summer' last Friday was a wonderful event and also gave current and former colleagues as well as the wider community the opportunity to say our last farewell (I am sure we are going to see her again very soon) to Jo Baxter. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. Your devotion to all the children and contributions over the years have been truly invaluable to the school and community.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Helen Myles to our team who will be teaching in Class 2 alongside Mrs Haygarth until Mrs Mitchell returns from her maternity leave.

## School Improvement Priorities

- To improve children's speaking and listening skills through effective questioning.
- To prepare the school for its next inspection.
- To finalise the school's behaviour curriculum.
- To ensure curriculum plans are carefully considered and well sequenced (Ongoing from last Ofsted report in 2020).

## ARC - Aspiration, Respect and Compassion



All colleagues and children have discussed the importance of revisiting the values which are the beliefs and principles by which we live and work. We have chosen 'ARC' (Aspiration, Respect and Compassion). We also thought the word ARC worked particularly well for a little school on a high hill. We have been adding to children's understanding of our values through school assemblies; special challenges; recognition of achievements, as well as discussions and lessons in the classroom. We are trying to foster many opportunities for bringing the whole school community together in striving to meet them.

Aspiration - Aspiration is about setting high goals and working diligently to achieve them.

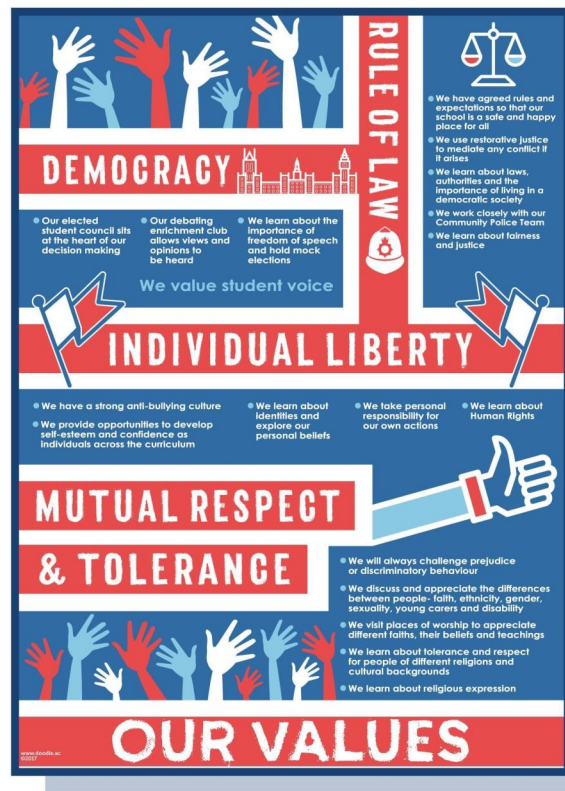
Respect - Respect is the cornerstone of our community. It means valuing ourselves and others, embracing diversity, and treating everyone with kindness and consideration

Compassion - Compassion is about empathy, understanding, and the willingness to help others across our community. It's recognising the struggles of those around us and offering support and kindness

## Children's Personal Development - British Values and My Happy Mind

Our school values align with the British Values. One of the reasons that British values are so important is that they help to prepare young people for life in modern Britain as they grow older and leave school. The British Values taught in school are: democracy, tolerance and respect, the rule of law and individual liberty. For example, democracy is taught in school through elections of school

councillors, discussion about local and general elections as well as beginnings of democracy in Ancient Greece (studied by children in Key Stage 2 in history).



We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. MyHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappyMind is being delivered by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

From September and to further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more! To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free

account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code. We will send this Via PING in September.

## Reading, Book Bags and Uniform

Please can we ask that children only bring a book bag to school (one without a school logo is fine). Rucksacks take up too much space in cloakrooms and clutter escape routes.

Books bags help us promote a love of reading as they help ensure that the same book is read between home and school. This also enables children to develop comprehension skills over time.

We have also attached the school uniform policy to the Ping.



## Fundraising with the Colour Run

Thank you to our fantastic FOSS team who organised another successful Colour Run raising over £1000 for the school. The children had a wonderful time and looked very colourful by the end of the day. Well done to all who took part.







Modeshift Stars Award







The Year 4s have learnt some vital life skills during a First Aid session delivered by 'Kirklees Streetscene'. They learnt about how to give CPR, how to look for dangers and how to keep someone calm. Well done Year 4, another great event which goes towards our Modeshift Stars award. Modeshift STARS is the Centre of Excellence for the **delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business and Community settings.**

## Sporting Activities: Cricket, Rounders , Sports' Barn, Mini Olympics and Sports' Day

What a great match of rounders we had and a huge well done to all the children who took part. We won the tournament and we will receive a trophy! Hip hip hooray!

### Sports Day



What a fantastic afternoon it was at our Sports Day. The children started off with a parade around the field in teams representing our values: Aspiration, Respect and Compassion. One team also represented the British value of Liberty. After this they enjoyed activities such as welly wanging, egg an spoon race, sprint hurdles and javelin throwing. Parents also took part in the activities in a three legged race. A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our wonderful children.



Good Luck Year 6! We are really going to miss you! Come back and see us soon! You have been a fantastic Year 6 this year and have achieved so much. We know you are all going to achieve wonderful things in the future.











## School Meals in September

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 2nd September 2024 the price of the school meals will increase by 20p. The new price will be **£2.75** per meal a day.

## After School Clubs

Monday - Homework

Tuesday - Clay

Wednesday - Gardening/Lego

Thursday - Dance

Friday - No Club

## Walking home, Mobile phones and chewing gum

Please could we ask that you contact the school office to let us know if and when (specific days needed) your child is walking home. Only these children and if absolutely essential can bring a mobile phone into school. This must be put in the school office to ensure that we are following safeguarding procedures.

Please can we make sure that children do not bring chewing gum into school, unfortunately we keep finding it and it is very difficult to remove.



## Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are considered.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

Registering for the free meals raises money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is because they are also entitled to things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Kirklees council website at: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## Ping

Just a reminder to keep looking on PING and the school calendar for all school notices. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs, trip details and sporting events. Please make sure that these are read and if necessary, replied to.

## School Meals

If your child has a school dinner please check your account regularly and ensure you are keeping your account in credit.

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## A few reminders

- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.

- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. **If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence – many thanks.**

## Parking

Please be reminded you **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm**

## Dates for your diary

<b>19th July</b>	<b>School BBQ and book fair</b>
<b>22nd July</b>	<b>School Breaks up</b>
<b>3rd September</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>5th September</b>	<b>Swimming starts</b>
<b>9th &amp; 10th September</b>	<b>Bikeability</b>
<b>19th September</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Football CVHS 4.15pm—5.45pm</b>
<b>20th September—22nd September</b>	<b>Robinwood</b>
<b>24th September</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Football CVHS 4.15pm—5.45pm</b>
<b>01st October</b>	<b>Cross Country—CVHS 4.15pm—5.45pm</b>
<b>4th October</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>9th October</b>	<b>Year 6 Leadership Day 9am—3pm</b>
<b>15th October</b>	<b>Music Workshop</b>
<b>22nd October</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Cross Country Final SNHS—4.15-5.15pm</b>
<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>24th October</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Cross Country Final SNHS—4.15-5.15pm</b>
<b>4th November</b>	<b>School returns</b>
<b>5th November</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Basketball—CVHS 4.15pm—5.30pm</b>

## Term Dates

	<b>School Breaks Up</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
Half Term	Friday 24th May	Wednesday 5th June
Summer	Monday 22nd July	

**School Breaks Up****School Re-opens**

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3rd September

Half Term Wednesday 23rd October

Monday 4th November

Christmas Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February

Easter Friday 4th April

Tuesday 22nd April

Half Term Friday 23rd May

Monday 2nd June

Summer Friday 18th July

School will also be closed Monday 5th May 2025.