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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Narborough Newsletter for week ending 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

These weeks are flying by so quickly, genuinely so busy!

The children are, as always, so praiseworthy. I was thrilled when the staff taking the Years 4, 5 and 6 children swimming came back full of pride that several members of the public at the swimming pool had taken the time to comment on how wonderfully behaved our children were. Well done Foxes and Otters, I am always telling people how proud of our children we as staff are, it is wonderful to have recognition for you from members of the public too. Keep up the good work and be proud to be ambassadors for our school.

Thank you for your support for Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, spots galore, literally from head to toe, meant that we raised £61.80 for the good cause.

### **Cross-Country Competition**

Congratulations to the children who attended the second round of the Cross-Country Competition this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. A fantastic well done to: Finley Y3 who came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oaklie Y3 came 11<sup>th</sup>, Rosanna Y3 came 31<sup>st</sup>, Nicole Y4 came 28<sup>th</sup>, Archie Y4 came 18<sup>th</sup> and Macie Y5 came 19<sup>th</sup> in their respective races, with the older children having to complete two laps of the course for their races. Our thoughts are also with Elsie (Y5) who qualified to go through to this next round but was unfortunately very unwell and couldn't make it. There will always be another time, Elsie. Get well soon. There were over 60 children competing in this event, so this is an awesome achievement by all of the children, they should all be very proud of themselves. I know that the parents who took the children were brimming with pride too – thank you for taking them.

### **It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!**

It's coming around too quickly!

Children and staff will be having our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December; our Carols Around the Tree carol service (all welcome) at 2:30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, our Reception and Year 1 Nativity (Reception and Year 1 families) at 2:00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and our Christmas Church Service for all year groups (all welcome) at 9:30am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Narborough Church. We hope that you can join us for at least one of our Christmas events.

### **Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA)**

I am looking forward to the coffee and cakes this afternoon, the Reindeer Race after school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the Film Night from 3:15 to 5:30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Keep your eye on the calendar of events and PTFA posters for more details of future events.

Just in case you didn't get the link for 'My Child's Art', the information is here:

Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

NB. Please note that we try and include in the newsletter local events that may be of interest, but inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any such event from ourselves.

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### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for last week, ending 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 are as follows:

Hedgehogs: 96.52%

Squirrels: 94.29%

Foxes: 100%

Otters: 96.84%

The whole school attendance last week was 96.47%, which is a good improvement on the previous week

Well done to **Foxes** for not only achieving the highest attendance award last week, but also achieving a super impressive 100%. Keep it up everybody!

### **Children's Worship**

Pavitha from Hedgehogs, James H from Squirrels, Fearné from Foxes, Macie and Theo from Otters deepened our understanding of how to look after God's creation, our planet, by getting us to think about what actions and words help create a clean or a polluted world. They used a game and lovely visuals to help our understanding. Amazing creativity!

Taken from Psalm 8 - O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

### **Class Information**

#### **Hedgehogs**

We have had so much fun with our learning this week. We made houses that could withstand an Indian monsoon in Science to test which materials were waterproof, painted our clay diva lamps in RE and liked the musical instruments in Music. We have been learning about shapes in Maths, with Year 1 finding and naming the 2D shapes of faces in 3D shapes – we really enjoyed printing our faces with the ink and Reggie did an amazing job laying out his faces into nets. He really enjoyed showing his work to Foxes and Otters, who were really impressed with his work! Reception considered how they could put 6 buttons onto snowmen and made 2D shape pictures. We also worked really hard in English, writing our letters to and from characters in Little Red Riding Hood.

Reading congratulations to: Joey, Oliver B and Teddy for achieving 50 reads at home. Remember to bring your reading record into school every day.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Samuel for working so hard in English and Maths, giving his very best effort. Keep up the good work, Samuel.

#### **Squirrels**

Squirrels had the most amazing trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, on Friday, and have been talking about their visit ever since! We have continued our Ancient Egyptian learning this week by learning about the structure of their society using power pyramids, and building our own step pyramids using clay. We can't wait to show you the final result. In English, we have been using research and journalistic skills to learn more about Howard Carter and his life, including the discovery of Tutankhamun. Children have posed detailed questions and used these to focus their research. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of subtraction, using a variety of methods, and learning how to tackle word problems.

Congratulations to:

Arthur D for 10 reads; Khloe and Lacie for 50 reads and James H and Oaklie for 75 reads. Well done everybody.

Our Shining Light this week is for Ruben for incredible resilience with learning, working beautifully in a group in both phonics and DT.

### **Foxes**

This week the children have finished their first Year 4 addition and subtraction unit in Maths with lessons on estimating and checking answers. We are all excited to move onto multiplication and division and I know all the children are looking forward to the challenge of using 4-digit numbers and the grid method! In writing, we have been immersed in information texts featuring ancient civilisations, a link to our learning in History. We have identified the key features and built success criteria with the aim that we will be writing our own information text within the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Harvey for achieving 10 reads at home and Fearne and Paige for achieving 50 reads.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Archie for exemplary kindness to children both in class and at play times.

### **Otters**

Another great week in Otters! This week, children from Otters class are commenting on their week.

"This week I have enjoyed identifying the similarities and differences between the Ancient Civilisations." (Libby) "I enjoyed finishing writing my suspense story because I am really proud of it." (Daniel) "I have enjoyed Maths because we were learning the expanded vertical method to multiply larger numbers and add the products together more efficiently." (Theo W) "I have enjoyed revising short division (bus stop method) in Maths because I can divide 4- and 5-digit numbers quickly." (Sophie) "I have enjoyed DT because I enjoyed designing a playground." (Isabella) "I have enjoyed swimming because I have pushed myself to do 100m in different strokes." (Lola) "I have enjoyed swimming because I have learned new strokes and have achieved my 25m." (Rosie) "I have enjoyed swimming because I could swim 10m without a float on my back and front." (Gabriela) "I have enjoyed swimming because I have achieved my 25m front crawl." (Ashden)

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Well done to Rosie for achieving 25 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Billie-Jo for achieving her red level intelligent practice multiples certificate.

Shining Light: This week the Shining Light has been awarded to Rosie for working really hard in Maths this week, mastering the expanded vertical method for multiplying a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number. Keep up the good work.

### **Prayer for the week**

This week's prayer is from Lola in Otters:

*Dear God,*

*Please stop climate change by stopping deforestation.*

*Please stop Russia from fighting Ukraine*

*Also, please stop living poverty.*

*Amen.*

### **Message from the Executive Headteacher:**

A huge congratulations to all our children from across the Federation who competed in the finals of the Cross Country yesterday at LynnSport. I was incredibly proud of their determined and positive attitude and their resilience; they all achieved a great deal, whether it was running more confidently than last year or beating their place from last year or just giving it a really good go. Well done to Rosanna, Nicole, Oakley, Archie T, Finley and Macie. A particular well done to Finley from Foxes in Narborough and Lola from Oak in Castle Acre who both gained a medal for coming second and third respectively in their races. A big thank you to our families who took your children to the race and supported them, we really appreciate that.

### **Online safety;**

A recent study has shown that 44% of 8-12 year olds in the UK use TikTok, despite its policies forbidding under 13's on the platform. Tik Tok is currently under investigation and may well be fined £27 million for failing to protect children from some of its content. Please do consider; does your child currently use a platform that may contain sexual or otherwise inappropriate content and if so, how do you keep them safe? Research by the Children's Commissioner found that 45% of 8-17 year olds have seen content online that is upsetting to them. This is a link to a BBC article that documents some of things that children have seen and been asked to do for Robux in Roblox. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63357995>

Remember that our Pupil Voice in Autumn 1 found that a significant number of our children told us that they had seen things online in the holidays that bothered, worried or upset them. Let's make sure we are all having conversations about online content so that our children are able to talk to us and be protected.

### **Parents/Carers' Forums;**

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to these this half-term. There were no particular themes arising other than those we have already covered in the newsletter, but it is always good to get together and talk through ideas for future events etc, so do please try and make these next term if you can. Many thanks.

### **Attendance;**

Thank you for continuing to ensure that your children are in school. It really does make a difference to their school success.

Just to let you all know you're most welcome to the Friends Of Castle Acre School Castle Acre Christmas Fayre Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-12pm.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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