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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Narborough Newsletter for week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

It has been lovely to see so many of you around the school this week. Thank you to everybody who has given their time volunteering for so many different activities, especially helping with swimming on Thursdays at such short notice in our hours of need!

Christmas is truly approaching fast and practising the Nativity brings home how close it is! The children are still working so hard on their learning as well as packing in all the practising for Christmas performances in between now that December is with us. You may have noticed our beautiful Christmas tree up and awaiting its child-made decorations ready for the carols around the tree. Thank you so much to Jack of Redroc Group Ltd for supplying and fitting the tree for us again this year.

### **Christmas**

Just a reminder that our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December; Carols Around the Tree Carol Service (all welcome) is 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 would love to see you all at our Christmas Carol or Church Services.

Christmas cards from the children are always so joyfully received and we have a school Christmas postbox for the children to post their cards into, which are then collected and delivered by our Year 6 postpeople. Could you please make sure that your child has put the name and the class that the card is for, on the envelope and post them in the postbox for the posties to deliver.

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

It was really good to see so much support for the amazing coffee and cakes afternoon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. You helped the PTFA **raise over £500** and we are truly grateful for every penny. Still to come, next week we have the Reindeer Race straight after school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the Film Night from 3:15pm 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.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for last week, ending 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 are as follows:

Hedgehogs: 94.78%

Squirrels: 92.14%

Foxes: 94.67%

Otters: 93.68%

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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.

The whole school attendance last week was 93.65%, which reflects the amount of cold and flu symptoms going around at the moment. We have been working hard reminding children of the importance of good hygiene habits to keep ourselves and others safe, especially when unwell – using tissues, sneezing or coughing into the crook of the elbow and regular handwashing. Thank you for your help in reinforcing these messages at home.

Well done to **Hedgehogs** for achieving the highest attendance award last week. Let's keep ourselves safe and healthy!

### **Children's Worship**

Continuing our theme of creativity, the children this week looked at miracles. They created a beautiful window display, showing a miracle coloured in each pane, that will be displayed on our board in the hall, along with a prayer written by Sophie. Thanks to, Sophie and Gabriella in Otters, Lucy in Foxes, Amelia and Ellie-May in Squirrels and Isaac in Hedgehogs for an inspiring worship.

### **Class Information**

#### **Hedgehogs**

In Maths this week, Reception have played games to identify numbers that are more or less and completed pictorial representations of numbers. We have continued the concept of representing numbers in Year 1 by using number words, tally, pictures and tens frames to show different numbers. In English, we started to practise our Nativity play and we have made a really impressive start to our performing and narration. We showed how wonderfully kind and caring we are when we shared our ideas on how to make friends in our RSHE (Relationship, Sex, Health and Economics) lesson. In DT, we evaluated our Indian festival elephants, which are looking really colourful and extravagant! Next week is Miss Cain's last week with us before moving to her second teaching placement for the Spring Term; she will then be back with us after Easter. We wish her every success in her Spring placement.

Reading congratulations to: Isla, Olivia and Scarlett for achieving 25 reads at home; Layla and Arthur for achieving 50 reads at home.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Jasper for always working diligently with a smile in all subjects. Well done, Jasper, keep up the hard work.

#### **Squirrels**

In English this week we have been learning about biographies and found out more about Howard Carter's life. We have worked hard on writing sentences using time openers and chronological order. In Maths, we are starting to learn about money. We have been practising recognising values of coins and finding different ways to make amounts of money. We have really enjoyed looking at the nets of shapes and we made square-based pyramids reflecting our work on Ancient Egypt. We used our art skills to decorate the pyramids and we really enjoyed using clay to make bricks to build pyramids.

Congratulations to:

Lillie-May for achieving 10 reads at home; Ariyah-Mai for 50 reads; James L, Logan and Megan W for 75 reads. Well done everybody.

Our Shining Light this week is for James L for engaging with his learning in phonics and showing great improvement in his reading at home and at school.

#### **Foxes**

Foxes have become budding historians, researching the afterlife beliefs of the ancient civilisations for our information texts in English. We have delved into the tombs of Ancient Sumer and the pyramids of Ancient Egypt to compare their practices. In Maths, we have been exploring multiplication and division facts and patterns in the 3 and 6 times tables. Next week we are looking forward to planning and writing our information texts and continuing to delve into multiplication links in the 9 times table.

Congratulations to:

Sophie for achieving 50 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Blue phase multiplication - Sophie and Dylan; Green Phase multiplication – Libby and Blue  
Phase missing numbers - Archie and Paige.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Adriana for her perseverance in all her learning.

### **Otters**

I can't believe another week is coming to an end already. Otters have completed some fantastic learning this week. Jayden has enjoyed maths because, 'I have been learning a method I really like.' Rosie agreed stating, 'I am proud of my maths because I have enjoyed doing the expanded vertical method for multiplying.' Oscar concurs, '... I can now multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.' Isabella said, 'I have enjoyed learning how to do long division because now I can divide large numbers by 2-digit numbers.' Ashden has enjoyed our grammar lessons this week '...because we have learned how to use colons properly.' Design Technology has also been popular. Eden stated, 'This week I have enjoyed DT designing our playground and deciding what materials we needed because it will help when I make my playground.' Teamwork was the focus for our learning with Mr Jarvis on Wednesday afternoon. Lola really enjoyed this session...'because we made a bridge out of books, multilink, a tray and tape. We passed because ours held 12 books on top of it. 'Our last swimming lesson for the term was also very popular, as after all our hard work, we were able to have a fun session.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Amelia and Eden for achieving 25 reads at home. Theo A for achieving 50 reads at home. Libby, Sophie, Isabella, Theo W and Macie for achieving 75 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Jayden for achieving his green division certificate and his blue mixed mini certificate. Theo A and Amelia for achieving their red level decimals certificate. Libby for achieving her Green level multiples certificate.

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Lola-Rose for consistently working hard in all subjects, being kind, caring and helpful, an excellent role-model to others and for thinking deeply in History. Well done!

### **Prayer for the week**

This week's prayer is from Izabel in Otters:

*Dear God,*

*Can you please help us to lower our bills and bring food prices down because some people cannot afford things like that anymore; people can only spend a certain amount of money because they have to pay their bills.*

*Please help us to help each other, especially at this time of year.*

*Amen.*

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

#### **Y6 SATS in May;**

Just to let you know that due to the extra Bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles on May 8th, the timetable for SATS has changed slightly, in that everything has been pushed back by one day. Please could you support your children with these important tests by ensuring that on that Bank holiday they get to sleep early; the children are working very hard to be able to show their best and every little advantage honestly does make a difference. Please also ensure that your children are in school every day but particularly during the actual week of the SATS tests.

Next term we will be sending home SATS workbooks for your children to work through and more information about other support measures we are putting in place for Y6 children to help them do their very best. Many thanks for your support.

**Parents/Carers' Forums actions;**

Many thanks to those who came along; there was useful conversation, see newsletter last week, but no further items to action. We look forward to seeing you at the next one in the Spring.

**Nar Valley Federation Local Governing Body;**

Would you like to be a Governor? Do you know of someone who might be interested? We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor from Castle Acre and also a non-parent Trust Appointed Governor.

We will shortly be sending out information about the role but if you're interested, please do contact me or our clerk Miss Karen Howman (Castle Acre Secretary) for a chat.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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