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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 10th February 2023

We have had a super week this week, with the children showing real resolve and resilience, especially those returning from illnesses. Hopefully the week off next week will give everybody the time they need to recoup their energy and come back on Monday, 20th February fighting fit. I hope that you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable week off and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th.

All children across the school have been working really hard on their assessments over the last couple of weeks and we are really proud of their effort, determination and progress. Keep up the good work everybody. We are looking forward to sharing their information with you at parents' evenings on our return.

Parents' Evenings

A final reminder that parents' evenings are from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Monday 20th February and 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursday 23rd February. We all look forward to meeting with you to discuss your children. Please remember that slots are 10 minutes each to enable us to see all parents, but if you feel that you need to have a longer chat with your child's class teacher, we are happy to arrange a convenient time with you after school on an alternative day to do so.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February, was really interesting. We had lots of activities throughout the day promoting safety online. The children were really good at telling us how they should stay safe online, but need constant reminders to follow this advice in the real world. As you know, we can all be so easily drawn into scams or worrying situations when we are not fully thinking about the dangers. We continue to teach e-safety and personal safety throughout the year in our Relationships, Sex, Health and Economics (RSHE) education lessons. We appreciate your support in encouraging the safe use of electronic devices at home as well. The link below has lots of information and links to helpful websites with tips and advice to help you protect children: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Another good place to visit is <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for age-appropriate advice, games for children from 4 - 18 and information for parents and professionals.

Parents' Cafés

It was really lovely to see so many of you at the Parents' Cafés, the children love to share their learning with you. Hopefully you had a good afternoon and managed to pick up some tips on what your child is learning in school and how you can support them in their learning at home. Parents' Cafés will be held each half-term, with one in the classroom and one whole school Café. The Parents' Café next half term will be a whole school café and the date will be sent out after half-term, once finalised.

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.

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

The children had a great time at the disco and really enjoyed themselves. The glow face paint went down really well and there were some really cool movers! Please join us for our Family Quiz Night at the Narborough Community Centre on Saturday 4th March from 7:00pm for a 7:15 start. It is just a bit of fun and it would be lovely to see as many as possible – all serious quizzers on my team please – I'll need the help! Flyers have been up around school for more details. Tickets are £3 per adult and £2 per child (under 3's are free). All ticket money raised will be towards the PTFA fundraising to provide fun activities for the children. The Community Centre bar will be open or you can bring your own snacks and drinks. Bags of sweets will also be available to buy. There will be various prizes.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for last week to 3rd February 2023 are:

Hedgehogs:	93.91%
Squirrels:	91.03%
Foxes:	89.33%
Otters:	96%
Whole School	92.64%.

Well done to **Otters** for achieving the highest attendance of the week and being the only class to reach the target 96%. Keep up the good work Otters.

Children's Worship

The Children's Worships are so amazing; the children create, rehearse and perform the whole thing themselves. This week, Noah W in Hedgehogs, Isla-Rose and James H in Squirrels, Sophie in Foxes and Sophie and Elsie in Otters helped us work not only on our value of peace but on our phonics too, as they challenged us to a game of "peace" hangman. Well done to the classes who guessed the words and got themselves a class team point!

The children finished worship with a very joyous rendition of Peace Like a River where we learned the words and joined in with the dance.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

This week in Hedgehogs, we have been working really hard on our phonics assessments and maths trackers in English and Maths. I am really proud of how well the children are progressing and how hard they have been working on showing their knowledge. We had a supply teacher this week and she was also very impressed with the children's behaviour, effort and politeness. Well done, Hedgehogs. In P.E., we had great fun pretending to be rockets, flying off through space in our own hoop rockets, we then had to do one of our yoga poses every time the music stopped. In Computing, we read the story of Chicken Clicking and learned about how to stay safe online. We then made posters to remind us to always tell an adult if we are worried about something online and never give out our personal information. In Science, we were amazed at how tall our beanstalks have grown and in RSHE we took a flight into the future and thought about the jobs people do and what we would like to be when we grow up. We had a really good time counting feet, eating biscuits and doing some gardening at our Parents' Café on Wednesday afternoon. We loved having mummies, daddies and grandmas in to help us. Thank you for making our afternoon special. We hope that the children that are off unwell are feeling better really soon.

Congratulations this week to: Layla and Oliver B for achieving 100 reads at home. Well done, super readers!

Our Shining Light this week is Arthur for his hard work and super progress in phonics. Well done, Arthur, keep up the good work.

Squirrels

A fantastic week had in Squirrels! We have been rounding off all our topics from this half term: from drawing conclusions on our observations in our artefact handling in History; to our field trip learning for Science. We had an absolutely amazing day in Hunstanton learning about rock pool organisms at the Sealife Centre. We also

learned about how the RNLI keep us safe with the help of their fantastic volunteers at Hunstanton lifeboat station. We cannot thank them enough for all that they put on for us, including watching the hovercraft in action! A big, big thank you also to the parents that joined us on the trip, and to those who joined us for the Parents' Café. The children really enjoyed showing off their multiplication and division learning. Have you challenged them to show you at home as well?

Congratulations to:

Reading: Khloe for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Finley for his red phase missing numbers mini-test

Our Shining Light this week is Freddie for his kindness, enthusiasm and his sense of humour. He has a special gift for brightening up your day.

Foxes

It was so wonderful to welcome the grown-ups into the class for our Parents' Café on Tuesday afternoon. We have now finished our assessments and have wound down from them with lots of active Maths and English lessons. We have also finished our dance PE unit so be sure to ask your children to show off their moves. I am looking forward to returning after the break to write up all our wonderful research on mountain formation into an explanation text and move onto our next Maths unit of measurement!

Congratulations to:

Logan and George-Henry for achieving 25 reads at home, Archie and Theo for 75 reads and Paige for 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: George-Henry - Green missing numbers mini; Harvey - Blue division and blue mixed mini; Libby-Rae - Red multiplication; Lucy - Blue multiplication; Nicole - Red mixed mini; Sienna - Blue division.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Fearne for always working hard and especially always challenging herself.

Otters

In Otters, we have had another week of fabulous learning. In Geography we have learned about what happens when a volcano erupts and have explored the 5 deadly features of a volcanic eruption. In Science, we have completed a top-secret mission. All I am allowed to say is that it has something to do with friction... In English, we have been reading a range of different explanation texts, identifying the intended audience, language and punctuation features. In PE, we have devised and performed a Bhangra dance. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on calculating with fractions which we hope to have shared with you in our Parents' Café on Friday afternoon.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Oscar for achieving 25 reads at home. Isabella for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Noah for achieving his green level division **and** mixed mini certificates. Oscar for achieving his green level division certificate. Jayden for achieving his blue level intelligent practice multiples certificate. Daniel for achieving his red level intelligent practice multiples certificate. Amelia for achieving her red level superstar certificate.

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Theo A for demonstrating kindness towards others and responsibility during group tasks.

Thought for the Week

This week's thought is by Theo W. in Year 5:

*Always remember:
Teamwork makes the dream work!*

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February 2023

This year's theme is Let's Connect. These free resources for [primary age](#) and [secondary age](#) children and young people will help you take part in the week. The activities and resources are designed to encourage children (and adults) to consider how we can make meaningful connections that support our mental health.

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/cssshared/ecourier2/misheet.asp?misheetid=61622>

Signposting to support (pupils)

[Childline](#)

[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)

[On My Mind | Resources for Young People | Anna Freud Centre](#)

[Kooth](#) (11-25 years)

Chat Health 07480 635060 (11-19 years)

Signposting to support (families)

[Mental Health advice and support for 0- 25yrs](#)

[Emotional health support and guidance](#)

[Just One Norfolk advice and resources for families](#)

[Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre](#)

Norfolk SENDIASS training for parents/carers and professionals

We are running some free online and face to face training for parents/carers and professionals.

- **Professionals only - Understanding SEND disagreement resolution and mediation** across education, health, and social care, run by Norfolk SENDIASS and KIDS Mediation Service.
- **For parents & carers - How to appeal a final EHCP training** for those wanting to know more about the process of appealing a final Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), focusing specifically on appealing needs (section B), provision (section F) and placement (section I). To help us deliver our support as widely as possible **please share this information** with all parents/carers and young people with SEND.

[To find out more and book a place for both courses please visit our website.](#)

We wish you a lovely half-term and hope you get some family time together.



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