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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Narborough Newsletter for week ending 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We have had such a busy week on our return to school; it has felt that the week has flown by.

It was really lovely to see so many parents during the Parents' Evenings and it is always good to share information about the children and how they are doing. Please remember that you do not have to wait until parents' evenings to speak with us, as we are happy to chat with you throughout the year. Just chat with your child's teacher or me if you would like to speak with us and we can arrange a mutually convenient time before or after school.

#### World Book Day

As you know, World Book Day this year is next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The £1.00 books (free with your token) make really good value reads, so don't forget to get your books. Through schools, nurseries, magazines, and partners, 50 million £1.00 tokens are distributed to children and young people for World Book Day so they can experience choosing one of these books for FREE from their **nearest bookseller**. Your local bookseller might be on a high street or could be a supermarket. The book tokens are valid from **Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023**. Find out more about the £1.00 books available on the World Book Day website. Follow this link for a list of the books available: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

As always, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character for World Book Day. They can bring their book along to share and can talk about who they are and which book they are from. My only request is that you please ensure that the costumes are appropriate for a day at primary school. We will also be holding reading sessions with each adult choosing one of their favourite stories to read, which the children will choose to go to. We will also have a day of book/story activities. The PTFA will also be introducing a book swap stall which we hope to be able to continue with moving forward. The book swap will be in the hall, starting at 2:30pm and continuing until after school so that children can come along in school time, or you can bring your children after school, to swap a book that they have read for a 'new to them' book. We would really appreciate donations of books to make this book swap stall possible on a regular basis. Please send donations to school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, if you have any. Thank you so much for your support, kindness and generosity.

#### Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers for the huge amount of money we raised at the end of term from the disco and the sweet stall after school.

We raised an amazing £294.10 all money goes towards the children. Thank you from the PTFA.

We will be holding the book swap on World Book Day in the hall. Our Family Quiz Night is next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Narborough Community Centre from 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start. Tickets are £3 per adult and £2

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per child (under 3's are free). All money raised will be towards our 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 be available to buy and there will be various prizes. Please support us on the night as it is just a bit of fun, and it would be lovely to see as many as possible.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for week to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 are:

Hedgehogs:	65.45%
Squirrels:	86.9%
Foxes:	94%
Otters:	98%
Whole School	85.23%.

As you know, we had a lot of chicken pox and a flu-like bug in the weeks before half-term break, so we are glad to see most children return safe and well. Well done to **Otters** for achieving the highest attendance of the week and being the only class to reach above the target of 96%. Keep up the good work Otters.

### **Children's Worship**

This week, we began to look at our value of 'trust'. Volunteers were called from the audience to quiz us on what trust looks like, who we trust and what we might trust people to do for us: who do we trust to help us with our learning? Who do we trust to look after our chocolates or our pocket money? Who do we trust to flip our pancakes? The children then reflected on a verse from Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

### **Meet the SENDCo**

I will be putting in some dates shortly for a 'come and chat with the SENDCo' so watch this space. You will not need to have an appointment, just drop in and I will have the kettle on and biscuits ready to discuss any questions or queries relating to your child and how they are getting on at school. Your child does not already need to be identified as having SEN to come along. I look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Spaul, Federation SENDCo. Please contact me at Castle Acre on 01760 755305 if you have any queries.

### **Class Information**

#### **Hedgehogs**

It has been lovely to see most children back in good spirits this week, after chicken pox taking its toll on us before the break. The children have worked hard, as usual, and I am very proud of them. We have started learning about diaries in English and looked at the key features needed to write a diary. We will use this to write our own diary as Oliver, from the text we are working on this week, called Oliver's Vegetables, by Alison Bartlett and Vivien French. In Maths, we have been finding bonds to ten in Reception and comparing numbers within 50 in Year 1. We thoroughly enjoyed Shrove Tuesday and making pancakes with Miss Clifton which provided huge excitement with everyone enjoying their "hands on" Maths lesson - measuring and mixing ingredients for pancakes and then enjoying "testing" the results - with almost everyone agreeing that the traditional; lemon and sugar was GREAT! We have started our new Science unit of work on animals, including humans, and discuss the animals we know. We will work towards fact finding about different animals, their needs, habitats, diets and comparisons.

Congratulations this week to: Isaac for achieving 100 reads at home; Ronnie and Pavitha for achieving 75 reads at home; Noah C and Olivia for achieving 50 reads at home.

Our Shining Light this week is for Noah C for amazing focus in demonstrating his number bonds in Maths. Congratulations Noah, keep up the excellent work.

#### **Squirrels**

Squirrels: Children have dived straight in to our writing focus this half term and have already begun to develop some fantastic descriptive written work. They have been finding ways to tell stories above stormy seas and

magical forests, developing the idea of putting our reader in suspense. In maths, they have done the most incredible job of identifying both 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties, using this information to draw them accurately. Attendance has also been greatly improved - keep it up, Squirrels!

**Congratulations to:**

Congratulations this week to Lacie and Logan for 100 reads at home.

Our Shining Light this week is to Megan F for fantastic retention of and retelling of our light house suspense story.

### **Foxes**

The children in Foxes class have come back with enthusiasm for their learning and all have leapt into our new Maths unit. We are looking at length and perimeter, specifically looking at metres, kilometres and centimetres and exploring the link between them. We have considered the best way to measure different items and lengths and which units would be best to use. The class have also written and are now editing their final drafts of their explanation texts, explaining how different types of mountains are formed. Our next theme also links to the humanities learning where we will be looking at Ancient Greece. I am looking forward to measuring activities next week and exploring all our new themes.

**Congratulations to:**

Dylan for achieving 75 reads and Freya for 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Archie - Purple subtraction missing numbers and Libby - Red division.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Freya for being kind and helpful to others with their learning.

### **Otters**

Otters class have been working really hard this week to practise using relative clauses and technical vocabulary in preparation for our big write about how mountains are formed next week. Year 6 have also been learning about active and passive sentences. In Maths, Year 5s have been learning how to find fractions of amounts, whilst the Year 6s have been learning about ratio and scale factors. In Computing, we have been starting to explore how networks work and thinking about why some networks might need to be able to block messages. In RSHE we have been learning about different jobs that are available, and even began to investigate the average salaries of different jobs (not many were as impressive as Ronaldo's salary though!) We have also been reflecting on our learning in Science and Geography from last term and have been really impressed with how much we have learned.

**Congratulations this week to:**

Reading: Billie-Jo and Esme for achieving 50 reads at home; Ashden for achieving 75 reads at home and Theo A for achieving 100 reads at home.

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Elsie for an excellent attitude towards her learning. Elsie always tries her best in everything she does. Keep it up!

### **Thought for the Week**

This week's thought is by Macie in Year 5:

*Anything is possible if we do it together.*

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

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

These are coming up for each Academy; please do book on, it is always good to sit down with our families and chat, and your views matter. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Strikes;**

As you may be aware March 1<sup>st</sup> is a strike day for our region unless these are called off by the union after Government engagement in talks over the weekend. As before, I do not necessarily know until sometimes the morning of the strikes who is striking or not. As before however, I do have an excellent team who communicate well. We will endeavor to give you as much notice as possible if there is to be any change to the normal school day for your child.

There may be some disruption to some classes. Please have a plan for childcare for this day.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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