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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Narborough Newsletter for week ending 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Another really busy week, starting on Monday with our phonics lessons in Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 being visited by our Read Write Inc. associate. She was very pleased to see the progress that the children are making and it was good to see how hard both children and staff are working to improve phonics and early reading across Hedgehogs and Squirrels. Well done everybody, keep up the good work. In order to enable our children to make the most progress with their reading we must all work together to give them the best opportunities to practise reading every day. Just 5 minutes reading each night will make all the difference to their fluency, confidence and comprehension. For more information on our Read Write Inc phonics scheme please go to: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yHWMPKIT/NIXPGdrU>

We had Year 6 visit Letton Hall for the Crucial Crew event. They had a really good morning learning how to deal with a variety of emergency and safety situations. Read Otters' class information below for more detail. All of the children were really good ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of them. Unfortunately the Football Festival was postponed by TNHA due to the weather, we look forward to receiving a new date soon.

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

Thank you so much to everybody who attended the Family Quiz Night last Saturday, it was lovely to have so much support and everybody seemed to have a really good time. All money raised will go towards providing fun activities for our children.

### **Comic Relief – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Children can come to school dressed in red (and red noses), all donations will go to Comic Relief.

### **Teaching Assistant Vacancy**

If you or somebody that you know is interesting in applying for a Teaching Assistant position, please click following the link for more information on our vacancies.

<https://www.narborough.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=153>

You can find more details on our website by following the link above or going to the **About Us** section then use the **Vacancies** tab. If you would like an informal chat, please feel free to pop in or telephone to have a chat with either me or Mrs Neary.

### **Nursery Consultation**

We would be very grateful if you complete the questionnaire sent out to let us know if you are happy for Narborough CE Primary Academy to extend our admittance age from 4 years to 3 years. Please complete the form with a 'yes' to enable us to make this happen. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on: 01760 338048 or email: [office@narborough.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@narborough.norfolk.sch.uk).

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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.

## Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for week to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 are:

Hedgehogs:	100%
Squirrels:	96.9%
Foxes:	100%
Otters:	97%
Whole School	98.26%

Well done to **Hedgehogs and Foxes** for not only achieving the highest attendance of the week, but both with a superb 100%. Also, a huge well done to everybody, as all classes beat the 96% target last week. Keep up the excellent work everybody!

## Children's Worship

Gabriela from Otters, Fearne from Foxes, Debora and Luna from Squirrels, and Joey and Pavitha from Hedgehogs.

The children continued to help us think about the word "trust" and what it means by challenging us to a word search of associated words. The games continued with a word unscramble. Well done to the members of Hedgehogs that solved it to find the word "Easter".

## Class Information

### Hedgehogs

We have been working really hard on our diary writing this week, with everybody writing a diary entry from Oliver about picking and eating his Grandpa's vegetables. We have enjoyed reading this book and we will be using it to help us plan our vegetable soup in Design Technology. Next week we are starting to look at poetry and will be working towards writing our own vegetable poems. In Maths we have been learning how to measure and compare length and height, using appropriate vocabulary and ordering objects from shortest to longest or shortest to tallest. Next week we will be learning how to measure accurately to the nearest centimetre using rulers. Last week all the children LOVED making and taste testing their own butter in History. This week we have enjoyed more "ball skills" work during PE and have started to explore and think about the importance of the Easter story in RE. In Music everyone has continued to make some super rhythms and the Reception children enjoyed trying to make some junk model shakers and guitars (using tubs/elastic bands). We are trying to improve our outdoor learning area and wonder if you would be able to donate any gardening equipment, water and sand play, colanders, sieves, cooking utensils, old pots and pans, plastic cups and plates. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

Congratulations this week to: Reggie and Ethan for achieving 75 reads at home and Ronnie for achieving 100 reads at home. Please remember to keep practising at home every night.

Our Shining Light this week is to Charlotte for working really hard to show her learning, especially in English and her reading tests.

### Squirrels

This week in Squirrels has flown by! The children have really wowed me this week with their English writing. So much stamina, BEAUTIFUL handwriting and lots of creativity. Total superstars! We have continued to look at shape and measurement in Maths and the children are very confident at identifying, describing and reasoning with both 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, they are doing an amazing job at discussing life cycles and how animals change. Their retention of earlier learning has been very strong - keep it up!

Congratulations to:

Reading: A very big well done to the following children:

Bow – 50 reads; Isla-Rose and Sophie – 75 reads and Chloe T – 100 reads.

Tackling Tables:

Oaklie Marshall - Red Phase multiples mini-test

Our Shining Light this week is Lillie-May for always being the first to volunteer to keep our classroom and school looking lovely. She is responsible and kind at all times.

### **Foxes**

Foxes have been mastering finding and calculating length and perimeter of both regular and irregular polygons. This has meant that we have become experts in what is required for a shape to be classified as a regular polygon as well as using multiple steps to answer a question, which has been great reasoning practice! We have stepped back into narrative for our writing learning, recapping the use of adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases for description as well as extending our learning to prepositional phrases to move a story forward. Looking into next week we will be continuing with descriptive writing, looking at how using figurative language can deepen understanding of the reader. In Maths we move from perimeter to area, therefore needing to use multiplication methods rather than addition methods.

Congratulations to:

Fearne for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Archie - unit fractions of amounts; Paige - purple superstar and unit fractions of amounts;

Sienna-Rose - blue mixed mini and Theo - Green multiplication.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Theo for his wonderful use and understanding of the power of 'yet' in his writing, knowing that if he keeps working hard he will get to where he wants to be.

### **Otters**

Yet again, some fantastic learning has occurred in Otters this week. On Tuesday, the Year 6s went to Crucial Crew and were fantastically well-behaved. Reflecting on the experience, Libby said, 'It was really helpful to know how to put people in the recovery position.' Isabella stated, 'I enjoyed Crucial Crew when we played a game to learn how to be safe on the road.' Billie commented, 'I enjoyed the part when we were learning about fire hazards. Daniel said, 'I think it was very helpful to learn CPR because when we are older we may need it to save people's lives.' Meanwhile, back in class....

Gabriela stated, 'I have enjoyed reading because I have improved my answers to include evidence and a point.' Macie commented, 'I have enjoyed writing my explanation text about how mountains are formed.' Maths has also been popular this week. Oscar said, 'I have enjoyed maths because we have been learning about equivalent fractions and decimals.' Ashden agreed stating, 'I have enjoyed maths because we have been learning how to turn fractions into decimals.' Jayden concurred, saying, 'I didn't know about decimals before but now I do.' Theo W has '...enjoyed listening to some of the Greek myths and learning about how the characters act in them, especially the myth where Perseus kills Medusa.' PE has also been popular. Theo A said, 'I enjoyed playing football in PE because we got into groups of three, 2 people had to try to chase the person with the ball who had to try to keep possession.' Ashden commented, 'I liked PE because we have been learning yoga poses and how to transition between them.'

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Amelia for achieving 50 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Unfortunately, no one quite managed to achieve a certificate this week, but some people are incredibly close, so keep practising at home!

Shining Light: This week, our Shining Light has been awarded to Daniel for listening carefully to feedback, persevering and working really hard to add detail and a variety of sentence structures to his writing.

### **Thought for the Week**

This week's thought for the week is from Theo T in Foxes:

*If you make other people happy, you mostly make yourself happy.*

**Message from the Executive Headteacher:**

**Easter services;**

We look forward to seeing you all at these; you are most welcome.

**Crucial Crew;**

I wanted to thank our excellent Year 6 children from across the Federation for representing NVF so well with their super behaviour and engagement on the Crucial Crew trip. They were a pleasure to be with. Well done Year 6!

**School Meal prices increase;**

Aspens have let us know that a school meal will now be £2.59 a day from 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Volunteers;**

I just wanted to give a huge and heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers across the Federation. These are difficult times for education and we cannot do what we do without you all at the moment, so thank you so much for all your time.

**National Strikes;**

It is highly likely that Narborough will not be affected by these.

Many thanks for your support. All of us really do hope that talks can take place, solutions can be found and these strikes can be averted.



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