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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 17th March 2023

With so much interruption to learning nationally this week, it has been really positive to have a full week of our usual quality learning at Narborough. A huge thank you to all staff for your commitment to making this possible for our children and community.

On Thursday we had a focus on safeguarding in each class, where children created posters to help each other consider how to keep themselves safe. Years R & 1 thought about Road Safety, Years 2 & 3 considered Water Safety and Years 4 & 5 worked on Non-Stranger Danger. A selection of the posters will be displayed around the school to continue to inform all children and adults.

Please remember that we are having a non-school uniform day on Friday (24th March). To come to school in non-school uniform please bring in an Easter Egg donation for the Easter Egg hunt and tombola to be held on the following Friday (31st March). The more eggs we collect, the more prizes there will be!

Road Safety

Several parents have come to me very concerned about cars outside the school. It seems as if there are many cars that are quite fast and blocking off entrances to adjoining roads or drives. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of taking care when dropping off and picking up your children. I know that we all hold the safety of our children in the utmost importance. Children crossing the road to get to school are not always as vigilant as they could be and moving cars could easily find themselves colliding with them. Also, children are often not as mindful in our car park as they should be, as they feel it is a safe space, but several parents pulling into or out of the car park can compromise the safety of the children. I would ask you to remember that our car park is for staff only.

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

We are currently working hard to organise the Easter Egg Hunt and family event, which will be held from 2:00pm on Friday 31st March 2023. The children will be taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt with their class from 2:00pm - Hedgehogs and Squirrels will be from 2:00pm to 2:15pm, then Foxes and Otters will be from 2:15pm to 2:30 pm. The Easter family event will be held in the hall from 2:00pm and you will be welcome to join your child for their hunt if you wish to. The event in the hall will include refreshments, Easter Egg Tombola (50p per ticket or £1 for 3), Name The Bunny (50p per go) and Cake Raffle (£1 for 5 tickets). It will continue after school so that your children can join you for the event. If you can donate cakes or Easter eggs for the event, please send them into school for the Friday morning. Please remember to ensure that they are all nut-free. Thank you so much for supporting our efforts to provide exciting opportunities for our children and families.

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.

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.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for week to 10th March 2023 are:

Hedgehogs:	97.27%
Squirrels:	88.28%
Foxes:	92%
Otters:	98%
Whole School	93.49%

Well done to **Otters** for achieving the highest attendance of the week. Keep up the good work, Otters.

Children's Worship

This week, the children and staff were all really wowed with the way the Children's Worship group set up the hall for their Collective Worship. Sophie and Elsie from Otters, Adriana from Foxes, Rosanna from Squirrels, Arthur and Isla from Hedgehogs set out a really exciting looking maze of cones. The children really put their trust and faith in others to the test by putting children through a series of physical tests. First, children had to guide a "blindfolded" child through a tricky maze by providing verbal directions, and then they had to complete a trust fall. Very well done to all the children that volunteered to put their trust in them. It's great to see the strong relationships between the children in our school.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

This week, we have been working really hard in Maths on measuring length using centimetres and using them to solve problems using adding and subtracting. Next week in Maths we will be working on mass and weighing objects. In English, we have been creating word banks for our vegetable poems. We really enjoyed using our 5 senses to describe the vegetables using adjectives and similes. Next week, we will be writing our poems. A big thank you to all the families that sent in small pots/boxes/tubes etc. This week's junk modelling slot was a BIG hit, with the children making telescopes, musical instruments, binoculars and more. We hope you loved them as much as we did. Whilst in RE, the Y1 children made an AMAZING cross of crosses - hopefully you will get to see it at our Easter church service at the end of the term (if not - simply ask to pop in and take a look at the end of the day). Year 1 also thought up some superb Easter questions to ask Rev Miriam (from Gt Dunham), via Zoom in our RE lesson next week.

Congratulations this week to: Alfie for achieving 25 reads at home, Danny-John for achieving 75 reads at home and Teddy for achieving 100 reads at home. Remember to keep practising at home every night.

Our Shining Light this week is for Ethan for always persevering with his Maths and English. Well done, Ethan, keep up the focus on your learning.

Squirrels

This week in Squirrels has just flown by! I don't know how we have managed to cram as much incredible learning into the week as we have. In Geography, we have been learning about the journey of a river from source to sea and discussing the changes in physical and human features along the way. We have done amazingly well at thinking about how land height and natural resources impact on the industries we find in our local area, comparing this to what we find on the coast. We also collected our ideas on how to keep safe around waterways, recalling all the advice given to us on our trip to the RNLI. In Maths, we have been getting our bodies moving to look at directions, position, turns and angles. We really enjoyed putting these skills to use when programming the Beebots to take trips around the classroom. In English, we have begun to look at persuasive texts and what features make them engaging to the reader. We really enjoyed our example text on plastic pollution in the sea - lots of linked discussion happening all week.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Harrison, Freddie and Ariyah-Mai for 50 reads and Lillie-May for 25 reads.

Tackling Tables: None this week, but we're getting close!

Our Shining Light this week is Amelia for fantastic, shared learning in Maths, taking on the role of expert to teach others about fractions and turns.

Foxes

This week, Foxes have shared their morning time with the Year 5 Otters so that the Year 6 Otters could complete their mock tests. This has been such a lovely experience for both groups, where we have focussed our time on a mini writing unit. This has had a grammar focus to help develop and build upon the grammar knowledge already learned in Year 4. Next week, our English lessons will get back to normal and we will continue looking at descriptions in the book 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. In Maths, we have spectacularly completed our learning on length, perimeter and area of 2D shapes. I know the class is looking forward to starting our new unit in Fractions, which starts with a lot of practical and physical learning looking at how fractions are a part of a whole.

Congratulations to:

Tackling Tables: Adriana - Blue division; Archie - Yellow addition; George-Henry - Green multiples mini; Nicole - Blue multiples mini and Paige - Yellow addition.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Fearne for her love of learning and joy of sharing information.

Otters

This week, the Year 6 have been having a trial run of their SATs in preparation for their official tests in May. Libby said, "I've enjoyed the tests because before I couldn't do most of the questions but now I'm really good at them." Lola concurred, "I've enjoyed our SATs because I feel more confident about what I can do and feel I've got most of the questions correct." Sophie commented, "I have enjoyed doing our SATs and deciding where we are going to sit." I'm so pleased that everyone has had such a positive attitude and has worked so hard- keep it up!

Meanwhile, the Year 5s have been working alongside the Year 4s in Foxes class. Esme said, "I enjoyed reading a different version of Jumanji." Gabriella stated that, "I enjoyed taking sentences from Jamjii and adding relative clauses to add extra information." Theo W stated, "I have enjoyed making our posters about healthy and unhealthy relationships." In the afternoons, PE has been a hit. Oscar commented, "I have been enjoying PE because we have been learning how to dribble in football." Macie agreed, "I have enjoyed PE because I have been learning skills in football such as dribbling and passing." Ashden enjoyed Maths this week, "...because we have been learning about decimals up to thousandths." Rosie agreed, "I have enjoyed Maths because I now understand decimals." Billie-Jo commented, "I enjoyed Science because we were learning about asexual reproduction. We replanted aloe vera plantlets."

Congratulations this week to:

Tackling Tables: Daniel for achieving his red level percentages mini test certificate and Amelia for achieving her red level multiplying and dividing fractions certificate.

Shining Light: This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Isabella for having a really positive attitude towards her tests this week.

Thought for the Week

This week's thought for the week is from Eden in Otters:

Dear God,

Thank you for my friends and family.

Please help everyone to be kind.

Also, please can you stop climate change by helping people to not pollute the environment?

Amen

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

A huge thank you to our Parent Teacher Association for their contributions to our trips, as these are incredibly valuable for the children's enrichment and without the fundraising they would not be able to go ahead. Please do continue to support all our events. We look forward to seeing you at our end of term events, be they Easter Egg hunting or Church services!

Thank you for your continued support.



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