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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been, with so much excellent learning, such wonderful trips, including to Melsop Farm for Reception/Year One, to Hunstanton to the Sealife and RNLi centres for Y2/3 and to Castle Museum for Y4/5/6. We've had live music in school for the children to listen to and play, sporting competitions against other schools, sporting festivals at The Nicholas Hammond Academy, the Crucial Crew trip and event for Y6, Red Nose day, dressed up and celebrated World Book day with stories and activities, visitors coming in to do workshops, such as Online safety, Parents/Carers' Consultations, Parents/Carers' Cafes and Forums, and we finished off with our Easter events and Church Services this week. Phew!

Covering one of our classes whilst one of teachers was off recently reminded me what challenging, skilled and professional work teaching is, with hourly requirements to assess children, change your questioning accordingly, pitch the work differently as well as supporting children's emotional needs and remembering the little things that matter as well as working hard in the evenings to answer emails, communicate with people and plan and resource the following day's learning and events. Our staff do such a brilliant job and we are very lucky to have a team who invest so much into the children. A massive thanks also go to our Parents and Friends groups across the Federation for their various Easter events and to you all for supporting them. It has also been a difficult time recently across the Federation with the tragic and unexpected death of our colleague Paula Smith, a dedicated, skilled, compassionate and kind Teaching Assistant who always put others first. We have honoured her memory in various ways and are deeply grateful for all the messages of support we have had, so thank you.

### **Y4/5/6 Residential visits – Summer term;**

There will be a letter and meeting regarding these two visits early next term, but just to say that we expect the cost of the Y4 residential to be very small and the cost of the Y5 and Y6 residential to be just under £100 (there is a different cost for each year group, with Y5 being cheaper as they are camping). These are in July, and you will be welcome to pay in instalments.

### **Price of school meals;**

A piece of good news that we have received from our Trust in the last couple of days is that the planned increase from Aspens for the cost of school meals has been paused and that therefore the cost of school meals will remain the same - £2.47- at present. We will let you know if we hear of any change. Feedback regarding school meals has been passed to the Trust. Many thanks.

### **Message from Mrs Dunkley and classes:**

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.

We have come to the end of another busy and fun-filled term. We are all looking forward to an Easter break to re-charge our batteries and plan our next exciting term. Staff will be returning on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April for a staff training day and **the children will be coming back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. I look forward to seeing everybody back eager for their new learning.

It was lovely to share our Easter Church Service with so many of you on Thursday morning. I think you will agree that our children did us proud. Their hard work and the effort that they put into practising their piece really paid off. Thank you for coming along and making it extra-special for them.

I am very pleased to let you know that in the Summer Term, we will be offering the following after-school clubs:

Mondays	Science	Mrs Hill & Mrs Painter
Tuesdays	Games	Mrs Hill & Mrs Jary and Cookery Mrs Painter & Miss Lay
Wednesdays	Sports Club	ICS Coaches
Thursdays	Top Trumps	Miss Cargill & Mrs Jary

Could you please have a look and see if you have any Top Trumps card sets that you could donate to us for the club? We would be very grateful to receive any sets. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Miss Smith for her commitment to providing clubs this year. The children have really enjoyed the clubs and benefitted so much from them, but Miss Smith has decided that she has to focus on her own family for a while. I am sure that you join us in sending her our best wishes.

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

Thank you so much for all of the donations that you sent in to support the Easter events. It was really lovely to see so many eggs brought in, and it really made the children wide-eyed to see that much chocolate in the school hall. It has been excellent to have so much support for all the hard work that is being put in to provide exciting opportunities for our children and families.

This year so far you have helped us to raise £1465.91. With expenses and money for coaches to go on school trips taken out, we have raised £746.22. This is before any money raised through the Easter Event. Thank you so much for your continued support and donations for these events.

#### **Nursery Consultation**

It was good to see so many attend the nursery consultation meeting on Wednesday to give their views. Some interesting points were raised and we look forward to working together to continue to enable the school to provide the best opportunities for our children and families. Please remember that you can give your views by completing the questionnaire sent out, if you haven't already done so. The link to the questionnaire is also on our website. Please complete the form with a 'yes' if you wish 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).

#### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for last week to **24<sup>th</sup> March 2023** and the year to date (**30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**) are:

Class	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	6 <sup>th</sup> September 22 to 30 <sup>th</sup> March 23
Hedgehogs	99.09%	94.42%
Squirrels:	97.24%	93.62%
Foxes	94.67%	94.45%
Otters	97%	94.48%
Whole School	97.21%	94.17%

Well done to **Hedgehogs** for achieving the highest attendance of the week and so close to 100%. Keep up the good work Hedgehogs; I am very proud of you.

I know that I am always saying that every session counts, but the proof is in the Year To Date percentages this term, which really only had the winning class leading by 0.03%! Well done **Otters**, you are deserving winners of the termly reward. I know that you have been trying so hard to win and even checking my calculations every week to make sure that I am correct! Remember to choose your reward, which can be taken when we return.

### **Children's Worship**

This week, Billie Jo and Macie from Otters, Adrianna from Foxes, Arthur and James from Squirrels and Layla and Reggie from Hedgehogs challenged us to choose a classmate we trust to help us in the game they created. One child had to place a post-it note of an animal or object on their head. The other child had to give them clues so they could guess what it was. The partner they picked seem to have been very well chosen as most children guessed the object on the first try!

### **Class Information**

#### **Hedgehogs**

We have had an amazing week in Hedgehogs, showing how much progress we have made in our phonics, reading and writing. We have really enjoyed making our Easter cards, egg cups and baskets and are looking forward so much to our Easter Egg Hunt on Friday. The very best part of the week has to be our trip to Melsop Farm Park. We were so excited to be going and we saw a lot of different animals there. We thought that the white kangaroos were very interesting and that the emu's eyes looked very glowing! We enjoyed the bridge walk and the indoor play area was a huge hit, but the funniest bit of all was when the cow licked Olivia with his HUGE tongue! Olivia was so surprised and we all laughed A LOT! It was also very sweet when Ronnie found a little egg in the chicks' cage. He said that it looked like an Easter egg and asked if it was made of chocolate!

Congratulations this week to: Jaxson and Avaya for achieving 75 reads at home. Keep up the good work everybody.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Layla for showing our school value of courage when feeding the animals on our trip to Melsop Farm Park.

#### **Squirrels**

Squirrel class have shown their school values through and through this week! They have been kind to one another, helpful, respectful and have put their all into their learning. I cannot sing their praises enough. This was evident in the team effort they put into our Easter service. An especially big well done to our readers who carried out their performance with courage and clarity. In English, they have done a fantastic job of working in groups to create persuasive leaflets that teach us all about plastic pollution in the oceans. They have worked hard to scour through model texts and examples to pull out vocabulary, phrasing and persuasive devices they liked, to replicate them in their own writing. In science, they did a very good job of coming up with exercises we could do within the classroom and describing the effects it had on our body, learning to monitor the change in their heart rate. What a fantastic end to the term, Squirrels, have a wonderful rest and I can't wait to see you back after the holidays.

Congratulations to:

Tackling Tables: no certificates were achieved this week.

Reading: Olivia for 25 reads at home; Bow for 75 reads at home and Megan W for 100 reads at home.

Our Shining Light this week is Henry S, for showing us how valuable trust is, and leaning on his trusted people to support him throughout the week.

#### **Foxes**

Our learning in Maths this week has been around developing our knowledge of fractions, extending what we had already learnt to include proper fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have been

converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and can use our stem sentences to explain what each one is. In English, we have been practising using inverted commas correctly to convey dialogue. After a lot of hard work and perseverance we have all successfully written very entertaining arguments in our books! Everyone has remembered the 'new speaker, new line' rule which is vital to writing in KS2.

Congratulations to:

Reading: We have no reading certificates this week. Keep going over the break so we have lots to award when we come back.

Tackling Tables: Nicole achieved her blue superstar.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Adriana for her amazing resilience and reflection.

### **Otters**

The term has absolutely flown by! This week maths has been a hit with a number of children. Esme stated, "I've enjoyed maths because we have learned about percentages and converting them to fractions and decimals." Amelia agreed, "I have enjoyed maths this week because we have been learning how to find percentages of amounts." Macie enjoyed our RSHE session "...because we were completing friendship webs. It was really fun." PE this week was also hotly anticipated. Noah said, "I really enjoyed PE because we had a football match against Year 4. There were 2 separate matches. The match I was in we won 5-1 and the other (Otters) team won 3-2." Libby agreed, "...I enjoyed PE because I am now more confident in football, and it shows because my whole class won!" Otters were particularly determined to win this event, as last term Foxes had beaten them in dodgeball. Elsie was pleased to report, "It is now 1:1." Watch out for the battle between Foxes and Otters next term... Daniel's highlight of the week was our Easter church service, "...because we all read our poem very loud and clear." I was so proud of how well all the children participated.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Esme for achieving 75 reads at home; Ashden for achieving 100 reads at home and Sophie for achieving a very impressive 200 reads at home!

Tackling Tables:

Macie for achieving her green level division with remainders **and** unit fractions of amounts certificates.

Noah for achieving his red level mixed mini **and** his blue level missing numbers certificates.

Daniel for achieving his red level superstar certificate.

Amelia for achieving her purple level superstar **and** yellow addition certificates.

Sophie for achieving her red level converting mixed numbers to improper fractions certificate.

Shining Light: This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Ashden for being kind, respectful and helpful to others, complimenting others on their work and achievements.

### **Thought for the Week**

All of the staff and children at Narborough CE Primary Academy wish you all a very happy and safe Easter.

*May Easter bring you as many smiles as you bring others.*

Finally, thank you to our lovely children for their super learning and behaviour. We hope you all enjoy Easter together, get to an Easter service and enjoy the odd egg or two too!

From Mrs Dunkley myself, we wish you a Happy Easter, hopefully Covid-free, with some joy and good weather and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes,



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