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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 21st April 2023

Welcome back to the Summer Term, everybody. It has been so lovely to see all the children return eager to share their news about their two weeks off. There have been lots of smiles, lots of family fun and lots of chocolate: a dream!

At the end of last term, the Team Points awarded for the term were:

Britannia 575

Endurance 792

Beagle 680

Castorama 765

Congratulations to **Endurance** for being the winning team for the Spring Term.

Endurance has won a non-school uniform day where they can come to school in their team colours (**red**) next Friday, 28th April 2023.

We have been lucky enough to secure seats at Westacre Theatre for their performance of Loki – Lord of Mischief. Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 are going on Wednesday 3rd May and Years 4, 5 and 6 on Thursday 4th May. The cost has been heavily subsidised by both the PTFA and a grant from Westacre Theatre to enable us to offer this for £5 per child. Please look out for the information and return permission slips to enable your child to attend.

LOKI IS A WILD FORCE OF NATURE, LIKE FIRE OR THE SEA.

Step into a world of Gods and Monsters with Loki, the Lord of Mischief. Follow him on his wild adventure to change his fate and prove that he's more than his tricks. Inspired by wondrous tales from Norse Mythology, this children's theatre show will have you on the edge of your seat, wondering ... can Loki really save us from himself?



Coronation Family Picnic

A reminder that we are holding our Family Picnic to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Hopefully the weather will be kind enough for us to be able to all enjoy sharing
Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

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a picnic lunch with family and friends on the school field. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch, bring one with you, or order one from the kitchen.

We will have games organised by the children out so that you can join your children in fun activities, maybe teach them how to play some old-fashioned games and just relax and enjoy a lunch together. The PTFA will be selling some refreshments and we would be grateful of any support or donations of cakes, biscuits or snacks that you can offer.

Bring your packed lunches and picnic blankets to the field gate at 12:00pm to have some enjoyable family fun. **Please remember not to send or bring in anything with nuts or glass bottles.** We look forward to sharing lunchtime with you.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for the week before Easter break, 27th to 31st March 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	95%
Squirrels:	97.59%
Foxes:	98.67%
Otters:	99%
Whole School	97.44%

Well done to **Otters** for achieving the highest attendance of the week. Please continue to remember how important attendance is to every child, every day in the Summer term. Thank you.

Children's Worship

As a school we looked at the theme of forgiveness and discussed what it means. In pairs, the children role-played making a mistake and saying sorry to someone. Some groups then looked at what it would be like if the other person didn't forgive. Other groups looked at what it would be like if the other person did give forgiveness. The children discussed how it would affect a friendship if forgiveness wasn't given and what it means to someone to be forgiven. Theo in Otters said that sometimes people need a little longer to forgive, but when they do both people can put it behind them and move on.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

We were all really excited to share our holiday news when we returned on Tuesday and the children really enjoyed telling their friends about their amazing times...and all the chocolate they got! One Year 1 child made me smile when he said, "We can ease in gently on our first day back can't we?" We went on to write our poems in our best handwriting in English and use our knowledge of counting in tens and making arrays in Maths. Reception children have worked hard on their handwriting, finding corresponding numbers of things and making some amazing 3D shapes with Polydron. In Music, we really enjoyed our first ukulele session. In Art, we researched the artist Andy Warhol and his use of colour so that we can make prints in the same style as him.

Congratulations this week to: Olivia for achieving 75 reads at home and Reggie for achieving 100 reads at home. Keep up the good work everybody.

Our Shining Light this week is for Pavitha for always showing such hard work and diligence in all she does. Well done, Pavitha.

Squirrels

What an amazing first week back in Squirrels. The children have really impressed me with their enthusiasm for being back in school, their attention to their learning, their memory of last term's learning and their kindness to one another. We have begun to look at healthy eating in Science and have been commenting on our own food loves and how we know if a food item is unhealthy or healthy, understanding that it is all good as long as we have balance and moderation. We really enjoyed understanding why our bodies need the five specific food groups. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of fractions and applying this to harder

problems. We are about to begin brand new topics in English and history based on castles which we are sure to tell you all about next week!

Congratulations to:

Reading: Oaklie, Scarlett and James H for 200 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: None this week

Our Shining Light this week is Ariyah-Mai for her enthusiasm with Maths learning, eagerness to join the conversation and amazing partner work.

Foxes

It has been a bright and sunny start to the half term, and the children have been brilliant at coming back to their learning. In Maths, we have recapped some previous learning and continued to look at equivalent fractions, finding patterns and using resources such as fraction walls to help us. We will have a quick lesson or two on time next week in Maths, so feel free to get your children to tell you the time at any opportunity! In writing, we have been preparing for our big write which will happen next week. We will be re-writing a chapter from a book that we are reading and change the perspective. This will challenge the children to apply their new learning of inverted commas to their work.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Sienna-Rose for achieving 25 reads at home and Dylan for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: We have no certificates to award this week. Keep working hard, Foxes!

Our Shining Light for our first week back goes to George-Henry who has used some spectacular sentence starters in his writing and really applied himself in every writing session.

Otters

What a great start to the new term! At the point of writing, we have only had 3 days in school, but we have managed to pack in loads of learning. PE has been a hit with the majority of the class. Gabriella stated, "I enjoyed cricket because we have been learning how to bowl." Theo W agreed, "I've enjoyed learning how to be a good fielder in cricket by catching, throwing and rolling balls accurately." Theo A added, "In PE I've enjoyed fielding in cricket because I think I am good at catching." Macie stated, "I've enjoyed hockey because we have been learning how to dribble the ball only using the flat side of the hockey stick." Sophie concurred, "I've enjoyed hockey because I've always wanted to learn how to play it. Now I know how to change the direction of the ball." Jayden added, "I've enjoyed hockey because I have learned a new skill about how to turn the stick to change direction." Maths has also been popular this week. Oscar said, "I've enjoyed Maths because we have been learning how to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes." Billie stated, "I've enjoyed Maths because we have been learning how to find missing percentages." Isabella added, "I've enjoyed Maths because we have been learning about algebra. I now know why letters are sometimes used." Elsie stated, "I've enjoyed History because we have been trying to convince the class whether Athens or Sparta was the best place to live." Lola agreed, "I've enjoyed History because we have been learning about the differences between Sparta and Athens." Noah also commented, "I have enjoyed History because we learned about monarchy and democracy and how the city states were different." In English, Ashden stated, "I've liked grammar because now I know about different types of determiners." Eden has also enjoyed English, "...because we have been learning about adverbs and now I feel much more confident about them." Daniel agreed stating..."It has helped prepare me for SATs."

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Jayden for achieving 25 reads at home, Eden for achieving 50 reads at home and Theo W and Macie for achieving a massive 200 reads at home!

Tackling Tables: Amelia for achieving her yellow superstar certificate. Noah for achieving his intelligent practice blue level multiples certificate. Macie for achieving her green level superstar certificate. Theo A for achieving his red level multiplying and dividing fractions certificate - his final tackling tables certificate!

Shining Light:

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Theo A for his determination, perseverance and hard work he has put into his learning to ensure he achieved every Tackling Tables certificate.

Prayer for the Week

This week's prayer for the week is from Ashden in Otters:

*Dear God,
Please help Russia and Ukraine to find peace.
Please help stop spreading carbon dioxide and encourage people to use electric cars.*

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

It has been lovely to see everyone again this week and we are looking forward to a busy Summer term with some super trips and opportunities for our children, including sporting, dramatic and artistic.

Teacher strikes;

As you know, the situation has not yet been resolved and strikes continue. We will confirm for you by Monday at the latest the situation for each class but so that you can make arrangements, please note:

It is likely that all classes will be open as usual.

Scabies;

Please be aware that Scabies is prevalent in Norfolk currently.

Scabies is a contagious skin condition caused by tiny mites that burrow into the skin. The main symptom of scabies is intense [itching](#) that's worse at night. It also causes a skin rash on areas where the mites have burrowed.

The main symptoms of scabies are intense itching and a rash in areas of the body where the mites have burrowed.

The [itching](#) is often worse at night, when your skin is warmer. It may take 4 to 6 weeks before the itching starts because this is how long it takes for the body to react to mite droppings.

Symptoms will start within 1 to 2 days if you've had a scabies infection in the past. This is because your immune system will have learned to respond to a scabies infection.

Best wishes,



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