



## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Narborough Newsletter for week ending 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

This week has gone so quickly, and it has been lovely to see the children settle so quickly back into their learning.

A reminder that we will be visiting Westacre Theatre for their performance of Loki – Lord of Mischief. Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 are going on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Years 4, 5 and 6 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 return permission slips as soon as possible to enable your child to attend.

### Coronation Family Picnic

Another reminder for our Family Picnic to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch, bring one with you, or order one from the kitchen. We are also having a non-uniform day for the children to dress in red, white and blue.

We will have games organised by the children outside 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 last week, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	100%
Squirrels:	100%
Foxes:	98.33%
Otters:	95%
Whole School	98.55%

Well done to **Hedgehogs and Squirrels** for not only achieving the highest attendance of the week, but also both achieving **100%**. Well done for an outstanding achievement.

### Children's Worship

This half term, our school value is 'forgiveness'. This week Isla and Teddy from Hedgehogs, Megan W from Squirrels, Fearnie from Foxes and Gabriella and Theo W from Otters used the puppet theatre to re-enact a series of challenges they have faced in their own lives where conflict arose. They took turns to act out the story and show us how through kindness, contrition and forgiveness that we can heal our relationships with others. The children also shared their prayers (below and at the end of the newsletter).

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.

Now, before I run to play,  
Let me not forget to pray,  
To God who kept me through the night,  
And waked me with the morning light.  
Help me Lord to love thee more,  
Than I ever loved before.  
In my work and in my play,  
Be thou with me through the day.

## **Class Information**

### **Hedgehogs**

This week we went on a Spring Nature Walk in English, so that we could draw some of our finds and label them using describing adjectives. We will be using this information to write a non-chronological report. In Maths, we have been learning to count in different numbers, use arrays to identify numbers more quickly and share numbers into equal groups. We also had really good fun exploring the school so that we could draw a map of it in Geography. We had to find out what was behind all the doors so that we could put the rooms (and cupboards) onto our map and label them. In Science, we have been learning about bees and how they are so useful to us and our environment. In Reception, we made bees which are now buzzing around our classroom and in Year 1, we discussed how important they are and labelled a bee diagram. In Art, we really enjoyed using natural objects to print with.

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

Our Shining Light this week is for Jasper for tremendous accomplishment in his phonics and reading. Keep up the superb work, Jasper.

### **Squirrels**

This week has been a busy week of learning. In Squirrel class we have consolidated our learning on fractions and are now applying this knowledge to telling the time to the nearest five minutes! We have loved seeing all the plastic waste collected in this week and we are going to further discuss how we safely dispose of waste to help protect our planet, tying in with our R.E. learning on how different religions think our planet should be treated. In English and History, we have been looking at castles and trebuchets. We have loved learning all about sieges and the equipment used and are excited to build our own trebuchet in our upcoming DT. Attendance has been fantastic since coming back from Easter, so keep this up Squirrels!

Congratulations to:

Reading: Bobby for 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Red Phase fraction of amounts mini-test to Oaklie and Red Phase multiples mini-test to Finley.

Our Shining Light this week is Luna, for her unwavering kindness towards others; always first to help and lend an ear.

### **Foxes**

Our quick unit on time in Maths has come to an end with us converting seconds into minutes, minutes into hours and even extending our learning to convert between analogue and digital clocks... in 24-hour format! The incredible maths learning behaviours of Foxes class have been observed and praised by external visitors this week who came to see an example of a Maths mastery lesson. Well done to the whole class for making Miss Joisce very proud. We will return to fractions next week, this time looking at adding and subtracting two or more fractions. Once we have perfected our big write ups in English, we will be looking at recapping some grammatical features in the Year 4 objectives. These include possessive and plural apostrophes and using subordinate and main clauses with conjunctions.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Theo for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Archie - red missing numbers mini test; Dylan - blue division and blue mixed mini test; Fearne - red multiples; Freya - green multiples; Lucy - blue division and Paige - red missing numbers mini test.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Sienna-Rose for her outstanding kindness to everybody. Sienna-Rose never fails to put a smile on people's faces.

### Otters

PE was popular with many children this week. Gabriella said, "I enjoyed hockey because I learned how to pass the ball." Esme agreed, stating, "I enjoyed PE because I learned how to pass using a hockey stick properly." Libby added, "I enjoyed hockey because I'm proud of what I've learned, and I feel I'm getting better and better." Lola also enjoyed hockey stating, "Sophie and I were really good at intercepting the ball." Theo A commented, "I enjoyed cricket because we learned how to bat." Theo W added, "I loved cricket because we played some mini matches." Oscar reflected on his learning stating, "I think I'm getting better at bowling now I know how to aim." Maths has also been a hit. Izabel enjoyed it, "...because we have been estimating the area of shapes." Amelia also enjoyed it, "... because we learned how to find the area of a triangle." Our Year 6s have also been learning algebra this week. Isabella stated, "I enjoyed Maths because we learned how to write equations." Billie-Jo agreed because, "...we learned how to solve algebraic equations." History has also been popular. Elsie has enjoyed, ..."planning our information text to answer the question 'What is the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece?' "Macie commented, "I've enjoyed History because we're writing an information text using all of our learning about the Ancient Greeks." Eden agreed stating, "I've enjoyed being able to use all of our learning about Ancient Greece." Sophie has also enjoyed our SPaG lessons this week, "...because I have been revising subject and verb agreements."

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Unfortunately, there are no reading certificates this week. Remember to keep reading to an adult at home.

Tackling Tables: Unfortunately, there are no tackling tables certificates this week.

Shining Light:

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Lola-Rose for consistently working hard in all subjects, being kind, caring and helpful and setting an excellent example to others.

### Prayer for the Week

This week's prayer is from the children who delivered our Children's Worship:

*Jesus, gentle shepherd, bless this lamb today.  
Keep me in your footsteps.  
Never let me stray.  
Guard me through the daytime.  
Every day I pray, keep my feet from straying from the narrow way.  
Amen.*

Best wishes,



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