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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Narborough Newsletter for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Despite only being in school for four days this week, we have certainly packed a lot in!

The children have been learning about the coronation of King Charles III alongside their usual lessons, started Year 2 Standardised Attainment Tests, enjoyed theatre trips on Wednesday and Thursday and, at the time of writing, are excited about the Coronation Family Picnic this afternoon.

More detail is in our class information sections.

We hope that you enjoy the Coronation weekend with Bank Holiday Monday and look forward to seeing everybody back again safe and well on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We are so proud of our Year 6s and wish them the very best for their Standardised Attainment Tests (SATs) next week. More detail is going out to the parents of our Year 6, but we hope that all children in Year 6 can make it in to school for a shared breakfast each morning. This will give them the time to chill with their friends before their tests. The children have worked really hard with their learning and we know that they will do a good job showing what they know.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Reading.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Reasoning Paper 2.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Maths Reasoning Paper 3

### Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for last week, 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, are:

Hedgehogs: 97.27%

Squirrels: 97.59%

Foxes: 93.33%

Otters: 96%

Whole School 96.40%

Well done to **Squirrels** for achieving the highest attendance of the week. Well done also to Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Otters for achieving the target of 96% or more.

### Children's Worship

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.

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Using this half-term's value of forgiveness, Libby and Elsie from Otters, Adriana from Foxes, Freddie and Scarlett from Squirrels, Layla and Joey from Hedgehogs really impressed us this week with their acting talents! They role-played a day in school where an argument broke out between two friends. They showed us through the play how to rely on our trusted adults to help us talk through our problems and how apologising for our poor choices can help others to forgive us and rebuild friendships. Fantastic work!

## **Class Information**

### **Hedgehogs**

This week we have been working really hard in English on extending sentences by using conjunctions to add more detail. In Maths, we have been sharing equally between groups and halving and quartering shapes. We have had two especially exciting afternoons. The first was our Geography field trip - Narborough village walk - with lots of human and physical features identified. Thank you to everybody who volunteered to help us so that the walk could go ahead. Then our amazing theatre trip to watch the story of Boudicca - with lots of fun audience participation... "hail Caesar.... Iceni and Trinavante chants.... being flames... and even some volunteer actors from the audience, including our very own Isla as an Iceni maiden! We have been really busy learning about the coronation and making crowns and bunting for our Family Picnic afternoon – we are really excited to be having a picnic lunch. Teddy, Layla, Pavitha and Jaxson really enjoyed putting the bunting that we all made onto the string so that we can decorate the field for our picnic.

We have no reading certificates this week.

Congratulations to our Shining Light this week, awarded to Isla for always being kind and helpful to others. Well done, Isla, keep it up.

### **Squirrels**

I can't believe we have had only four days in school this week as we have managed to cram so much in! We have been doing an amazing job of telling the time and many of us are now accurately reading to o'clock, half past, quarter past and to, and even accurate to the nearest five minutes. Incredible! We have made a wonderful start too, to our end of key stage tests and should be so proud of all we are achieving. We had so much fun watching Boudicca at West Acre Theatre and I'm sure the children have been teaching you all their tribal chants at home. We look forward to continuing our projects such as making trebuchets in DT and learning more about our moving body parts in Science. Attendance is also on a strong track this week - keep it up and stay amazing.

Congratulations to:

Reading: No certificates this week.

Tackling Tables: Oaklie for his Purple Phase Addition and subtraction and Finley for his Purple Phase Addition.

Our Shining Light this week is James L, for taking pride in his learning this week and showing enormous courage with his tests. Well done. James, keep it up.

### **Foxes**

It has been a short but wonderful week in Foxes class. We have thoroughly enjoyed our extra-curricular activities, especially the play at Westacre Theatre where the children showed everyone just what outstanding learning behaviours they have. Thank you to everyone who could join us at the coronation picnic, the class really enjoyed creating their crowns and bunting for the occasion. We have come to the end of our fractions topic in Maths, and as it is a busy week for Year 6 next week, we will be joining with the Year 5s to start our topic on shape! In writing, we will take a short break before starting our newspaper topic as we have Year 5 with us and will instead be creating some fun monster poems, potentially with the option of entering a national poetry competition. Year 4 have a big week coming up soon as well; on the 5th June the Multiplication Tables Check will open, which is a statutory assessment of rapid recall of times tables facts. The children have

been practising hard all year, as is evident by their many Tackling Tables certificates. Any extra practice at home would be incredibly helpful and a link to some good websites will be sent out via Class Dojo.

Congratulations to:

Reading: We have no reading certificates this week.

Tackling Tables: Archie - multiplication tables check taster test 1, 2 and 3 and red multiples mini test; Fearne - red division test; Libby-Rae - red mixed mini and, blue superstar, blue missing numbers mini and multiplication tables check taster test 1, 2 and 3; Nicole - green missing numbers mini; Paige - red multiples mini, red fractions of amounts mini and multiplication tables check taster test 1, 2 and 3.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Paige for her determination to do her best in Maths lessons, and especially for showing off her fluency by using two methods to add mixed numbers and fractions.

### **Otters**

It has been another busy week in Otters. Macie stated, "I've enjoyed Maths because I have got better at reading timetables." Gabriela said, "I've been enjoying SPaG because I have got better at using simple and progressive tenses." Theo A's highlight this week was reading "...because I think I've gotten better at the tricky 'what impression do you get of a character' questions." Lola said, "I've really enjoyed PE because I'm not very confident in batting but I really think I'm getting better." The Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their KS2 SATs next week. Libby stated, "I've enjoyed using the Maths revision booklets because I think they are really helping me prepare for our SATs." Billie has also enjoyed Maths, "...because we have been learning how to draw and interpret pie charts." I know how hard the Year 6s have been working and couldn't be more proud of their achievements. Well done.

Also, Otters class have been selecting and preparing activities for the Coronation Picnic on Friday afternoon. We hope you all enjoyed celebrating this special occasion by joining in with some of the games alongside your children.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Gabriela for achieving 25 reads at home; Esme for achieving 100 reads at home; Libby for achieving 200 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Amelia for achieving her yellow level mixed addition and subtraction certificate; Oscar for achieving his green level mixed mini certificate; Noah for achieving his blue level superstar certificate.

Shining Light

This week, our Shining Light has been awarded to Billie-Jo for listening and responding to feedback, working incredibly hard and for always being in good humour.

### **Prayer for the Week**

This week's prayer is from Rosanna in Squirrels:

*Dear God,  
Don't be afraid to show yourself,  
for we will not harm you,  
but praise you for all the good deeds you do.  
You are our saviour.  
Amen*

**Message from the Executive Headteacher:**

**School day;**

As you know, we like children to arrive at school for 8.40am. This is to make you aware that by September 2024, this will be our compulsory start time with our finish time of 3.10.

**Attendance Policy;**

Please read our attendance policy and in particular note the section that is clear that from September we will have the option to fine families for poor attendance. Circumstances in which we will consider fining could be repeated term time holidays, so please do bear this in mind for next year and avoid booking these. Every day really genuinely does count for our children's learning, experience, social and emotional growth. Thank you for your support.

A big thank you to all our staff for organising various activities to celebrate the Coronation weekend, and a special congratulations to our Sporle children who were on Good Morning Britain this morning! Have lovely Bank holiday weekend and see you all on Tuesday.

Best wishes,



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