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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Narborough Newsletter for week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

A huge well done to our Year 2 children who have been working really hard on their Key Stage 1 Standardised Attainment Tests (SATs). They have shown real perseverance and we are very proud of them. Keep up the excellent work Year 2 – nearly there.

Just a reminder that the children can come to school wearing non-uniform on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, if they bring a donation of a second-hand teddy bear so that we can have a teddy tombola at a future event. You can of course also donate money if you prefer. We will also have our usual end of half-term sweet stall on the playground on the same day from 3:00pm.

At our PTFA meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3:30pm we will discuss future events and a Summer Fayre. At the time of writing this, we have not yet had the meeting, so I will let you know further details next week.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance percentages for last week, 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	95.45%
Squirrels:	96.67%
Foxes:	97.5%
Otters:	96.25%
Whole School	96.41%

Well done to Foxes for achieving the highest attendance of the week again. You are doing amazing work, Foxes – we are all trying hard to keep up with you! Keep up the excellent work.

### **Children's Worship**

Gabriella and Noah from Otters, Sophie from Foxes, Ariyah-Mai and Rosanna from Squirrels, and Noah from Hedgehogs.

Each week, the children find new and creative ways to help us reflect on our key value of the half term. The children definitely got us in a competitive spirit this week as they challenged children (and adults) to a game of hangman, the words all being associated with the theme of forgiveness.

Well done to the classes who guessed enough letters to enable the rest of us to figure out the word or phrase, and well done to Otters who were the winning class with two correct guesses.

### **Class Information**

#### **Hedgehogs**

We have been writing our information booklets in English this week and I am sure you will be very impressed when you see them. The children have worked really hard to research and remember facts about bees to put into their information booklets. Next week they will be editing and improving their writing. We will also be

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completing our phonics tasks and Year 1 will undertake a practise phonics check. This week I have sent you many links to help you support your child with phonics learning and the Year 1 children have brought home some real and 'alien' word cards to practise with you at home. ('Alien' words are made up words which check the children's ability to use the sounds we have taught them). In Maths, we have been learning about directional vocabulary in Year 1 and used the correct language to direct another child to their object. Some of us need some more practise telling our left from our right hand. The reception children have been practising adding and taking away objects to find how many are left. We had an amazing Science lesson this week, making homes for bees! Take a look in our wildlife area to see them, but BEE careful! We also had great fun in PE, trying our hardest to keep putting as many balls on cones as we could, before the defender came and knocked them all off again. We had to concentrate really hard on our running, dodging and aiming skills.

Reading Certificates: Congratulations this week to Danny-John and Noah for achieving 100 reads at home. Well done boys, keep up the good work.

Congratulations to our Shining Light this week, awarded to Ronnie for always working hard in his writing and Maths work.

### **Squirrels:**

Once again, Squirrel class have been absolutely incredible in terms of their resilience and their commitment to learning. Our team have been so proud of how well the year 2s have coped and achieved in their end of key stage exams, and we will all take a well-deserved rest next week when they come to an end. Year 2, you are incredible!

Year 3 can't go without a shout out either, as they have worked hard to enable the year 2s to have the attention their tests require, without fuss. They were very excited this week in both their English and History learning, taking on a 'free write' about castles, developing imaginative plots and characters in their stories, and learning about the early motte and bailey castles.

The children are really looking forward to learning more about the structure of their bodies in Science and how castles developed over the time, following on from the Norman conquest in 1066. Hold on to your hats for fun fact recitals at home!

Congratulations to:

Reading:

Henry for 50 reads

Tackling tables:

A huge thank you to Mrs Dunkley who spurred Squirrels on to their most successful week yet!

Harrison for his Green Multiplication mini-test

Oaklie for his purple phase superstar and his green unit fractions of amount

Finley for his purple phase subtraction, purple phase mixed addition and subtraction, purple addition missing numbers, and purple subtraction missing numbers

Amelia for her blue phase multiplication mini-test

Khloe for her blue phase multiplication mini-test

Rosanna for her blue phase division mini-test

Our Shining Light this week goes to:

Luna for a very well written explanation text on trebuchets. She applied all of her grammatical learning and had faith in herself to achieve.

### **Foxes**

This week we have been exploring polygons and their various properties, including finding lines of symmetry using mirrors, internal angles and learning the names of shapes based on the number of sides they have.

Completing symmetrical figures concludes our geometry topic this week so we will begin learning about decimals after the weekend. In this unit, children will be able to apply their knowledge of fractions as well as multiplication and division to new learning. After a hugely successful poetry week last week we have started a new writing unit, which is a bit mysterious... Several intimidating-looking frogs have been floating around and the children have taken on the role of detectives to question witnesses and record their responses. This will develop into recording direct speech in transcripts next week.

Congratulations to:

Reading: No reading certificates again this week again, but there has been a big increase in grown-ups signing the reading records so we have lots of certificates coming up soon.

Tackling Tables: Fearne - Missing numbers mini test blue phase; George-Henry - Green superstar, red missing numbers mini test, multiplication tables taster test 1,2 and 3; Libby-Rae - Blue multiples mini; Logan - Green multiples; Nicole - Green multiple mini test, multiplication tables taster test 1,2 and 3.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Logan for perseverance towards his Tackling Tables goals.

### **Otters**

This week Otters have been finishing their final draft of their information texts to answer our enquiry question, 'What is the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece?' They have worked so hard not only to include all their acquired knowledge but also on their presentation. They look amazing. In Maths, Year 5 have been learning how to calculate missing angles, whilst Year 6 children have been applying their Maths knowledge to start their own bakery business, scaling up recipes and trying to source the best value ingredients. In English, we have begun our new writing unit and are currently investigating the strange and mysterious events that occurred one Tuesday night. In Science, we have been learning about the different stages of human development.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Lola-Rose for achieving 50 reads at home and Rosie for achieving 100 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Noah for achieving his green level intelligent practice missing numbers. Amelia for achieving her yellow level applying number bonds. Lola-Rose for achieving her red level multiplication.

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Ashden for working really hard on his information text about the Ancient Greeks and presenting it beautifully. Well done!

### **Prayer for the Week**

This week's prayer is from the children in Foxes class:

*Dear God,*

*Help us to remember to say sorry when we have done something wrong and to forgive people who say sorry to you.*

*Amen*

### **Message from the Executive Headteacher:**

#### **Residentials**

Many thanks to those who could make the Y5/6 residential meeting yesterday. Please don't worry if you couldn't make it, the information packs will be coming out soon and you are more than welcome to give me a ring or drop me an email via the office if you wanted to ask anything specific. We're looking forward to it! I wanted to reiterate that we do not want the cost to be a reason that a child does not go so if money is a difficulty, please do let me know and we will find a way forward using charity support.

#### **Y4 Residential**

There will be a meeting and information letter regarding this after half-term; in the meantime, the date is on the diary sheet and we do anticipate it being a low-cost event as was planned last year before the heatwave scuppered our plans!

#### **Parents/Carers' Questionnaires;**

These will be coming out before half-term so please do give your views on those.

#### **Sporle Plant swap;**

You are all very welcome to a plant swap that is happening outside Sporle Church on Sunday 21/5 from 2-4 pm. Any excess plants and vegetable seedlings looking for a good home can be brought along and swapped. If you

have nothing to swap, then a donation can secure any plant of your choice. Tea and cakes are available to seal the deal!

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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