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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 9th June 2023

Unfortunately Mrs Dunkley has been off sick this week; we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to welcome her back very soon.

I would just like to remind you of a couple of the events coming up next week:

On Tuesday 13th June, there is the Fun Run for Years R, 1 and 2 at The Nicholas Hamond Academy.

On Friday, 16th June we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Finnbar's Force – a Norfolk Children's Cancer Charity set up to support children living with cancer. You can find more information here:

<http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/>

The children can come to school wearing gold or yellow for a donation that you could make through ParentMail. We thank you for your support in raising funds for this very worthwhile charity.

New staff member welcome!

This week we welcome Mr Chris Pritchard, who we are delighted has come to us as a Teaching Assistant from special education, with super experience. Mr Pritchard impressed the interview panel with his knowledge of how children learn and his teaching session. We are very pleased to have Mr Pritchard on board and welcome him to the Federation.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance percentages for last week, 22nd to 26th May 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	98.64%
Squirrels:	97.93%
Foxes:	96%
Otters:	98%
Whole School	97.79%

Well done to **Hedgehogs** for achieving the highest attendance of the week and to the whole school for being above our target of 97%

Just a little word about holidays - please, please, please don't book holidays in term time. It really does impact on the children's learning, creating gaps in their subject and conceptual knowledge that means that the

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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struggle when these are built on at a later date. We do understand that the industry does not help families, but the children should not be disadvantaged by missing their education. Thank you for your support.

Worship

Joe Welch from Kidz Club came to help children reflect this week on how God's love is unending and how He is a friend that can always be relied on. Joe had the children test their faith in their best friends by pouring water into a pitcher on their heads! Well done to the brave and trusting pairs who took part. Joe then showed us with a magic bottle how whenever we need God he will be there, just like how whenever his bottle seemed empty, there was still more that could be poured out.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

This week in Hedgehogs class, the children have really enjoyed their learning.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about doubling, playing games, using dice and dominoes. Year 1 have been learning to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones, also counting in ten's and placing numbers in the correct place on a number line.

In English, we have been reading the Greedy Bee story, using our empathy, predicting and summarising skills and drawing the Greedy Bee.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading Certificates: Ethan 100 reads – well done!

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Teddy for showing perseverance in his Maths and English even when he thought it was too tricky, he kept going and succeeded. Well done Teddy

Squirrels

Squirrels: Squirrel class have had so much fun this week learning all about castles, from early motte and bailey to Norman stone keeps. They are very excited to continue this learning on their trip to Castle Rising. They are learning about key kings that influenced this castle building, such as William the Conqueror after the Battle of Hastings. They have also worked hard on their spelling and punctuation, by focussing on these as they wrote descriptive narratives. So many successes in their attitudes and learning this week, and it is so wonderful to see.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Ruben for his 100, Amelia for her 75 and Ellie-May for her 200

Tackling tables: None this week

Shining Light this week is Finley for being a fantastic historian this week. He has not only retained information but shown his wider research, and even made deductions based on what he has learned. Amazing!

Foxes

In Foxes we have had a wonderful start to our final half term before the summer holidays! The children have recalled their knowledge of decimals and place value excellently to accurately divide by 10 and 100 using place value charts and mentally. They even showed off their skills to the Year 5 children in a Maths game using dice to create random 1 and 2-digit numbers. In English we have begun to explore newspaper reports, starting with an analysis of a real life newspaper report, pulling it apart and finding the key features. This skill will be used next week as we start to plan a newspaper report on the mysterious activities that took place in the book 'Tuesday'. Next week we will be starting our summer term assessments and of course the all important Multiplication Tables Check, which they will take online and have submitted to the Government. I know they will all try their best and go in with a positive attitude.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: George-Henry - 50 reads

Tackling Tables:

Archie - simplifying fractions and creating equivalents mini test; Fearne - blue multiples and blue superstar; Freya - green phase division test; Sienna-Rose - green multiples mini test

Our Shining Light in Foxes this week goes to Fearne for her work in Science finding and interpreting data from line graphs.

Otters

It has been an incredibly busy start to the half term. In Maths, we have been consolidating our work on position and direction, using coordinates to describe the position of points after translation, and identifying lines of symmetry. In English, we have been identifying features of newspaper reports in preparation for writing our report on the mysterious events on Tuesday night. In Geography, we have begun to explore different ways in which electricity is generated and identifying their advantages and disadvantages. In RE, we have begun to explore how facts, beliefs and opinions can be interpreted differently. On Wednesday, a team of children competed in the Kwik Cricket tournament at Swaffham Cricket Club. The children yet again made us incredibly proud, working well together as a team, behaving impeccably and demonstrating good sportsmanship. I am also delighted to report that they won all three of their games! The Year 6 children also had their first top-up swimming session, and I am very pleased to say that they all managed to swim 25 metres in front crawl and backstroke. Well done!

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Unfortunately there are no reading certificates this week. Please remember to listen to your child read and sign their reading record.

Tackling Tables: Rosie for achieving her green level multiplication certificate; Amelia for achieving her yellow level superstar certificate.

Shining Light:

This week The Shining Light has been awarded to Daniel for great leadership skills and encouraging others to be the best they can be.

Prayer for the Week from Lola in Otters:

Dear God,

Please help us have justice and make fair choices to try and help the unfairness in the world, like the homeless, because they have to sleep on the hard floor while we have cosy beds. Please Ukraine with the war because they might have lost somebody in the war, while we are enjoying the summer with our families,

Amen

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Welcome back to the final half-term of the school year; every year seems to go faster and faster these days! Around this time, as we start welcoming our new Reception children for next year, we begin our transition with our current children, starting by letting families and children know who will be their teaching team for next year.

As you will know, we are working towards opening our nursery at Narborough and hope to receive confirmation soon from the Trust and DfE. Looking at the modelling that Norfolk County Council have done in terms of the number of children in the area going forward, which all over the country has lowered for primary

age children, we are moving to a structure that has two year groups per class, with Nursery and Reception, Year One and Year Two, Year Three and Year Four and finally Year Five and Year Six. This structure also enables our Reception children this year to be likely to start by themselves, as any Nursery children starting are likely to start a little later on in the term or in the Spring term.

Therefore, please find below the staff team next year for Narborough Academy:

N/R (Hedgehogs): Mrs Sandra Dunkley and Mrs Lyn Smith (Miss Nici Clifton for some afternoons).

Y1/2 (Squirrels): Miss Grace Lay and Miss Heather Cargill (3 days), Miss Daisy Allington-Koryniaka (2 days, unfortunately currently off sick).

Y3/4 (Foxes): Miss Elizabeth Joice and Mr Christopher Pritchard

Year 5/6 (Otters): Miss Christina Maskell and Mrs Sandra Jary

Lunchtime Team: Mrs Julie Kneeshaw, Mrs Diane Gook, Mrs Colleen Williams and Mrs Sarah Barry

Site Team: Mrs Julie Kneeshaw and Mrs Diane Gook

Office: Mrs Christine Fenn

Federation School Business Manager: Mrs Lorraine Collins

Federation SENDCO: Mrs Emma Spaul (p/t)

Federation Executive: Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child with their next teacher after our End of Year reports have gone out, during our Transition week, when your children spend the week with their staff for next year.

Worship and RE;

We will be talking to our children about Courageous Advocacy this half-term. This means using our values to do something good for something you believe in. That could be something as simple as giving pocket money to charity, telling someone that their choices are not the right ones, or it could be something bigger, like organising an event for vulnerable people.

Special Educational Needs:

A message from Mrs Spaul, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator:

Please find attached a link to the newsletter for families of children with special educational needs:

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=9370237c48>

A concert opportunity;

Sunday 2nd July, 3 pm - West Norfolk Jubilee Youth Orchestra concert at Sporle Church

WNJYO (as it is known to its friends) is a youth orchestra based in King's Lynn but whose members come from the secondary schools around West Norfolk.

All between the ages of 12 and 20, these young musicians have chosen Sporle for their first concert since the pandemic.

Conducted by Eddie Seales, the programme will include classics such as Handel's "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" and Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances"

The concert is free with a retiring collection with the proceeds being split between the church and the orchestra.

Tea and cake at the interval!

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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