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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 23rd June 2023

A reminder that Tuesday, 27th June is our annual Sports Day, from 1:30pm in the afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing you if you can make it, and I know that the children enjoy you cheering them on. Come in your trainers ready for the Parent/Carer's race! Please enter school through the school field gate, where you will be able to sign in.

On Monday 3rd July the Reception and Year 1 classes across the Federation will be joining together at Narborough for a Fun Space Day. We will be taking part in a variety of fun space activities throughout the day and are looking forward to working with our friends in Castle Acre and Sporle. All Reception and Year 1 children will need to bring a packed lunch on that day, so that we can enjoy a picnic-style lunch together. You will be able to book a school packed lunch on the day.

I know that you are aware of the negative impact that taking your child out of school has on their learning, but if you do have to, please particularly avoid removing children from school in the week of Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July as it is the transition week, where the children will be meeting their new teachers and new classes. Lots of relationships, routines and class expectations are built in this week, so it is really important for the children to be in school every day.

PTFA

A reminder that we will be holding our children's Summer Disco on Thursday 13th July from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The children will be able to buy tickets to attend the disco in the weeks before the event. The Summer Fayre is on Friday, 14th July from 2:30 to 4:30pm. If you are able to help out at all or if you would like to rent a stall at the Summer Fayre, please contact the office or PTFA for further details. Please remember to have your child's rock painting entry in school by 13th July at the latest. Winners will be announced at the fayre. Thanks very much to our PTFA and all Parents/Carers helping with this.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance percentages for last week, 12th to 16th June 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	95.45%
Squirrels:	92.07%
Foxes:	90%
Otters:	93.5%
Whole School	92.91%

We all need to get in everyday to ensure that our attendance meets the target of 96%. Unfortunately, no class did last week.

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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Children's Worship

Well done to Gabriela from Otters, Scarlett and Ellie-May from Squirrels and Scarlett and Arthur from Hedgehogs for a super Children's Worship.

This week, the focus of worship has been on rules, and what we think is just and fair. The children challenged us to see how well we know God's commandments by trying to guess the missing words. Well done to Foxes who were very aware of what they are. They then taught us a worship song with a very fast dance routine!

Class Information

Hedgehogs

We have had a lot of fun this week with the water being a firm favourite in this hot weather! In English we have started to do a specific Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lesson every Monday to complement and inform our independent writing every Friday. The writing is really showing progress and the children enjoy being able to write whatever they like about a given picture. This week, we have started our book called 'Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob) by Simon Bartram and the children have been busy discussing the structure of the story. They were especially excited about the aliens hiding from Bob! We will use this to write our own story as the character of Bob. In Maths we have been comparing numbers and partitioning them into tens and units in Year 1. In Reception, we have been looking at the properties of number and making pairs to find out if numbers are odd or even.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading Certificates: Olivia and Scarlett for achieving 100 reads at home. Remember to complete your home reading record every day to get your certificates and badges everybody!

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Danny-John for making outstanding progress in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the fantastic attitude to your learning, Danny!

Squirrels

This week in Squirrels, the children had lots of fun creating their poems for the coronation celebration book and were exploring rhyming pairs. In Science, they have become very adept at naming the bones of the human body and making comparisons with the bones of different animals. In Maths, they have begun their new topic of statistics by going on a bug hunt and tallying the insects they discovered.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Ariaah for her 10 reads and Megan F for her 200 reads and at home.

Tackling Tables: None this week.

Our Shining Light this week is Amelia W for her incredible efforts on her coronation poem, which the children judged to be the one we would publish due to its wonderful handwriting and clever rhyming couplets.

Foxes

This week in Foxes we have been recapping some of our Maths learning from throughout the year, including factors and factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and time-telling. Please feel free to test your children on finding factors of given numbers and telling the time on an analogue clock so that they can show off their knowledge! In English, our newspaper reports are coming along well, the children have been hot seating witnesses of the event and learning how to use reported and direct speech ready for their big write up.

Congratulations to:

Reading: No reading certificates again this week. I know we have a few children very close to 200, but still lots more to get to 100. It isn't too late for those certificates!

Tackling Tables: Adriana - blue phase mixed mini test; Fearne - purple subtraction; Freya - green phase mixed mini test certificates.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Freya for showing consistently fabulous learning behaviours and subtly encouraging others to do the same.

Otters

This week Otters have been busy doing...

Billie-Jo: I've enjoyed swimming because we got to jump in, have fun and got to save others. Sophie: I enjoyed Wednesday because Lola and I made a letter for King Charles III. Lola: I have enjoyed swimming because we learned how to save someone if they are drowning. We had to take our top off and throw it at the drowning person and drag them in, but I threw it at Sophie and I accidentally let go before she got it and dragged her back in. Elsie: I enjoyed PE on Wednesday because we were training for sports day. Noah: I've enjoyed PE on Wednesday because we are getting ready for sports day and there were a lot of different races and everyone participated and it was really fun. Gabriella: I have enjoyed Maths because we have learned how to subtract decimals. (This week our report was written by Lola and Sophie.)

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Noah for achieving his 50 reads at home. Izabel and Daniel for achieving their 75 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: (I'm delighted that this list is so long!)

Theo W for achieving his blue level missing numbers certificate; Lola for her red level division certificate; Oscar for his red level multiplication certificate; Ashden for his red level division certificate; Eden for her red level division certificate; Macie for her red level fractions of amounts certificate; Sophie for her red level decimals certificate; Libby for her green level division with remainders certificate **and** her green level unit fractions of amounts certificate; Elsie for her green level unit fractions of amounts certificate **and** her green level superstar certificate; Gabriela for achieving her green level multiplication certificate **and** her green level division certificate; Amelia for her MTC taster 1 and MTC taster 3 certificates. Amelia has now earned **every** Tackling Tables certificate! Well done!!!

Shining Light:

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Gabriela for undertaking extra practice, persevering and demonstrating great determination to achieve her Tackling Tables certificates.

Thought for the Week by Earl Nightingale – radio presenter and author:

"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

This time of year, as we move into the last four weeks of the school year, is always a fantastic time. The children's end of year results start to come in, as well as their wider achievements becoming apparent, and notice and realise how much the children have grown since their photos at the beginning of the school year! As well as physically, our children have grown emotionally and are really demonstrating the resilience and determination needed to progress. What we as Parents/Carers can do for our children to aid their success is help them to be independent, encourage them to find things out for themselves, to consider each day what they have achieved and what they are grateful for. Thank you to all of our families who work hard to hear their children read, ask them questions about their book, make sure that they know their numbers and their multiplication tables and make sure they come to school ready for learning. I also would like to thank the staff who work very hard towards the end of term to put on the various activities, Sports Days etc that take place.

Keeping everyone safe;

This is a useful page that has tips for tricky topics.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Best wishes,



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