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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 7th July 2023

As you know we are all having our transition week next week, where we will be with our new teachers in our new classrooms. The children should be brought into school in the morning on Monday 10th July, to their current classrooms, as usual. They will then register and be taken to their new classes to spend the rest of the week there. Please pick your children up from their new class's external door (on the playground) at the end of the day. You should then, drop them off and pick them up at their new class for the remainder of the week. Children will return to their current class for the week commencing Monday 17th July.

KS2 SATs results are not released by the Department for Education until 11th July, therefore we will send the children's results out separately to their school reports. These will be sent to you as soon as we have completed them.

Please remember that we have our:

- End of year church service on Thursday 20th July at 9:30am. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, to celebrate our fantastic year and your children's hard work.
- Year 6 Leavers Celebration is on Friday 21st at 9:30am to 10:30am, we welcome all Year 6 parents to join us in bidding a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and celebrate their time at Narborough CE Primary Academy.

We are lucky enough to have our building work on Hedgehogs class starting on 10th July and have been in the process of moving everything out over this last two days. We have not yet had a decision on the lowering of our age range to 3 years old, but the building work will make an amazing addition to the school and will certainly benefit the children already here, even if the age change does not go ahead. It will also ensure that Narborough is future-ready. There will be some disruption to Hedgehogs over the next two weeks, of course, but the children are really excited to see the work taking place and the contractors have said that noise will be kept to a minimum until the school summer break.

PTFA

A reminder that since **1st July** Narborough PTFA have featured in **Swaffham Tesco's bags of help scheme**. So, every time you are shopping in Swaffham Tesco, please make sure to pick up the blue tokens and vote for us. The money that we will be granted, will be being spent on improving the outdoor areas for all children. This money will be a huge help in getting the children's ideas for the outside area underway.

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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Please remember that **children will need to buy a ticket for the Summer Disco on Thursday 13th July** from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. **Tickets cost £1 and will be available from the school office.** Refreshments and snacks will be available to buy at the disco.

The Summer Fayre is on Friday, 14th July from 2:30 to 4:30pm. If you are able to help out at all, 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.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance percentages for last week, 26th to 30th June 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	94.55%
Squirrels:	95.17%
Foxes:	80%
Otters:	90.5%
Whole School	91.28%

Well done to **Squirrels** for once again achieving the highest attendance of the week last week.

Unfortunately, no classes met the 96% attendance target last week. It is always difficult to see how much the children struggle to catch up with missed learning on their return after an absence. All learning is sequential with all lessons linked and moving on from the previous ones, so missed learning really impacts on the children's understanding and enjoyment of the unit if lessons are missed.

As you know, from September 2023, we will be following the Norfolk County Council guidelines on Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave in term time. Currently: *'A fixed penalty notice can be issued if a child has at least 9 sessions of unauthorised absence within a six-week school period (60 sessions). 9 sessions are equivalent to 4.5 school days. The fine is £60 for each parent or carer for each child. It rises to £120 each if you do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay within 28 days, NCC will [prosecute you for your child's absence from school.](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/behaviour-and-attendance/attendance/fixed-penalty-notice-for-unauthorised-absence)'*

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Children's Worship

Well done to: Logan and Khloe from Squirrels and Adriana from Foxes for running a superb Children's Worship this week. They read out the prayers that they had written around our theme of Justice. We were all really impressed with Logan's BIG voice. All of the children did a splendid job of making their prayers heard and understood. Afterwards a discussion was had about the messages in the prayers and what we could all do to be fair. One of the prayers read is at the end of the newsletter.

Class Information

Due to the Years 4, 5 and 6 being out of school on their residential trips this week – we will not be giving certificates in Celebration Worship on Friday. We will give them out next week when everybody is back.

Hedgehogs

We had an amazing Space Day on Monday, with our friends from Sporle and Castle Acre. Amongst other things, we moulded moon sand, made space headbands, created a rocket that we launched with a straw and our own breath and had a brilliant picnic together. The highlight of the day had to be when we launched our soda bottle rockets with the jet fuel in them! There were squeals of delight and excitement when we launched our rockets at least 20m into the air with some loop the looping and others zooming straight up depending on how much 'rocket fuel', air pressure and fins they had!

We all worked really hard whilst the adults took turns to empty our classrooms ready for the workmen to come in on Monday. We could also help once we had done our work, if we wanted to. Hedgehogs' children will be in their new transition class next week (10th July) so please use the quiet area gate for drop off on Monday 10th July, then we will work from the library the week after that (17th July), so dropping off and picking up will be at the quiet area gate for the final week of term. The children are excited to be seeing what the builders will be doing to their room and have already said that they will be making sure that they are working hard!

Squirrels

This week in Squirrels, the children have enjoyed a variety of teachers when Miss Lay took the older children to their residential trip! Miss Maskell thoroughly enjoyed her day with the children exploring why people have different ideas about God. The children particularly explored listening to different worship songs, identifying what they say about God and devising dances to match the lyrics. In Maths, Miss Joice worked with the children on their bar charts, tally charts and bar graphs by finding minibeasts in our outdoor learning area.

Foxes

This week, Foxes class really enjoyed their first residential trip to Westacre Theatre. We undertook brilliant drama workshops where we learned the Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, rehearsed in costume and performed to our parents. It was so lovely to see the children perform confidently in the very tricky Shakesperean language of the day. Miss Maskell then enjoyed teaching the children. They especially enjoyed the tennis tournament.

Otters

This week in Otters, the Year 6 children went to Norwich Cathedral for a transition event, where we reflected on memories of primary school and considered what we were looking forward to as we move into high school. As usual, we were impeccably behaved. Year 5 children enjoyed a day with Miss Joice on Monday. We have also finished the first drafts of our newspaper reports, which we are currently editing and improving on the Chromebooks. We were so excited to be going on our residential to Whitwell Hall and can't wait to tell you all about the trip.

Prayer for the Week

From Children's Worship – written by Khloe P:

Dear God,

Help us to be more kind, we want to be more like you and braver.

We also would like you to show us how to be fair to the poor and others.

Amen

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

May I please take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff who gave up their time to organise and deliver our residential visits this week. I would also like to thank everyone at Whitwell Hall and everyone at Westacre Theatre for their support in making these visits happen. Thank you to our families for enabling the children to go. Lastly, thank you to the children themselves who threw themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm and were wonderful company.

Westacre Theatre are offering our Year 4 families a special reduced price ticket for a Midsummer Night's Dream on Saturday 19th August 2023. Whitwell Hall would like us to let you know that they do family camping, please phone them for details and mention you are from The Nar Valley Federation, Tel: 01603 870875.

With best wishes,



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