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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 14th July 2023

We have had a really fantastic transition week meeting our new classes and building relationships. The children have been really excited to share what they have been up to this week, and it sounds like everybody has had great fun.

A HUGE thank you Mr & Mrs Taylor, Theo and Brodee for doing an amazing job of cutting back the hedges along the alleyway. It looks really good and has made such a difference to the width of the path. Thank you for giving up your own time to improve the safety for others using the path. Your kindness is appreciated.



Please remember that we have our:

- End of year church service on Thursday 20th July at 9:30am at All Saints Church, Narborough. 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 on Friday 21st July at 9:30am to 10:30am; we welcome all Year 6 parents to join us.

PTFA

Please remember that Narborough PTFA are in Swaffham Tesco's bags of help scheme. I noticed this week that we need lots more tokens to catch up with the other two schools, so we need you to get yourself into Tesco's at Swaffham and put the blue tokens in our box please, please, please!

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the disco, lots of fabulous moves, some super outfits, lots of sparkly face decorations and very polite children in the tuck shop. Thank you for supporting the PTFA in our fundraising.

Please remember that we have a book swap shelf for children to bring in any books that they have read to swap them for a book off of the shelf. This is a good way to keep your children's home bookshelf stocked with different books, once they have finished with them.



Also, a reminder that there will be the usual end of term sweet stall after school on Friday 21st July.

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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Attendance Rewards

Attendance percentages for last week, 3rd to 7th July 2023, are:

Hedgehogs: 94.29%
Squirrels: 95.17%
Foxes: 100%
Otters: 95%
Whole School 95.76%

Well done to **Foxes** for achieving the highest attendance of the week last week with a whopping 100%.
Excellent work, Foxes!

Children's Worship

The children have been preparing for their church event next week.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

It was really good to meet the new Hedgehogs this week. We all played together really well and made new friends. We had great fun with the water, sand, stilts and trails in our outside area. We also enjoyed drawing, shops, playdough creations, puzzles, snack and sat really well listening to stories before home time in our makeshift classroom in the library.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Oliver G and Jaxson for achieving 100 reads at home and Pavitha for achieving 200n reads at home.
Well done everybody for super reading.

We do not have a Shining Light in Hedgehogs this week as the children were in Squirrels class, so see below.

Squirrels

The Squirrels in training have had an absolutely brilliant week in their new classroom and getting used to their new routines. They have shown so much resilience and a fantastically hard working attitude and we can't wait to see what they achieve in September. Their learning focused around the story "How to be a Lion" by Ed Vere and the children have enjoyed writing parts of the story and re-enacting what happened.

Congratulations Squirrel's readers from last week:

Pavitha for 200 reads, Oliver G and Jaxson for 100 reads.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Jaxson for working hard on his English writing to spell through sound and be creative with his verb choices. Beautiful work!

Foxes

This week in Foxes the current Year 2/3 children have enjoyed learning the ropes of a Year 3/4 class. The children have really enjoyed Art, where they have been creating collage ocean scenes from our book of the week 'Seal Surfer'. This has been quite tricky, but the class have persevered brilliantly with it. A highlight has been back-to-back times tables which is a favourite Maths starter in Foxes class.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Harrison for achieving 75 reads; Henry and Amelia for 100 reads; Luna for 200 reads and James H and Oaklie for achieving 300 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Amelia - Blue division; Finley - Multiplications table check taster test 1, 2 and 3 (preparing to be a year 4!) and yellow phase addition; Oaklie - Multiplications table check taster test 1, 2 and 3 (preparing to be a year 4!) Green Phase Division with remainders mini-test; Blue Phase mixed mini-test for Rosanna and Green Phase Division and Mixed mini-test for Harrison.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Chloe T for her amazingly consistent demonstration of class expectations in KS2!

Otters

This week, the Year 4s have spent the week in Otters class with the Year 5s and have had a fantastic week. In Maths, we have been working together on many different investigations, including trying to make the numbers 1-20 using only four 4s, exploring how our brains work, spotting patterns in Pascal's triangle and trying to use mathematical vocabulary to convince a sceptic. In English, we have written entertaining recounts of our residential from last week. We have also read about climate change and have produced an oil pastel picture depicting some of the possible effects of climate change. I have been really impressed with how hard all the children have worked and am really excited to work with them all in September. Meanwhile, the Year 6 children have returned from their transition days at TNHA full of enthusiasm and optimism about moving into Year 7 in September. On their return, we revealed their absolutely awesome SATs results - we couldn't be more proud! They have also been working hard to prepare for their leaver's assembly to be held on their final day of primary school.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Adriana for achieving 25 reads; Gabriela for achieving 50 reads; Paige for achieving 200 reads and Theo W for achieving 300 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Nicole for achieving her purple level subtraction certificate; Freya for achieving her red level division certificate and Ashden for achieving his red level mixed mini certificate.

Shining Light: This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Adriana for her super writing about her time helping out in Hedgehogs class.

Thought for the week



Message from the Executive Headteacher:

SATS results;

These were given out to Y6 Parents/Carers this week. We are so very proud of our Y6 children for their hard work. Whilst they were amazing and we have done superbly, in small schools, the percentage never tells the full story, it is all about the individual journey of the children and they have all worked so hard and progressed such a long way. Well done all!

After School Club; we are very pleased to say that After School Club (like Breakfast Club) will be running to provide childcare every day after school from September.

There are 15 spaces. Please book your slot asap via the Microsoft form that will be sent out to you.

Parents/Carers' Termly Forum Feedback:

We held our Summer term Parents/Carers' Forum recently, at which everyone was happy and positive.

We discussed the Communication Strategy and keeping the Parent Forum termly. We felt that continuing with two questionnaires would work well. Parents/Carers feedback that getting text reminders was helpful, as were the dates on the newsletter. We also talked about Breakfast Club and trying to make space for ad hoc use, so the policy is now being re-written so that two spaces can be held for this; this will go through the necessary checks and should be in place for September.

Ideas were raised about having an end of year trip that was something that could be done all together and was walkable to, so this has gone on the calendar to be considered for next year. We discussed opening the gates a little earlier as a result of children now needing to be in school starting learning at 8.40am and it was decided that gates would be open at 8.35am and reviewed if necessary. We also raised the ideas of having book, cake etc sales regularly which we said we would take to a PTFA meeting in September.

Thank you very much to everyone who came along and gave their time, it was much appreciated.

With best wishes,



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