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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Sporle Newsletter for week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

It has been a really lovely start to the new academic year and the children have all settled really well. Walking around the school is a pleasure and privilege, seeing the children all busy working hard, building new relationships and calmly focussing on their learning. Well done to everybody on a brilliant return.

#### Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival service will be on the 30th September at 1:20pm at St Mary's church. If you have any donations for the Harvest collection, these can be dropped in at the school office on or before the day.

#### Macmillan Coffee afternoon

This year, we would like to support the Macmillan charity which helps to provide specialist health care to those suffering from cancer. After our Harvest service on the 30th of September we will host a coffee afternoon in our school hall to raise money for the Macmillan charity. We will be serving teas, coffees and cakes in return for a donation. We would love any donations of cakes to support this. Donations must be shop bought and still sealed. If anyone has any, these must be dropped off at the school office by the 27th of September. Thank you.

#### Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for last week ending 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 100%

Woodpeckers: 91%

Kingfishers: 96%

The whole school attendance last week was 95%.

Well done to **Robins** for achieving the highest attendance award AND 100% for last week. Keep up the good work.

Hopefully all classes can achieve the nationally expected 96% each week this year. Information regarding attendance and the Norfolk County Council expectations will be shared over the coming weeks.

#### School roles

Congratulations to our two new Head Pupils and two new Deputy Head Pupils from year 6 who are Lacey, Shaun, Buster and Danny respectively.

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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Congratulations to our school councillors this year who have been elected who are Jennifer, Nicholas, Riley, Henry, Ralph, Layla and JD

Congratulations to our eco councillors this year who are Esther, Charlie, Annie, Lucy, Khloe, Bella and Ronnie

Congratulations to our values ambassadors this who are Fearne, Rimgaile and Elizabeth

### **Robins**

In Robin class this week year 1 have started doing phonics and really impressed us. Our Reception children have settled in beautifully and have shown great courage by trying new activities and challenging themselves. We have all enjoyed playing number games and making numbers in different ways, playing in wet cornflour, going on nature walks, making our class promises and making butterfly masks. We are all proud of the way the children have settled in and the way both years have been playing together.

Our mathematician of the week Violet for working really hard to make numbers in lots of different ways with numicon.

Our writer of the week is Harry for working hard to sequence the hungry caterpillar story and have a go at writing.

Our shining light of the week is Nicholas for showing kindness to others.

### **Woodpecker**

This week in Woodpecker class, the children have enjoyed learning lots of facts about Egypt. We learnt how the position of the continent of Africa near the Equator makes it hot. They've loved painting their own landscape of the Nile river and learning all about how it makes the land more fertile nearby. In writing they've been challenging themselves with new adjectives and in maths they've been improving their understanding of place value. The class make us proud every single day by being wonderful.

This week our Shining Light is Annie for always setting an example to others.

Our mathematician of the week is Ida-Mae for counting in her 50s.

Our writer of the week is Emilia for challenging herself with her vocabulary

Our reader of the week is Tommy for joining in phonics beautifully

### **Kingfisher**

This week in Kingfisher Class the children have started reading Clockwork by Philip Pullman in their English lessons. In mathematics they have continued to work upon place value and in geography they have used maps and atlases to identify countries in Europe. In science the children have been learning about the name and function of different teeth, and they even designed their own brand of toothpaste including the packaging. This week the children have continued to impress Miss Willgress with the effort they are putting into their work both in terms of the content and presentation.

This week's Shining Light certificate is awarded to Annabelle for excellent participation in all lessons.

Our reading certificate goes to JD for reading in every spare moment in class.

Our writing certificate is awarded to Joel for all the writing he has completed in English this week.

Our maths certificate goes to Chloe for effort in mathematics.

### **Thought for the week**

Our thoughts and prayers this week go to the Royal Family as we share in their loss of our much-loved Queen Elizabeth II.

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

Although the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second has impacted on many of us this week, it has also made us proud of our children and their reflections and prayers, and the way they have recognised our

school values in a life of leadership. Just a reminder that our schools, along with schools nationally, will be closed on Monday for the funeral but open again as normal on Tuesday.

There have also been many lovely moments this week, with our new Reception children settling in fast, our excellent staff helping our children to hit the ground running with their learning and time to chat to families we haven't seen over the Summer.

Our School Councillors, Eco Council members and most Head Pupils have been voted for or interviewed this week (or the beginning of next) and it is wonderful to see how many children wanted to do this and to listen to their well-thought out speeches.

Well done everyone!

Ofsted update; our OFSTED report is with us but sharing and publication has been embargoed until after the national mourning period for Queen Elizabeth. As soon as we can share it we will!

There is some exciting learning coming up across the year, with our oldest children learning to play the trombone in music (one term of this tuition for each school), classes going swimming and our children visiting the theatre for various activities. We are also planning to be outside learning as much as possible. We're looking forward to seeing you at this half-term's Parents/Carers' Cafes (dates of all events on the dates sheet) and our Harvest Festival Church service. Please also watch out for AGMS for our Friends groups (Parents/Carers/Staff) fundraising groups for each school). Everyone is welcome!

### **Safeguarding Support;**

Mental Health is a huge priority for many people at the moment. If you are worried about your child's mental health, or would just like more information, then the below charity have plenty on their website and also have a free helpline for Parents/Carers.

### **Young Minds – Support for Parents/Carers with worries about their children's mental health**

**Parents' Helpline: You can call us for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday - Friday.**

**<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>**

Thank you as always for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon,



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