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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Sporle Newsletter for week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

It has been a busy week here at Sporle with lots of exciting learning opportunities going on in all subjects. As ever, the children continue to impress us with their resilience and courage they show in their learning. We have lots of new roles for the children such as Eco Councillors and Values Ambassadors here at Sporle and over the next coming weeks we look forward to sharing the news of their meetings with you as they establish goals, ambitions and meetings for the upcoming year.

#### Weather

As autumn settles in and we see the beginning of colder and more unpredictable weather, please make sure your child comes to school prepared with a coat or waterproof.

#### 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 this week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 97%

Woodpeckers: 94%

Kingfishers: 92%

Well done to **Robins** for achieving the highest attendance award. 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.

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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## **Class Information**

### **Robin class**

This week in Robins we have enjoyed learning how to sort objects and count forwards and backwards. We have started to look at the changing seasons and practise our harvest festival song. We are proud of the way Robin Class have embraced learning this week.

Certificates:

Esther - for persevering in maths.

Lucas - for great mark making.

Honey - for being kind to others.

Layla - for always being ready to learn.

### **Woodpecker class**

This week in Woodpecker class we have enjoyed continuing our learning about the continent of Africa and Egypt. We have learnt that the position of Africa on the Equator means that they don't experience seasons in the same way that much of the Northern and Southern Hemisphere do. In English, we learnt all about prepositions and used these to write some fantastic sentences for our information text. In Science we learnt about sources of light and the difference between natural and artificial light.

Certificates:

Henry – for super addition work in maths

Lucy – for fantastic reading

Lennie – for challenging himself in his writing

Tanya – for always setting an example to others

### **Kingfisher class**

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been writing profiles about the characters we have met so far in our class novel Clockwork. The children have taken part in shared writing sessions, have written independently and have even had a go at editing and improving their own work. In maths we have been learning about negative numbers and in geography we have been learning about European climate zones. Once again the children have impressed me with their effort and enthusiasm for learning, and I'm starting to see many pleasing improvements in behaviour for learning.

Certificates:

Our Shining Light this week is Maddie B for her making great strides in the presentation and content of her work.

Ronnie – for super reading

Shaun – for fantastic maths

Olivia – for excellent writing

### **Prayer for the week**

From Ida-Mae in Woodpeckers Year 3

Dear God, we pray that you give us life and courage to be kind every day.

Amen

**Message from the Executive Headteacher:**

This week I have enjoyed carrying out Learning Walks across the Federation and seeing how focused and happy our children are. Their superb learning behaviours are also really evident. Well done to all our Reception children who are a pleasure to get to know. I'm nearly there with all their names and they've been good at telling me which sound their name starts with if I need help!

I am also really pleased that we're being able to offer lots more after school clubs this year, with a lovely range of crafty, sporty and learning clubs. Thank you very, very much to everyone who has volunteered, we appreciate it so much. If there is anyone else who would like to, please do let us know.

Well done also to those families who have improved their children's attendance this year so far - it is SO critical to help their learning that they are here all the time and don't develop gaps that then hold them up later on. Our curriculum is carefully designed to build knowledge on knowledge, skill on skill and missing parts really does disadvantage them in all sorts of ways. Your child should be in school 96% of the time or more so please do keep this in mind.

We're here to talk if you need anything.  
Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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