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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 14th October 2022

Wow! Words don't even begin to describe what an exciting week it has been! There are almost too many exciting moments to list them all. On Monday, Woodpecker class travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt and met Howard Carter. Together, using their torches they crawled through ancient tunnels and discovered Tutankhamun's tomb filled with flickering candles and hieroglyphics. I know the children enjoyed the experience very much.

We have been also very lucky to have hosted our Parents/Carers' cafes for Kingfisher and Woodpecker classes. Thank you to those families and carers who joined us; it was fantastic to see so many friendly faces getting stuck into some maths work. Our final café for our Robins children is next week and I'm sure it will be just as much of a success.

Team Points

We will be counting team points next week and the winning team: **Beagle**; **Britannia**; **Castorama** or **Endurance** will be rewarded with a non-uniform day next Thursday 20th October. The winners will be able to wear their team colour for the day, so please do make sure that your child has an item of clothing or hair bands etc in their team colour just in case. Team colour t-shirts are to be worn for Sports Day and various events throughout the year, so it may be a good idea to have a t-shirt in their team colour for the future. No football kits or clothing that is not appropriate for school please.

RE Morning

This morning, we were really lucky to have the fantastic Revered Tori join us for an action packed morning exploring bible stories. Thank you to Tori and all the teachers for making it such a fun morning. The children worked in mixed age groups, with our older children being fabulous and nurturing to the younger children, and rotated round three activities. These included: paintings about Noah's Ark, making stained glass windows from the story of the blind man being healed, and a drama activity around the prodigal son.

FOSS QUIZ AND CHIPS

Our fabulous friends of Friends Of School organise events over the school year to help fundraise.

Their first event of the year will be a 'Quiz and Chips' night on Thursday 24th of November in the evening. They will be finalising details over the next few weeks so please keep the date free in the diary and join us if you can. Prices and details will be released over the next few weeks. The money raised goes towards supporting the cost of organising visitors and coaches for school events and trips.

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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Parent Cafes

We are looking forward to hosting our Autumn Parent Cafes for our families. Each one will be based on one subject or theme and will have an activity for you to do with your child around this theme.

Friday 21st October 2pm – Robin Parent Café (theme: Phonics)

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that parents' consultation appointments are taking place on our return from the half-term break:

Tuesday 1st November 2022 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

A sign-up sheet with 10-minute slots on each evening will be in the school office before and after school each day next week, so please book in there, or call the office to arrange a convenient time for you to meet.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for this week ending 14th October 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 96%

Woodpeckers: 96%

Kingfishers: 92%

Whole school: 95%

Well done to **Robins and Woodpeckers** 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.

Kingfisher Europe Day

On Friday October 21st, Kingfishers will be having a Europe day. On this day the children will be doing activities linked to our Geography topic on Europe. We would like to come in dressed as a European flag of their choice. This means that they could come in red, green and white clothes if they were going to be Italy or yellow and red if they were Spain. No football kits thank you.

Class Information

Robin class

This week in Robin class, the year ones have been learning to partition numbers and reception have been learning to recognise numbers and match them to their value in maths. In literacy we have been learning the Little Red Riding Hood story and acting it out, ready to write our own stories next week. We have enjoyed painting and continuing to learn all about the country we live in, different types of animals, and in music we have started learning a new song and talking about rhythms. Robins really enjoyed our RE morning and working with children across the school.

Reading Rockstar - Sebastian for working hard in phonics to read the different sounds we have been learning.
Writer of the week - Jennifer for always trying her best in phonics and trying to use her phonics during other activities too.

Marvellous Mathematician - Vinnie for working hard and trying his very best to find numbers and match them to their value.

Shining Light - Fearne for looking after her friends and encouraging them to keep trying and make good choices.

Woodpecker class

This week in Woodpecker class we had a fantastic exciting start by travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt. In writing, we begun to look at Howard Carter's diary and think of our own exciting adjectives to describe Tutankhamun's tomb. In maths, we absolutely smashed our subtraction work!

Certificates:

Reading Rockstar: Ella-Brooke for super phonics learning

Writer of the week: Annie for fantastic adjectives describing an Egyptian scene

Marvellous Mathematician: Tanya for super subtraction work

Shining Light – Teddy for being courageous and kind every day in his learning

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about the geography of the Alps, and have started to learn about the digestive system in science. In mathematics we have finished our unit of learning about addition and subtraction strategies and next week we will be moving onto multiplication and division.

Marvellous Maths: Archie for brilliant times table work.

Reading Rockstar: Danny for always volunteering to read out loud in class.

Writer of the Week: Kai for excellent effort with his writing.

This week's Shining Light is Libby for her hard work and excellent behaviour in class.

Prayer for the week

From Woodpecker class:

Dear God,

Thank you for the wonderful learning each day and everyone who looks after us.

Please continue to keep us happy and safe.

Amen

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Pupil Voice;

As you may know, we check in with our children once a half-term to see how they are, how their learning is and how they are feeling in school. Each half-term has a slightly different focus and this half-term we looked at how they felt about coming back to school. We asked the following:

What was fun or kept you happy during the summer?

What was not good? Did anything worry or scare you, or give you a funny feeling?

What did you enjoy on devices - phone, tablet, TV....?

What did you NOT enjoy on devices - anything bad, scary or worrying?

What are you looking forward to at school this term?

Is there anything worrying / you are not looking forward to?

Do you have at least one adult in school that you can talk to and that you feel comfortable with?

Strengths were that 100% of pupils feel that they have at least one adult in school that they can trust. Concerns or worries about school were unique to individuals and a high proportion answered that they didn't have any concerns.

An area of concern was very much ICT based – many of the children could talk about something on their devices that had worried or scared them over the Summer.

Any individual concerns have been talked through with the children or the class as appropriate by the teacher. The ICT concern is something that the leadership team have considered and decided that we will respond by firstly creating a reference booklet that might provide some information about sites, devices, age limits etc. Secondly, we are exploring the idea of an information evening with a speaker. So we want to hear from you - is this an issue that you'd like support with, what could we do as a school to support you and would you welcome such an evening? Please get in touch via the office with any feedback. Many thanks.

Overall, the feedback was extremely positive and our children are noticeably happy and settled in school. Recent monitoring by Governors and DNEAT noted their enthusiasm for their learning and their super knowledge. Well done children and well done our super staff team for making learning fun. Who wouldn't want to go to school and interview Howard Carter and explore Tutankahmun's tomb?!

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



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