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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sporle Newsletter for week ending 25<sup>th</sup> November**

A huge thank you to any families that came to support the first Sporle Quiz and Chips of the year which was hosted by our fabulous FOSS. We are grateful for your support. It was a huge success so thank you to the team of FOSS members who made that happen.

As December draws ever nearer, the children are now beginning to learn their songs for Christmas and plan out their performance. It seems hard to believe that time of year is already upon us again. I've enjoyed seeing pupils (and staff) dance to the distant refrains of 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'! We hope to see you join us at one of our Nativity performances in December. These are taking place on Monday 12th December at 5:30pm and Tuesday 13th December at 2:30pm.

### **Cross Country**

This week two of our Kingfisher pupils, Annabelle and Elizabeth competed in the next round of the Cross Country Championships, having qualified at the previous inter-schools competition. Their behaviour was exemplary and they represented not only the school and community, but also the Nar Valley Federation. They made us proud with their incredible performance in the rankings. We want to offer them a huge congratulation on their fabulous achievement; well done girls!

### **Christmas Service at St Mary's Church Sporle**

We would like to invite our families to our Christmas service and celebration at St Mary's Church. This will take place on the 14th December at 1:30pm.

### **Reading Badges**

As we all know, reading is one of the best things you can do to support your child at home and is a great indicator of future academic achievement. We would love it if you could work with us to support your child by reading with them at home and recording this in their reading records. This helps your child earn their fantastic glittery reading badges. This could be reading their school reading book each day but also might involve reading other books such as non-fiction or library books.

The reading badges are as follows:

- 10 reads - Red glitter star
- 25 reads - Blue glitter star
- 50 reads - Silver glitter star
- 75 reads - Gold glitter star

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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- 100 reads - Bronze bookworm badge
- 200 reads - Silver bookworm badge
- 300 reads - Gold bookworm badge

### **Christmas Film Night Fundraiser**

The fabulous FOSS are busy thinking up fabulous ideas for how to support the school this festive period. They will be hosting a Christmas film 'night' after school on Monday 5th December. The children are invited to bring / come dressed in their pyjamas or onesies and they will watch a Christmas film and be provided with a snack, including popcorn and a drink. They may also bring a blanket if they wish. Payment must be taken in order to take part. Please book by either calling the school office or speaking to a member of FOSS on the playground. If anyone wants to book a space that can't get to the office or has any questions, the email is:

[Friendsofsporleschool@outlook.com](mailto:Friendsofsporleschool@outlook.com)

Cost: £2      The timings are as follows:

Robins and Woodpecker class - 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Kingfisher class - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for this week ending 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 99.57%

Woodpeckers: 96.67%

Kingfishers: 91%

Whole school: 95.21%

Well done to Robins class 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.

### **Class Information**

#### **Robin class**

This week Robin class have enjoyed writing letters in lessons and in busy learning time. We have loved finding out more about India in geography and learning how to draw Indian animals using shapes. In science we had fun testing materials to see which are waterproof so we can design an effective umbrella for teddy. We've had a lovely week and I have been really impressed with the progress the children have made. Well done Robins.

Marvellous mathematician - Gracie-Mae for working hard and persevering in maths.

Reading Rockstar - Isabelle for trying her best in challenges and phonics to improve her reading skills.

Writer of the week - Vinnie and Freddie for working really hard in writing and improving their letter formation.

Shining light - Harry for always working hard and trying is very best in everything.

Jonah for taking his time to create beautifully detailed pieces of art.

#### **Woodpecker class**

This week Woodpecker class have enjoyed learning about how adjectives are used when writing a biography. In maths, we've loved estimating positions of numbers on a numberline and using our reasoning skills to decide where they go. In science, we loved learning a little more about different materials and how their properties help us decide which we need.

Marvellous mathematician - Sienna for using her understanding of number to place numbers on a numberline

Writer of the week - Tommy for working really hard in his morning work

Reading Rockstar - Henry for great understanding of characters in our class book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'

Shining light - Ella-Brooke for trying her hardest in everything she does

### **Kingfisher class**

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been planning stories in English, using written methods of multiplication in maths and have been considering the differing diets of animals in science. Other activities this week include making Google Slide presentations in history about an early civilisation and continuing their prototype models of playgrounds. Another successful week of learning in Kingfishers!

#### **Certificates**

Writer of the Week goes to Layla for her construction of expanded noun phrases

Marvellous Mathematician goes to Bailey for his application of times tables in his maths work

Reading Rockstar goes to Buster for his efforts in our reading group this week

This week's Shining Light goes to Ronnie for his self-motivation when working on tasks.

### **Prayer for the week**

Dear God

We pray that you always help us do our best in our learning. Make us creative.

Amen

(By Ella-Brooke Woodpeckers)

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

A huge congratulations to all our children from across the Federation who competed in the finals of the Cross Country yesterday at LynnSport. I was incredibly proud of their determined and positive attitude and their resilience; they all achieved a great deal, whether it was running more confidently than last year or beating their place from last year or just giving it a really good go. Well done to Annabelle and Elizabeth. A particular well done to Finley from Foxes in Narborough and Lola from Oak in Castle Acre who both gained a medal for coming second and third respectively in their races. A big thank you to our families who took your children to the race and supported them, we really appreciate that.

### **Online safety;**

A recent study has shown that 44% of 8-12 year olds in the UK use TikTok, despite its policies forbidding under 13's on the platform. Tik Tok is currently under investigation and may well be fined £27 million for failing to protect children from some of its content. Please do consider; does your child currently use a platform that may contain sexual or otherwise inappropriate content and if so, how do you keep them safe? Research by the Children's Commissioner found that 45% of 8-17 year olds have seen content online that is upsetting to them. This is a link to a BBC article that documents some of things that children have seen and been asked to do for Robux in Roblox. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63357995>

Remember that our Pupil Voice in Autumn 1 found that a significant number of our children told us that they had seen things online in the holidays that bothered, worried or upset them. Let's make sure we are all having conversations about online content so that our children are able to talk to us and be protected.

### **Parents/Carers' Forums;**

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to these this half-term. There were no particular themes arising other than those we have already covered in the newsletter.

### **Attendance;**

Thank you for continuing to ensure that your children are in school. It really does make a difference to their school success.

Just to let you all know you're most welcome to the Friends Of Castle Acre School Castle Acre Christmas Fayre  
Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-12pm.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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