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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 2nd December

It is official; advent is here and the countdown to Christmas has finally begun. Where has the year flown to? Already the children are keen to tell all the adults about their elves and calendars and there is a hint of Christmas sparkle in the air as the children prepare for their nativity and learn their Christmas songs. We have a number of festive events over the coming weeks from our fayre to our nativity and we hope you'll be able to join us for some of them.

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.

Christmas Nativity

This year our Christmas Nativity Show will take place on the 12th December at 5:30pm and 13th December at 2:30pm.

The children are busily preparing for their performance and we'd love to see as many of our families as possible join us for the Festive event. The nativity has been split into three parts and will be told by first the Robins class, then the Woodpecker class and finally the Kingfishers.

To make it as easy for our families as possible to get to a showing, this year there will be two performances. First showing will be at 2:30 and the second showing will be at 17:30. *Tickets are free however we are allocating a maximum of two tickets per child per performance. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please get your tickets from the office.*

The children are invited to return back to school at 4:55 to be in their places and ready for the showing to begin at 17:30. A permission letter for this will be going out today.

Christmas Fayre

Our fabulous FOSS are hosting their first Christmas fayre this year on Thursday 8th December. There will be a range of small activities for the children to take part in. Please bring your coins and coppers on this date as the activities will mostly range from 10p to a £1. We hope to see you there.

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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A staffing update

We are sad to say that our fabulous Mrs Cawkill will temporarily be absent from the school due to health issues. During this time, please direct any enquiries to the office@sporle.norfolk.sch.uk email address. I'm sure we all agree that Mrs Cawkill is missed very much and we join together in wishing her a speedy recovery. We look forward to having her back in the office as soon as possible.

We are also now able to say congratulations to Mrs Whitehead from our Robins class who is expecting her second child. We are pleased to announce that when Mrs Whitehead's maternity leave begins in April, Mrs Cole will be taking over as the Robins class teacher. Congratulations on your new role Mrs Cole! Over the next term, Mrs Cole will be spending more time in the class over the week, as well as continuing to teach the reception phonics, so she will get to know the children well before she begins. We also want to reassure Kingfisher class parents and carers that your children will still be receiving appropriate support in the summer term. More information will follow towards the end of the Spring term.

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

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 2nd December 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 97.39%
Woodpeckers: 90.56%
Kingfishers: 88%
Whole school: 91.69%

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.

Class Information

Robin class

Robins have had another fabulous week. We have been learning all about the birth of Jesus in preparation for our school play, designing and making umbrellas using our test results from science and in RSHE we have been discussing what makes a good friend.

Marvellous mathematician - Ethan for working really hard during maths lessons as well as working hard on his maths challenges.

Reading Rockstar - Jacob for consistently working hard to improve his reading whenever he can.

Writer of the week - Violet for working to improve her writing in challenges and in lessons.

Shining Light - Layla consistently works hard, being kind, helpful and always doing her very best.

Woodpecker class

This week in Woodpecker class we have loved taking part in a range of science experiments to investigate the different properties of materials. In mathematics, the children have been improving their understanding of place value and using this to place missing numbers on a numberline. In English we have begun writing our biographies.

Marvellous mathematician - Lennie for super place value understanding

Reading rockstar - Skye for trying her hardest in phonics

Writer of the week - Adhavan for improving his attitude to writing

Shining Light - Lorenzo for always going for gold and challenging himself

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about division in mathematics and have been writing stories in English. In science the children have constructed food chains and in history they have been comparing the social structures of early civilisations. In DT the children have learnt how to join materials without using copious amounts of masking tape.

Marvellous Mathematician: Billy for the great understanding he has shown this week

Writer of the Week: Alex for his descriptive writing

Shining Light: Ella Rose for super focus and concentration on her work

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:

Y6 SATS in May;

Just to let you know that due to the extra Bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles on May 8th , the timetable for SATS has changed slightly, in that everything has been pushed back by one day. Please could you support your children with these important tests by ensuring that on that Bank holiday they get to sleep early; the children are working very hard to be able to show their best and every little advantage honestly does make a difference. Please also ensure that your children are in school every day but particularly during the actual week of the SATS tests.

Next term we will be sending home SATS workbooks for your children to work through and more information about other support measures we are putting in place for Y6 children to help them do their very best. Many thanks for your support.

Parents/Carers' Forums actions;

Many thanks to those who gave feedback and a particular thanks to one lovely parent who is helping us to redraft our Parent Handbook section of the prospectus to ensure that you all have enough understanding of our Marking and Feedback policy, the reading system etc.

Nar Valley Federation Local Governing Body;

Would you like to be a Governor? Do you know of someone who might be interested? We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor from Castle Acre and also a non-parent Trust Appointed Governor. We will shortly be sending out information about the role but if you're interested, please do contact me or our clerk Miss Karen Howman (Castle Acre Secretary) for a chat.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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