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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 9th December

Well the festive season is definitely upon us and this week has been a buzz with lots of different events. It has been so lovely to see so many of our families joining us for our celebration and events with everything from fayres and theatre trips to carol singing. Thank you for your ongoing support. The children have that familiar twinkle in their eyes and a spring in their step; there is a definite excitement in the air as we move ever closer to the end of the term and through our advent season.

FOSS events

Our first fayre of the year was a huge success yesterday and it was exciting to see all of the activities, prizes and cake stalls. Thank you to all who joined us. We also hosted our first movie and popcorn night. Along with the proceeds raised from the Quiz and Chips night, we are pleased to announce we have raised a collective total of £836. This money goes towards supporting the school by subsidising coaches etc. A huge well done FOSS!

West Acre Theatre trips

This week the children enjoyed the opportunity to visit West Acre theatre to see two performances. The children absolutely loved their magical visits. A huge thanks to FOSS for kindly helping make this happen by contributing towards the coach cost, and Sadie and Matt at Westacre Theatre.

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.

Carols at the community cafe

A big well done to Woodpecker class who joined the Sporle community cafe on Monday afternoon. We enjoyed the special invitation and the children made us incredibly proud with their beautiful singing and behaviour. They set a fantastic example.



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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Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for this week ending 9th December 2022 are as follows:

Robins: 95.26%

Woodpeckers: 96.52%

Kingfishers: 91.3%

Whole school: 93.9%

Well done to class for achieving the highest attendance award. Keep up the good work!

Hopefully all classes can achieve the nationally expected 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 has been extremely busy preparing for our school Nativity and creating some beautiful Christmas crafts. We have continued to read The Polar Bear and The Snow Cloud and we have enjoyed planning a letter from the Polar Bear to Father Christmas, we intend to write it next week as well as some of our own letters. We would like to thank you for bringing in all of the milk bottles and we look forward to bringing them home now that we have turned them into beautiful festival elephants.

Marvellous Mathematician - Harry for impressing us with his maths knowledge and asking questions to help deepen his knowledge of numbers.

Reading Rockstar - Ethan for working hard and showing a fantastic attitude towards reading in phonics as well as when he reads to an adult.

Writer of the Week - Piper for an amazing attitude to writing and showing a huge improvement with her independent writing.

Shining light - Alfie for having a fantastic learning attitude across all subjects.

Woodpecker class

This week the Woodpecker class enjoyed visiting the West Acre theatre to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. In English, we have been working on using different sentence openers to help us write our biographies on Howard Carter. In science, we've loved learning about different materials. We have also prepared for our school nativity.

Marvellous Mathematician - Tanya for super fraction work

Writer of the week - Annie for super biography work

Reading Rockstar - Ella-Brooke for fabulous phonics

Shining light - Riley for always trying his hardest

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about the writing and number systems of early civilisations. In English the children have been learning about different types of pronoun and in maths they've been practising the short division method. Other learning activities this week include making Christmas decorations for the Fayre and practising our section of the whole school nativity.

Father Christmas this week awarded the following children with certificates:

Reader Rockstar: Archie for regularly practising his reading at home

Writer of the Week: Declan for all the effort he put into his storywriting

Marvellous Mathematician: Annabelle for being a short division superstar

Shining Light: Elizabeth for showing perseverance with her wonderful story

Prayer for the week

Dear God

We pray for you many times and we know you protect the Earth.

Amen

By Harrison, Woodpeckers

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Swaffham Library;

Swaffham Open Library: 8am-7pm, The Pightle Swaffham. Anyone who is in need can take 'To Go' bags from the library, which are free bags of sanitary products, essential toiletries, cleaning items and warm bags which will help people as costs rise. You can enter the library using your library card & PIN to enter during unstaffed times. The staffed opening times are Tuesday & Thursday 10am-7pm, Friday 1-7pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit Swaffham Library's What's On pages for more information and booking on www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on/event-search?location=Swaffham or call 01603 774777.

Cold weather;

Please ensure your children have their coats, hats, gloves etc as the weather turns colder. We know the upcoming cold weather could be difficult at home in terms of heating as these are tricky times. Here are some cold weather tips from the British Heart Foundation:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/heart-matters-magazine/medical/beat-the-cold/keeping-warm>

Swaffham Community Fridge;

Based in Swaffham Community Centre, this is a drop-in service where you can access food. Here is an extract from their blog;

If you don't already know, the idea of the community fridge is to prevent perfectly edible food from going to landfill. Supermarkets that would otherwise have to dispose of food past its sell by date donate it to us instead and we safely redistribute it to the community.

There still seem to be several misconceptions surrounding the concept, such as the belief that it is a form of food bank and only available to those on a low income or in special need of help. The fridge is open to absolutely anyone in the community. As long as it means food isn't being wasted, we welcome everyone.

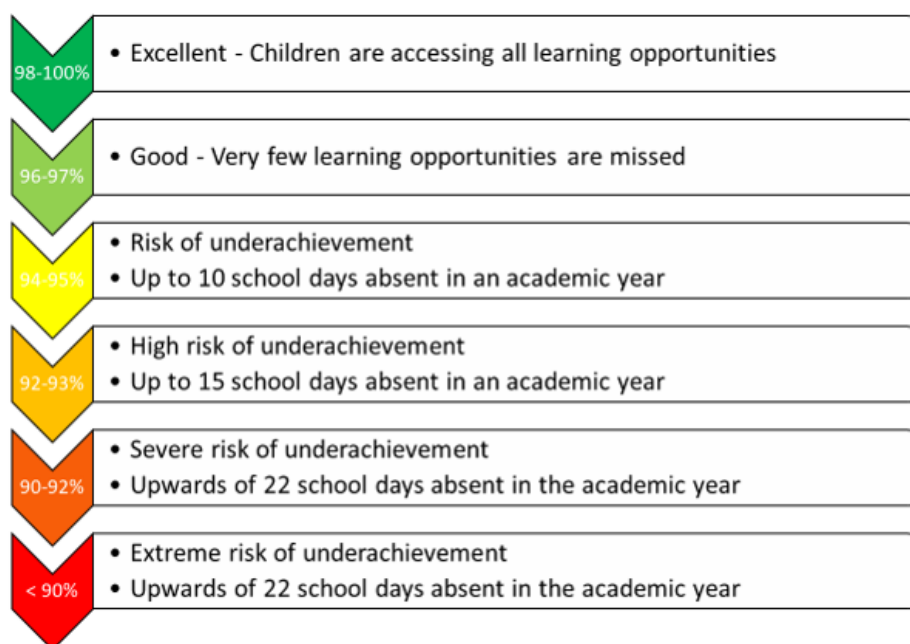
We also do not require monetary donations, but if you have any spare store cupboard items, we will happily accept suitable food donations to redistribute via the fridge or we will give them to other local agencies that may be in need.

We hope this helps clear things up a little and welcome you to pop by and see what's on offer.

The community fridge is open at 10am Monday to Friday. Please see Facebook for further details.

Attendance;

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance at school every day. We are pleased that most of our children across the Federation are 'green' (see below) and get to access learning opportunities and make strong progress. We have adopted the local authority attendance policy (see attached) and want to remind everyone that the target is 97% - not because we get any praise or issues if the target is achieved or not, but because we know that children who are in school 96% of the time or more have the best advantages in education and we want that for ALL our children.



Christmas events;

I'd just like to say a huge thank you to all our staff, volunteers, Friends' groups and visitors to school who have supported all our really lovely Christmas events. These are the bits of magic that children love so much and schools wouldn't be the same without them, as we found out during the pandemic, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who is making an effort for our children. I look forward to seeing you at all our events next week!

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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