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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sporle Newsletter for week ending 13th January**

Everyone at Sporle has been delighted to have all the children back this week for their first full week after the Christmas break. They've all come back full of energy and enthusiasm, ready for a new term of learning. We are incredibly proud of how well they've settled back. We look forward to a fun term ahead full of great new experiences.

### **Reading At Home**

As we return after the Christmas break, please remind your child to read at home to a sibling or adult and to bring their reading book and reading record into school each day. As you'll all be aware, reading is one of the fundamental foundations of a child's learning and is one of the biggest indicators of future success. This could be a small ten minute chunk or before bedtime or breakfast. Every little counts. They can then earn their exciting, shiny reading badges. These are awarded for the milestones of 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 200 and 300 reads.

A huge well done to all of our children who are already speeding their way through the badges. We even saw 100 badges awarded in the Woodpecker and Kingfisher class this week; fantastic!

### **Woodpecker trip**

Our Woodpecker class will be visiting Hunstanton on the 6th of February to visit the Sealife Centre and the Lifeboat Station. Please see the separate letter if you have not already signed up for this.

Our Robins and Kingfisher classes will also be going on trips this Spring. Letters for these trips will be going out as soon as details are finalised.

We are very aware of trying to keep costs as low as possible and want to thank our lovely Friends of Sporle School for subsidising the cost of the transport.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for this week ending 13th January 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 100%

Woodpeckers: 94.4%

Kingfishers: 93.6%

Whole school: 95.9%

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

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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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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, Robins have settled back into our routines beautifully. We have enjoyed learning about fairytales and acting out Jack and the Beanstalk. We can't wait to write our own fairytales next week. We have just started learning about plants and look forward to planting some beans of our own later in the term.

Marvellous Mathematician - Vinnie for showing a great learning attitude and working hard to learn his number bonds to 5.

Reading Rockstar - Luke for working hard in phonics to read his book and answer questions.

Writer of the Week - Isabelle-Mai for working hard in writing and using her phonics to help her write new words.

Shining light - Jennifer for showing kindness and support to a friend.

### **Woodpecker class**

This week in Woodpecker class we have enjoyed learning about 'Mrs Gren' (ask your children!) and how to identify living things in science. In history we learnt a little more about Grace Darling and the era of her famous rescue (the Victorian times). In English the children have had great fun practising being news reporters and including the 5ws in their reports. In maths, we have begun to focus on fractions.

Marvellous Mathematician - Teddy for confidence in fractions and divisions

Writer of the Week - Harrison for using our fantastic challenge vocabulary

Shining Light - Tanya for setting an example in her learning

### **Kingfisher class**

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers in mathematics. In English, the children have been learning how to write accurate instructions, and had a great deal of fun trying to write a set of instructions to get me from my chair and out into the corridor. The children quickly learnt that if their instructions weren't precise enough, I wouldn't be able to do what they asked. In other learning the children have identified different forces in science and have learnt about tectonic plates in geography.

This week's certificates are:

Reading Rockstar - Archie for fabulous effort with his home reading

Marvellous Mathematician - Joel for his work on improper fractions and mixed numbers

Writer of the Week - Louie for demonstrating a growing understanding of grammatical terms

Shining Light - Ronnie for being hardworking and kind

### **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:**

#### **Keeping children safe online:**

This can be such a daunting task and one that worries all parents I talk to about it and me too.

Top tips from the NSPCC include:

Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.

They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.

Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

Call the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000 to speak to an advisor

There are some excellent resources to help with this here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

### **School Reception places Sept 23;**

If you know of anyone who has not yet filled in an application form, please remind them that the deadline for these is 15<sup>th</sup> January and so these need to be done urgently. Many thanks for your help.

### **Pupil Voice from the Autumn;**

As you know, each half-term we talk to our children about their time in school and ask their opinions.

Last term we asked about learning, about how much they enjoy reading, about bullying and mean moments and about whether the children felt safe in school.

We had super responses, which really gave us a good knowledge of our children's views and feelings.

When asked about learning and reading,

our children discussed the subjects they were enjoying in school, such as the Egyptians, art and Maths. Almost every child enjoys reading, and older children were able to talk about authors and types of books that they enjoy, such as 'funny books' and David Walliams, Danny Champion of the World, Artemis Fowl and Harry Potter, with some preferring non-fiction and fact books.

One lovely comment about the teacher reading to them was that it 'made the world sound happier'.

Children said that reading makes you brainier, gives you ideas and helps you with your learning.

When asked about discrimination, most children said that there was not, with a few talking more about mean moments, which we will follow up. Most children felt that there was no bullying, with a few feeling that there had been on occasions, but teachers made this stop. We will follow this up.

100% of children felt safe in school. 100% of children felt that there was an adult to help and who would help, even when there had been a 'mean moment'.

Overall, this was a very positive and pleasing survey. There were one or two individual things to follow up, such as checking that all children understand the difference between bullying (ongoing and deliberate) and mean moments (occasional falling out).

This term, we will be talking about online safety as we approach Safer Internet Day in February.

### **Parents/ Carers' Survey;**

This term it is your turn to give your views, so please watch out for this coming out soon. Your views are really important to us and help shape the work of the leadership of the school, so please do fill it in. Many thanks.

### **After School Club;**

If you would be interested in running the After School Club, much as we do Breakfast Club, then please do get in touch, many thanks.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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