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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sporle Newsletter for week ending 3rd February**

Firstly we want to thank all our parents and carers for their support and understanding this week. We appreciate the ongoing support from our wonderful community and families. Next week sees the final week before half term is here; it seems hard to believe it's that time already and we are already firmly into the second half of the year. The children continue to make us proud with their dedication to always trying their best in their learning.

### **A request from Robins:**

Our lovely Robins team are looking to revamp their outside area so if any of our wonderful families know of any of the following items lying around (in good condition please) which they would be willing to donate, the kind offer would be appreciated:

- Shells
- Stones
- log slices - small and large
- wooden crates
- cable reels
- old pots and pans
- measuring jugs
- peg dolls

### **Headlice**

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers to keep an eye out for headlice in their child's hair and to check their hair regularly. We also ask that children with long hair tie it back whilst in class. Though headlice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause a serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine-toothed comb or over the counter medication. No-one needs to be off school whilst this treatment is carried out.

### **Parents' Consultations**

The dates for our Parent Consultation Evenings are Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February (4:30 - 7:00pm) and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (3.30 – 5:30pm).

To book in this year, please either speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Smith in the office. Booking will be available from next Tuesday 7th February. Please can we remind you that these slots are 10 minutes long and are to chat about your child's learning. If there is anything else you wish to discuss then you will need to make another appointment. If you have a child with additional needs then we will offer you either a longer time slot

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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.

on one of our allocated dates or a time in the week before half term. This is to ensure that you have enough time to discuss how they are getting on with their learning and also the provision that is in place for them.

Where you have more than one child in school, we do work really hard to ensure that the appointments are as close together as possible but there is a possibility that there may be a little gap between them. We look forward to being able to share your child's successes and next steps with you.

### **Woodpecker trip**

Our Woodpecker class will be visiting Hunstanton on this upcoming Monday (6th 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.

### **Parking**

We would like to remind our parents and carers that the car park is to be used by staff and school contractors only, with the exception of those who have a meeting at the school arranged. We do have a limited number of spaces reserved for blue badge holders and if you would like to use these, please visit the school office to show your blue badge.

Whilst the lane outside is not on school grounds, our children will use this lane regularly to access the school and it is very busy with young children in the mornings and afternoons. In order to ensure our pupils' safety, we kindly ask you to refrain from using the lane, where possible, during school times. It has been brought to our attention that we have had a number of incidents where children have been very close to moving cars and we want to avoid any tragic accidents.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for this week ending 3rd February 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 93.91%

Woodpeckers: 96%

Kingfishers: 94%

Whole school: 94.41%

Well done to Woodpecker 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**

Robins have had a great week! We have continued learning about plants and have made our own little garden so we can watch it grow. We have also started learning about instructions. So we could find out the purpose of instructions we followed some for planting seeds and making porridge. We are excited to write our own instructions next week.

Marvellous Mathematician - Vinnie for showing perseverance when he found a maths problem difficult.

Reading Rockstar - Jacob for reading beautifully in phonics, topic and at home.

Writer of the Week - Jonah for working hard on his writing and using his phonic knowledge to create some fantastic sentences.

Shining Light - Violet for consistently working hard, contributing to lesson discussions and challenging herself.

### **Woodpecker class**

This week the wonderful Woodpeckers finished writing their newspapers about the 1900 sea rescue in Cromer. In history, they enjoyed looking at the chronology of Grace's life and in science they've enjoyed deepening their understanding of living things in their habitat. This knowledge will inspire them for their trip to the sealife centre this upcoming Monday.

Marvellous Mathematician - Henry for confidence in number in division

Reading Rockstar - Sienna for impressing Miss Smith in her phonics

Writer of the Week - Lennie for working hard writing his newspaper

Shining Light - Skye for showing courage in her learning and always looking to improve

### **Kingfisher class**

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been reading different texts about volcanoes and have been practising how to avoid run-on sentences and comma splices. In Maths, the Y6 children have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions while the Y4 and Y5 children have started learning about area with Mrs Shrimpton. In Geography the children have been learning about the deadly effects of volcanoes and next week we will finish the unit by focusing upon earthquakes.

Certificates this week:

Reading Rockstar to Alex for thoughtful answers to comprehension questions

Marvellous Mathematician to Ralph for impressing Mrs Honhold with his independent working all week

Writer of the Week to Bella for good quality and careful writing

Shining Light to Maddie J for being kind and helpful

### **Prayer for the week**

Dear God

I pray that you help all the people in the oceans around the world to stay alive.

Amen

Ella-Brooke

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

#### **Online Safety;**

Mrs Blakey, our Federation Computing Lead, has been liaising with the police to put together some online safety work for our children. We've got a number of events coming up to support our work in this area, beginning with the following:

Norfolk Constabulary's Safer Schools Team will be delivering two free online events for parents and carers about keeping children safe online. They will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 11am-12pm and again at 4pm-5pm. Please see the attached flyer which includes links to an Eventbrite booking system. We hope you are able to attend one of the sessions and that you find it useful.

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

As you know, we ask the views of our children about various different aspects of school each half-term, and this helps shape our work. Following our Autumn pupil voice where it was clear that children had some needs to do with online safety, we asked them more about their online time, needs and worries or things they enjoy. We found that many of the children say they use apps for older children, that many of them want to know more about online safety and that many of them do not think they have any privacy settings on their apps or devices.

49% of the children do not know how to use privacy settings to keep themselves safe. 42% believe they spend more than 3 hours a day with screen time. Lots of our children said that if they saw something online that worried them, they would simply switch it off or exit the app or game and wouldn't say anything to anyone. So now it is your turn! We'd like to know what questions or worries you have about online time and what you might like from school.

The survey link will be sent out today and we'd be really grateful for your responses. We're working closely with the police and other children's agencies to ensure that our teaching covers what our children need to know and we need your input into that. Many thanks.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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