



# The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

# Sporle Newsletter for week ending 10th February

Somehow half term has sprung upon us! The children are looking forward to a little holiday and a rest which is very deserved after an incredible Spring term. They never cease to amaze us with their courage and resilience in their learning. From everyone at Sporle, we'd like to wish our families and community a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on 20th February.

Over the half term, it would be fabulous if the children could continue to read for 10 minutes every day, work on their spelling on 'Spelling Frame' and work on their times tables on 'Tackling Tables'.

## 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

# **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.

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.

#### **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 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.

#### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for this week ending 10th February 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 86.09% Woodpeckers: 97.78% Kingfishers: 93.67% Whole school: 92.25%

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 lovely week watching our class garden grow and writing our instructions for making porridge. We have enjoyed making more Henri Matisse inspired artwork and making valentines cards. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has kindly donated some of the items from our list.

Marvellous Mathematician - Harry for super work on his number bonds to 5, 10 and 20. Reading Rockstar - Alfie for always working hard on his reading throughout the day. Writer of the week - Layla for showing a great learning attitude to writing and using her phonics to help her. Shining light - Isabelle for always showing a fantastic attitude to learning.

## Woodpecker class

This week the Woodpecker class enjoyed a most exciting trip to the Sealife Centre on Monday and we also visited RNLI Hunstanton and saw a real life hovercraft in action. How exciting! In maths we worked on solving problems by trying out different solutions and in writing the children blew Miss Behan away with their incredible retellings of the story of Grace Darling.

Marvellous Mathematician - Adhanaa for super problem solving Reading Rockstar - Skye for working hard on her phonics Writer of the Week - Harrison for an incredible story Shining Light - Riley for working hard to be independent in his learning

#### Kingfisher class

This week we have been listening to live music and hearing the beautiful sounds of the harp and flute. We have learned about hopes and dreams in PSHE and how to be resilient when something doesn't go well at first. In English we've been using modal verbs and adverbs of possibility to show how certain something is. We learned about Pompeii and how it was trapped in time.

Marvellous Mathematician - Shaun for persevering with his Maths tests Reading Rockstar - Abi for working incredibly hard in Guided Reading Writer of the Week - Joel for his fabulous use of modal verbs Shining Light - Olivia for being really calm and helpful in the after school clubs.

Well done!

# Prayer for the week

Dear Lord, We ask you for your support as we work hard to live our values. Amen.

# Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February 2023

This year's theme is Let's Connect. These free resources for <u>primary age</u> and <u>secondary age</u> children and young people will help you take part in the week. The activities and resources are designed to encourage children (and adults) to consider how we can make meaningful connections that support our mental health.

https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/csshared/ecourier2/misheet.asp?misheetid=61622

# Signposting to support (pupils)

Childline

YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds On My Mind | Resources for Young People | Anna Freud Centre

Kooth (11-25 years)

Chat Health 07480 635060 (11-19 years)

Signposting to support (families)

Mental Health advice and support for 0- 25yrs

**Emotional health support and guidance** 

Just One Norfolk advice and resources for families

Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre

We hope you find these resources helpful.

We wish you a lovely half-term and hope you get the chance for some family time.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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