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Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 3rd March 2023

Already March is upon us, and the shortest month of the year has passed. Spring time approaches fast and the daffodils in their pots outside our front door show signs of getting ready to bloom. The coming of Spring hopefully will bring us more and more warmer weather and lots of opportunities for outside learning. This week we were very proud of the Kingfisher children that represented the school in a netball competition. Mrs Honhold and Mrs Jones were impressed with their fantastic sportsmanship and attitude whilst competing against other Key Stage 2 children from other schools. Well done to: Maddie, Billy, Layla, Maddie, Bailey, Kai, Declan and Chloe.

Parent/Carer Forum

Here at Sporle, we always value the feedback and opinions of our fantastic community and families. Our next Parent/Carer forums will be held this upcoming Monday 6th at 15:30 to 16:30 on the school site and 18:00 to 19:00 via zoom. If you would like to attend the evening Zoom please could you book in via the school office to ensure you are sent the Zoom link on Monday. Thank you.

Staff update

It was fabulous to welcome back this week the lovely Mrs Nevill who will be joining us for a few days a week over the next few months in Kingfisher class, working alongside the existing team.

We want to let our Parents and Carers know that we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Cole back next week now that she has recovered from her operation.

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.

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Attendance Rewards

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

Robins: 96.09%

Woodpeckers: 96.67%

Kingfishers: 95%

Whole school: 95.77%

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 been working hard this week. We have been learning about different types of animals and comparing them in Science and looking at how good has changed over time in our history lessons. We've been talking a lot about miracles, sin and forgiveness in RE through stories from the bible which the children have really enjoyed. Yesterday we celebrated world book day and the children looked fabulous in their costumes. At school we made potato characters and decorated bookmarks. In PE the children enjoyed a treasure hunt. This week I would like to give an extra big well done to year 1 who completed their first test papers. They were amazing!

Marvellous mathematician - Ethan for challenging himself in busy learning time as well as maths lessons

Reading Rockstar - Esther for persevering when it gets hard and using phonics to help her.

Writer of the Week - Gracie-Mae for always trying her best in writing

Shining Light - Charlie for always being kind and trying his best

Woodpecker class

This week Woodpecker class have blown Miss Behan away with their absolute incredible stories in English. We watched a short video about a lighthouse keeper and how his friends help him solve a problem. In maths, we've consolidated our understanding of subtraction and had a go at solving multi-step problems using money. In Geography, we've learnt a little more about the Mariana Trench deep in the bottom of the Pacific Ocean and how things change in this layer of the ocean.

Marvellous mathematician - Lucy for fantastic subtraction work

Writer of the Week - Riley for using adjectives and adverbs in his story

Reading rockstar- Sienna for fantastic partner reading

Shining Light- Emilia for working hard in all her lessons

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have started learning about the Ancient Greeks; they have learnt about the Greek city-states and have made a timeline of main events. In English the children have been drafting their guides to looking after an imaginary pet and next week they will be writing them up in best. In other learning this week, the children have made book character potatoes for World Book Day and they have had a maths lesson taught by an expert teacher from the Norfolk Maths Hub.

Marvellous Mathematician - Ella-Rose for excellent participation in our Maths lesson

Writer of the Week - Archie for great independent writing

Reading Rockstar - Olivia for trying hard and persevering in her reading assessment

Shining Light - Danny for being consistently good all week

Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,
We pray that you look after our planet.
Amen
(Henry Woodpeckers)

Meet the SENDCo - unfortunately Mrs Spaul has been ill this week so this has been delayed but will happen.

I will be putting in some dates shortly for a 'come and chat with the SENDCo' so watch this space. You will not need to have an appointment, just drop in and I will have the kettle on and biscuits ready to discuss any questions or queries relating to your child and how they are getting on at school. Your child does not already need to be identified as having SEN to come along. I look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Spaul, Federation SENDCo. Please contact me at Castle Acre on 01760 755305 if you have any queries.

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Well done to Kingfishers, who have had some very good days and are demonstrating our values much more this week - keep it up Kingfishers, and well done! Parents/Carers, thank you for your support in chatting to your children about making good choices. Do keep in touch with us if you need to.

Parents/Carers' Forum;

Please do book to come along to these - we can offer tea and biscuits and a good chat!

We'd love to see lots of you to get your views. The date is: Monday 6th March 15:30 to 16:30 on the school site and 18:00 to 19:00 via Zoom.

Residential visits;

Just to say that we are once again having a residential visit for Y5/6 in the Summer and also a residential visit for Y4, also in the Summer. Last year the cost was around £70 for Y5/6 and minimal for Y4. Whilst things have obviously increased this year, we will be aiming for a similar price and will open the payment on Parent Mail so that you can put money in as and when works for you. We will get further details and a meeting to you very soon.

Safeguarding;

Have a look at this useful info on gaming and other online activities.

<https://thewhitehatter.ca/online-gaming/>

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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