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Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 10th March 2023

Well, today definitely saw a return of the colder weather and we were all surprised to see how much of a dusting of white snow had settled on the ground. The children however were hugely excited by the sight of snow falling all morning. It has been a lovely week here at Sporle, beginning with the fantastic opportunity for our Kingfisher children to visit Crucial Crew. This involves the children learning more about how to keep themselves safe.

Easter Service

We'd like to welcome our families and community to our Easter service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 30th March at 1:30. We look forward to seeing you all there. After the service, we'd like to invite you back to school for an Easter Egg hunt organised by our FOSS. It is £1 per child to take part, payable on the day.

Easter Egg Hunt

After our Easter service at St Mary's Church on the 30th March, we'd like to invite you back to an Easter egg hunt at school organised by our Friends of Sporle School (FOSS). It will cost £1 per child to take part on the day.

Bingo

Doors open 7 eyes down 7.30

Bring your own refreshments

Raffle

£5 for a book of 6 plus £1 for flyer

Staff update

We want to let our parents and carers know that for personal reasons, Miss Whitehead (who was due to be on maternity leave from 31st March), will now not be returning before this time. Therefore, Mrs Cole, who will be taking on the class from Easter, will also be covering during this time. Welcome to Robins class Mrs Cole!

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

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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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 10th March 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 97.83%

Woodpeckers: 95.56%

Kingfishers: 97%

Whole school: 96.9%

Well done to Robin 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

Writer of the Week - Freddie for fantastic writing about Stickman and using his phonics knowledge.

Marvellous Mathematician - Layla for awesome pattern knowledge!

Reading Rockstar - Piper for amazing phonics with Mrs Henderson.

Shining Light - Jacob for always being kind to others and engaging brilliantly with all learning.

We have had a fantastic week in Robin Class. We have all been writing the 'Stickman' story. Robins have ordered the story, used adjectives and emotion vocabulary. Year 1s have also written a description about the beach scene. We have had lots of fun time in Robins this week, including drawing our family trees and making Stickman in our busy learning time. We have been outside lots spotting nature and enjoying some snow!

Woodpecker class

Reading rockstar - Adhanaa for fabulous reading at home

Writer of the week - Sienna for always using her best presentation in her writing

Marvellous mathematician - Lennie for having fantastic times table knowledge

Shining Light - Skye for always trying her hardest

This week the Woodpecker have enjoyed moving on to our new unit in English and Geography about how to look after our oceans and prevent pollution of the environment. In maths, we've consolidated our learning of subtraction and times tables.

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about city-states in history and about the impact of Emperor Constantine's dream on the spread of Christianity in Europe. The Y6 children had a fantastic morning learning about personal safety at the Crucial Crew event on Tuesday and I was very proud of how the children behaved and contributed to the sessions. Overall, it's been another great week of learning in Kingfisher class.

Certificates:

Writer of the Week: Danny for his entertaining writing which grabs and maintains the attention of the reader.

Marvellous Mathematician: Elizabeth for her growing understanding of algebra

Shining Light: Joel for great choices, super learning behaviours and for being a role model to others

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:

Easter services;

We look forward to seeing you all at these; you are most welcome.

Crucial Crew;

I wanted to thank our excellent Y6 children from across the Federation for representing NVF so well with their super behaviour and engagement on the Crucial Crew trip. They were a pleasure to be with. Well done Y6!

School Meal prices increase;

Aspens have let us know that a school meal will now be £2.59 a day from 18th April 2023.

Volunteers;

I just wanted to give a huge and heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers across the Federation. These are difficult times for education and we cannot do what we do without you all at the moment, so thank you so much for all your time.

National Strikes;

It is highly likely that Y2/3 and Y4/5/6 will be closed on at least one day, so please prepare your childcare options and I will confirm further details as soon as I am able. Many thanks for your support. All of us really do hope that talks can take place, solutions can be found and these strikes can be averted.

Parents/Carers' Forum:

Many thanks to those of you who came along to these, it was good to sit down and chat.

Feedback shared was that people were very happy, with some queries raised as follows:

Checking that each class were going to have had a trip, as R/1 had not yet been on one. We clarified that Robins class have a trip coming up and another in the Summer.

Class Dojo; could we use it more; we said yes we could; we talked about the fact that it isn't the easiest tool to upload video too, but we could make an effort to fit in uploading more photos.

Knowing a little more about what happens in the Robins classroom; we discussed that this would be through Class Dojo photos.

Clarifying what time Robins class come in; we confirmed that Robins children should come straight in at 8.40am and that the door would be open and a member of staff would be outside.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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