



Diocese of Norwich
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The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary

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Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been, with so much excellent learning, such wonderful trips, including to Melsop Farm for Reception/Year One, to Hunstanton to the Sealife and RNLI centres for Y2/3 and to Castle Museum for Y4/5/6. We've had live music in school for the children to listen to and play, sporting competitions against other schools, sporting festivals at The Nicholas Hammond Academy, the Crucial Crew trip and event for Y6, Red Nose day, dressed up and celebrated World Book day with stories and activities, visitors coming in to do workshops, such as Online safety, Parents/Carers' Consultations, Parents/Carers' Cafes and Forums, and we finished off with our Easter events and Church Services this week. Phew!

Covering one of our classes whilst one of teachers was off recently reminded me what challenging, skilled and professional work teaching is, with hourly requirements to assess children, change your questioning accordingly, pitch the work differently as well as supporting children's emotional needs and remembering the little things that matter as well as working hard in the evenings to answer emails, communicate with people and plan and resource the following day's learning and events. Our staff do such a brilliant job and we are very lucky to have a team who invest so much into the children. A massive thanks also go to our Parents and Friends groups across the Federation for their various Easter events and to you all for supporting them. It has also been a difficult time recently across the Federation with the tragic and unexpected death of our colleague Paula Smith, a dedicated, skilled, compassionate and kind Teaching Assistant who always put others first. We have honoured her memory in various ways and are deeply grateful for all the messages of support we have had, so thank you.

Y4/5/6 Residential visits – Summer term;

There will be a letter and meeting regarding these two visits early next term, but just to say that we expect the cost of the Y4 residential to be very small and the cost of the Y5 and Y6 residential to be just under £100 (there is a different cost for each year group, with Y5 being cheaper as they are camping). These are in July, and you will be welcome to pay in instalments.

Price of school meals;

A piece of good news that we have received from our Trust in the last couple of days is that the planned increase from Aspens for the cost of school meals has been paused and that therefore the cost of school meals will remain the same - £2.47- at present. We will let you know if we hear of any change. Feedback regarding school meals has been passed to the Trust. Many thanks.

Finally, thank you to our lovely children for their super learning and behaviour. We hope you all enjoy Easter together, get to an Easter service and enjoy the odd egg or two too!



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Certificates

Robins class

Maths- Ethan for brilliant maths application in his own learning.

Writer- Fearne for her fantastic poem she wrote independently and great handwriting.

Reader- Alfie for great phonics and reading lots at home.

Shining light- the whole class for a brilliant first trip!

This week in Robins all of the adults have been blown away by their incredible phonics knowledge. We have all done our Read Write Inc assessment and we're absolutely amazed by their progress. Well done Robins, keep up the good work!

Woodpecker class

Marvellous mathematician - Riley for an incredible score in his maths test

Reading rockstar - Lennie for a fantastic score in his reading test

Writer of the week - Annie for incredible use of grammar in her writing

Shining light - Emilia for always setting an example to others

This week in our learning the Woodpecker class have finished consolidating their understanding of the bar model in maths. In English we completed our persuasive texts and in geography we enjoyed learning more about the key UK rivers including the Thames, the Severn and the Great Ouse.

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have been learning about percentages in maths and have been writing about Sir Isaac Newton and his Three Laws of Motion in English and Science. The stand out moment for me this week was the children's contribution to the Easter Service on Thursday. I was very proud of the beautiful words that they said about Mrs Smith and those who chose not to speak, also had written equally touching memories.

Certificates this week:

Marvellous Mathematician: Alex for realising the importance of showing your working out.

Reader of the Week: Archie for consistently reading at home.

Writer of the Week: Billy for the progress he has been in producing well-presented, thoughtful writing

Shining Light: Elizabeth for supporting Mrs Joplin in the church service and reading her eulogy.



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From Miss Behan and myself, we wish you a Happy Easter, hopefully Covid-free, with some joy and good weather and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18th April.

Best wishes,

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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy

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