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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 12th May 2023

It's been a big week for our year 6 children here at Sporle as they have been completing their National Curriculum Tests (SATs) tests this week. This is a big achievement to mark approaching the end of their time at school and they have shown determination, courage and pride this week in their learning. Well done our year 6s! We are also incredibly proud of the way the other children in the school supported their year 6 peers by moving around the school spaces quietly and respectfully to enable them to concentrate. It was a credit to all of them the way they looked after each other.

Coronation Artwork

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles, our children completed a piece of art with themselves as a monarch. These designs were sent away as part as a special promotion thank you to the chair of our Friends of Sporle and they are now available to purchase on various items. For example, the class pictures are available to be purchased on a tea towel of the class pictures together and make a beautiful keepsake. Please see the sticker and letter which your child has brought home for the individual code needed to buy this.

Start of the day

We would just like to remind our families that the school day begins at 8:40 and the children can come straight to the classroom as they arrive where they have a morning task in class to complete which focuses on key skills like spelling and times tables. Adults are timetabled to support children from 8:40 - please ensure a member of staff has seen them through before leaving them. From Monday, the outside playground will not be opened until 8:30 so please do not arrive at school before this time.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for this week ending 12th May 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 95.22%

Woodpeckers: 94.85%

Kingfishers: 90.21%

Whole school: 92.89%

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.

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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Class Information

Robin class

Maths - Luke for great learning about fractions and showing your understanding by independently answering reasoning and problem solving questions.

Writer - Piper for an amazing independent piece of writing all about bees. Super facts and information including scientific vocabulary and adjectives.

Reader - Freddie for fantastic effort in our phonics sessions and for reading lots at home!

Shining light - Honey for always being so kind and helpful to everyone and for always modelling our federation values perfectly every day!

This week in Robin Class we have been writing facts and information all about bees in our English lessons. We are working towards creating a non-fiction book by our Reception children and a brochure by our Year One children.. In maths, Year One have been learning about fractions, including half and quarter. Reception have been using 'first, then, now' stories to learn about adding and subtracting. They have been practising writing number sentences outside with chalk and using natural found objects. All Robins have been doing such fantastic learning and we Robins team are so proud of each and every child!

Woodpecker class

This week in Woodpecker class we have been practising our maths skills in an arithmetic paper and consolidating our understanding of telling the time. In English we have written the next part of our explanation text and in history we have learnt about the Bayeaux Tapestry and how this sources gives us our knowledge of the Battle Of Hastings. We also used our art skills to complete a beautiful watercolour painting of King John. These beautiful pieces blew Miss Behan away.

Reader of the week - Riley for impressing Mrs Henderson in his phonics

Marvellous Mathematician - Teddy for confidence in telling the time

Writer of the week - Ella Brooke for growing in confidence in her writing

Shining Light - Annie for always being kind and courageous in everything she does

Kingfisher class

The week in Kingfisher has been largely dominated by the Y6 SATs. I would like to congratulate the Y6 children for the resilience, perseverance and maturity they demonstrated when taking their assessment tests, one of which was unusually tricky! As their teacher, all I ever ask is that they do their best and I know that each and every one of them did all they could to show what they can do. Well done Y6! Equally, I'd like to thank the Year 4 and 5 children who have behaved beautifully for their teachers this week meaning that SATs week could run as smoothly as possible.

Shining Light certificates go to: JD, Shaun, Khloe, Lacey, Elizabeth, Archie, Buster, Danny, Libby, Ava, Louie and Alex

Prayer for the week

Dear God,

We pray that you keep us and our families safe.

Amen

Message from our Executive Headteacher

SATS;

I just wanted to acknowledge the superb behaviours, efforts and maturity shown by our Y6's this week. I've been invigilating at Sporle this year so haven't been able to get to Castle Acre and Narborough, but I know from the staff team how great everyone has been. SATS are mainly for school and are nothing to worry about, but they are something to do your best in and a good step in children's learning journey. To know that you can face something that makes you nervous and succeed by doing your best is a big step and a good confidence boost for the future. Well done Y6 children, you can handle these, you are definitely ready for your next step of Secondary school!

Nursery update;

The consultation to open our nursery at Narborough has now closed and was positive. We are now awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education that we are able to extend our age range and will of course update you when we have any further information.

Finnbar's Force;

The above is a charity to support children who have cancer, and is a charity personal to a DNEAT colleague. You can learn about Finnbar here: <http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/about-finnbar/>

We would like our children to take part in fundraising for children who are just like them, except for the life-threatening illness they face.

Therefore on Friday 26th May, please could your child come to school wearing gold/yellow clothing, for a donation of any amount, enabling our children to let their light shine, and help others.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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