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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 19th May 2023

This week, Sporle welcomed some visitors from the Yorkshire Building Society who worked with each class on some sessions based around 'money minds'. Our children were very welcoming to our visitors and enjoyed increasing their sense of money and having a go at working with their own 'budget'. Thank you to the building society for coming in! Our year 2 children have also followed on from our fantastic year 6 example and begun to complete their Ks1 test papers. They have completed their maths and blew Miss Behan away with their great attitude to learning. Well done year 2s!

Parking disruption likely on Monday 22nd May

We wanted to make you aware that it has come to our attention that there will sadly be a funeral for a much loved community member taking place on Monday 22 May at 2:15pm at St Mary's Church which is likely to end at our end of school pick-up time. It is likely to involve a lot of cars and so is worth bearing in mind when arriving to collect your child.

Finbarr's Force

On Friday 26th May, we will be holding a dress in yellow and gold day to support the charity of Finbarr's Force. The charity was set up in memory of a 6 year old boy, Finbarr, who died in 2016 from an aggressive brain tumour. It's hard to imagine the pain of losing a child. The charity supports families to raise awareness of brain tumours as well as supporting them in difficult times. Donations of a pound can be made via the school office app. If you would like to read more about Finbarr's Force you can do so here <http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/what-were-doing/>

Year 1 Phonics Test

At the end of Year 1, the children complete a Phonics Screening Assessment. This is done in school. We have to complete it during the week beginning 12th June and the results will be reported to you at the end of term.

Plant Swap

There is a 'Plant Swap' happening outside Sporle Church on Sunday 21st May from 2pm-4 pm. Any excess plants and vegetable seedlings looking for a good home can be brought along and swapped. If you have nothing to swap, then a donation can secure any plant of your choice. Tea and cakes are available to seal the deal!

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

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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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 19th May 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 96.82%

Woodpeckers: 94.44%

Kingfishers: 95.52%

Whole school: 95.65%

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

Maths - Harry for fantastic number bonds knowledge and applying these into his maths learning about addition and subtraction.

Writer - Nicholas for great independent writing about bees!

Reader - Fearn for reading lots and lots at home which was reflected in her recent read write inc assessment.

Shining light - Olivia for being a model student every single day!

This week in Robin Class we enjoyed learning about the parts of plants. We dissected a flower and observed the different parts including the flower head, stem, leaves and roots. We have also been learning about Andy Warhol and pop art. We had a lot of fun cutting potatoes and printing with them!

Woodpecker class

This week in Woodpecker class, we have been learning all about King John and the Magna Carta and we even had a go at creating our own Magna Carta of our imagined rules if we were monarch for a day. We reflected on our rights and responsibilities. In maths, we've consolidated our understanding of shape. Our children also completed some of their ks1 test papers and made us so proud with their effort and resilience.

Certificates:

Marvellous Mathematician -Sienna for an outstanding score in her arithmetic paper

Reader of the week - Harrison for always asking thoughtful questions when discussing books he has read

Writer of the week - Teddy for applying his phonic knowledge to help him write

Shining Light - Lucy for always producing work of the highest standard

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class we have been finishing off our Ancient Greece topic by learning about the Ancient Olympic Games as well as the lives of famous Greek philosophers. We have also looked at the spelling of words with Greek etymology in English and Angle in mathematics. We were also pleased to take part in a Money

Minds session led by representatives from the Yorkshire Building Society in Swaffham. The children thoroughly enjoyed party planning according to a budget and then making group posters to advertise their event.

Certificates this week go to:

Marvellous Mathematician - Olivia for hard work in all maths lessons

Reader of the Week - Maddie B for achieving 50 home reads

Writer of the Week - Ralph for his active and passive sentences

Shining Light - Ida for being kind, hardworking and resilient in the face of challenges

Prayer for the week

Dear God,

We pray that you keep us safe in times of adversity and always give us courage to do our best.

Amen

Message from our Executive Headteacher

Residentials

Many thanks to those who could make the Y5/6 residential meeting yesterday. Please don't worry if you couldn't make it, the information packs will be coming out soon and you are more than welcome to give me a ring or drop me an email via the office if you wanted to ask anything specific. We're looking forward to it! I wanted to reiterate that we do not want the cost to be a reason that a child does not go so if money is a difficulty, please do let me know and we will find a way forward using charity support.

Y4 Residential;

There will be a meeting and information letter regarding this after half-term; in the meantime, the date is on the diary sheet and we do anticipate it being a low-cost event as was planned last year before the heatwave scuppered our plans!

Parents/Carers' Questionnaires will be coming out before half-term so please do give your views on those.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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