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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sporle Newsletter for week ending 26th May 2023**

How half term has crept upon us! It seems hard to believe how far through the year we are already and yet here we are ready to welcome in our last and final half term holiday of the year. It's definitely safe to say however that the children have more than earned it. It's that point in the year where you stop and take stock of just how far the children have come and how much progress they've made. As I flicked to the front of my writing books this week, you can see just how much progress they've made and I hope the children feel proud of this too. It's been a busy few weeks with everything from the Year 6 and 2 tests to trips and visitors, like the Yorkshire Building Society last week.

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> June and the results will be reported to you at the end of term.

#### **Woodpecker trip**

On the 9th June, Woodpecker class will be carrying out their fieldwork trip to Castle Rising. Please see the separate letter which was sent out for this in order to sign up.

#### **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 should 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.

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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### **Active Lives Survey**

We've been asked to take part in an Active Lives survey for the Council, and if you fill in the survey then we are able to access various benefits for school, such as a voucher for school equipment. It takes 15 minutes and asks about different activities, with a few questions about your home at the end. You only need to know what activities your child does and on what days. Don't give up because we need 30 responses to be able to get our voucher! Thank you very much!

<https://online.ipsosinteractive.com/mrlWeb/mrlWeb.dll>

### **Attendance Rewards**

Attendance rates for this week ending 26th May 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 93.18%

Woodpeckers: 87.22%

Kingfishers: 90.69%

Whole school: 90.58%

This is really poor attendance from each class and such a shame to see because attendance has otherwise been good this half-term- please everyone come to school the week after half-term. Every day really does make a difference and if you want your children to have every chance to do well, they need to be here every day. Thank you, and thank you to everyone who ensures their children come every possible day. Mrs Neary

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 - Gracie-Mae for fantastic maths learning and effort.

Writer - Esther for brilliant independent writing.

Reader - Ethan for great phonics learning and application of new sounds in your writing.

Shining Light - Sebastian for always being so kind to others and working really hard at school.

What a brilliant Summer 1 half-term we have had in Robin Class! The children have all worked so hard with their learning in all subjects. In English everyone has written the most amazing piece of independent writing all about bees and we have been practising our creative writing skills by looking at a picture and writing a story about it. In science we have also been learning about bees and plants, particularly their function in our environment and the different parts of a bee/plant. We have been doing lots of our own independent learning and been enjoying the sun when doing lots of outdoor learning! Have a lovely break and keep safe.

#### **Woodpecker class**

This week in Woodpecker class we have enjoyed writing up our fictional retelling of the Battle of Hastings with lots of setting description and imagery. In maths, we've consolidated our understanding of money. In music with Mrs Clifton we continued our ability to hear beat and rhythm and in science we looked at the effect of exercise on our body and heart rate.

Reading rockstar - Tanya for focus in her phonics sessions

Marvellous mathematician - Adhanaa for working on her times tables at home

Writer of the week - Annie for improving her presentation in her writing

Shining Light - Ella for showing determination in her learning

#### **Kingfisher class**

This week in Kingfisher class the children have completed their Ancient Greek topic by creating posters showing off their learning from this half term. On Tuesday the Year 6 went to Wells beach as a reward for completing

their SATs but also to give them an opportunity to meet other Y6 children from our Federation schools. The weather was perfect for our day and we had a lot of fun playing in the pinewoods and on the beach. Back in school, the Y4 and Y5 children enjoyed a Greek themed day and produced some fabulous work.

Certificates this week go to:

Marvellous Mathematician: Ava for her work on Order of Operations

Reader of the Week: Alex for making comparisons between different versions of the same story

Writer of the Week: Lacey for great application of grammar rules

Shining Light (nominated by Miss Willgress): Maddie B for trying hard in her lessons

Shining Light (nominated by Mrs Honhold): Elizabeth for excellent behaviour and work ethic

### **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**

#### **Safeguarding; Omegle**

Omegle is becoming popular again, and the lack of safeguarding for children using it is very frightening. Did you know Omegle has a 'Spy' function, where someone anonymous can hover in a conversation and view replies? They can also ask someone to tell them something posing as someone else.

A **BBC investigation** found sexually explicit videos and live streams involving minors as young as 7 or 8 which spread across the site during the Covid-19 pandemic. BBC alerted the relevant authorities. However, there is still a risk of users unexpectedly coming across inappropriate content including explicit materials.

Use this link to find out more and what you can do to ensure your children are not exposed to inappropriate content. <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

#### **Half-term;**

May I wish everyone a lovely and hopefully sunshine-filled week and some family time together.

A prayer for a half-term,

Dear Father,

Please grant us some time as a family this coming week, time to make memories, to tell each other how much we appreciate and value each other and time to do the things that make us happy.

Amen

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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