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The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 9th June 2023

What a fabulous first week back after half term and it seems to have somehow flown by. I've been really impressed with the attitude to learning our children have shown and how they've come back ready to achieve. We've been lucky enough to see it gradually warm up and become sunny which has been lovely. It's always great to see our youngest Robin children being able to enjoy their outdoor learning in the sun and be out investigating; hopefully the good weather continues.

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.

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.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for this week ending 9th June 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 99.09%

Woodpeckers: 99.44%

Kingfishers: 95.17%

Whole school: 97.54%

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

In Robin Class we have had a lovely week back to school. We have really been enjoying doing our learning outside and have been taking every opportunity to do this. We have also produced some fantastic writing in our English based on 'The Very Greedy Bee'. Our theme for the half-term is space based on our history unit all about space travel and we have loved making rockets for our role play nook.

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.

Writer of the Week - Alfie for fantastic sequence of writing and great letter formation.
Marvellous Mathematician - Jonah for great doubles knowledge.
Reading Rockstar - Jacob for fantastic reading and use of his phonics knowledge in his writing.
Shining Light - Jennifer for always being so helpful, kind to others and for showing new pupils around the classroom.

Woodpecker class

This week in Woodpeckers we have been learning about the fantastic picture book Journey to inspire our own writing. In geography we learnt about how to plan and build a settlement and today we had a wonderful trip to Castle Rising to finish our unit of learning on Castles and monarchs. We had a great day.

Marvellous Mathematician - Tommy for his confidence in telling the time
Reading Rockstar - Annie for her thoughtful ideas discussing a story
Writer of the Week - Riley for coming back with a fantastic attitude to constant improvement
Shining Light - Ida Mae for always making every day in Woodpeckers like sunshine

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class the children have started a new geography unit about sustainability. We have already talked about how we generate electricity in this country and the children have made cartoon strips about how fossil fuels are formed. This piece of work certainly captured the children's interest and we got sidetracked into learning about geological eras and the evolution of lifeforms on earth. Special congratulations to the children who took part in the cricket event this week at Swaffham Cricket Club. I was proud of the sportsmanship that they displayed and we even managed to win one of our three matches!

Shining Light - Ida for producing a beautiful cartoon strip about the formation of fossil fuels
Reading Rockstar- Joel for his awesome score in his reading assessment
Marvellous Mathematician - Abi for her progress in arithmetic strategies
Writer of the Week - Buster for his excellent vocabulary choices when describing a story setting

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

Welcome back to the final half-term of the school year; every year seems to go faster and faster these days! Around this time, as we start welcoming our new Reception children for next year, we begin our transition with our current children, starting by letting families and children know who will be their teaching team for next year.

Looking at the modelling that Norfolk County Council have done in terms of the number of children in the area going forward, which all over the country has lowered for primary age children, and looking at our numbers for September and what will be best for our children, we have made some changes to our structure, keeping a Rec/Y1 class and moving to a Y2/ Y3/4 class and a Y5/6 class.

Therefore, please find below the staff team for Sporle Primary Academy:

R/1: Robins

Mrs Bethany Cole

Teaching Assistant:

Mrs Claire Honold (shared with Kingfishers)

Trainee Teacher: Miss Chelsey Watkins - Miss Watkins joins us from Castle Acre where she has been a Teaching Assistant for a number of years. Miss Watkins is doing her teacher training with us which is fantastic.

2/3/4: Woodpeckers

Miss Jessica Behan

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wendy Henderson Mrs Tessa Yule (Miss Nici Clifton covers Miss Behan at times)

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Sarah Joplin (working 1:1 with a pupil)

5/6: Kingfishers

Miss Elaine Willgress

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Claire Honhold (shared with Robins)

Lunchtime Team: Mrs Jacqui Jones, Mrs Emma Simpson, Mrs Tessa Yule and Miss Beth Gorman.

Site Team: Mrs Julie Harris Mrs Jacqui Jones Mrs Emma Simpson and Miss Chloe Harris

Office team: Miss Charlotte Smith and Miss Shelley Cawkhill

Federation School Business Manager: Mrs Lorraine Collins

Federation SENDCO: Mrs Emma Spaul (p/t)

Federation Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child with their next teacher after our End of Year reports have gone out, during our Transition week, when your children spend the week with their staff for next year.

Worship and RE;

We will be talking to our children about Courageous Advocacy this half-term. This means using our values to do something good for something you believe in. That could be something as simple as giving pocket money to charity, telling someone that their choices are not the right ones, or it could be something bigger, like organising an event for vulnerable people.

Special Educational Needs:

A message from Mrs Spaul, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator:

Please find attached a link to the newsletter for families of children with special educational needs:

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=9370237c48>

A concert opportunity;

Sunday 2nd July, 3 pm -

West Norfolk Jubilee Youth Orchestra concert at Sporle Church

WNJYO (as it is known to its friends) is a youth orchestra based in King's Lynn but whose members come from the secondary schools around West Norfolk.

All between the ages of 12 and 20, these young musicians have chosen Sporle for their first concert since the pandemic.

Conducted by Eddie Seales, the programme will include classics such as Handel's "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" and Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances"

The concert is free with a retiring collection with the proceeds being split between the church and the orchestra.

Tea and cake at the interval.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Brown'.

Head of School
Sporle C of E Primary Academy

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Executive Headteacher
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