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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 16th June 2023

It's hard to believe we're in the middle of June already. It is that part of the year where we start to reflect back on how far we've come and how much the children have grown. The scorching temperatures have definitely continued through the week. It's lovely to be able to see the children being able to enjoy the outdoor area, however, whilst the hot weather continues, please make sure your child comes to school with a hat or sun-cream to keep them protected.

A well done:

We also would like to offer our congratulations to our Year 1s who have just completed their phonics screening check. They all did fantastically and should be incredibly proud of what they've achieved.

A further well done to our Year 4s who have just completed their multiplication check this week which is also a national assessment completed by Year 4 children across the country. They should be very proud of their hard work.

Year 1 Phonics Test

As above, the children completed a Phonics Screening Assessment 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 of 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 16th June 2023 are as follows:

Robins: 98.33%

Woodpeckers: 96.11%

Kingfishers: 85.93%

Whole school: 92.9%

Kingfishers - those of you not coming in every day really need to attend school.

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 - Violet for fantastic shape, number bonds and subitising knowledge.

Reader - All Year 1s for great phonics screening!

Writer - Isabelle for fantastic independent writing in your busy learning time.

Shining Light - Layla for being courageous and smiling bright in the mornings this week!

This week in Robins we have thoroughly been enjoying the sunshine and made the most of it! All Robins were amazing during the fun run at TNHA. We were so proud of their determination, participation and listening on the trip. A massive well done to the Year 1s and Year 2s who completed their Phonics Screening - you all smashed it!

Woodpecker class

This week, Woodpecker class have written about their exciting trip to Castle Rising last week. We continued to work on our new imaginary stories based on the book Journey too. In maths, our year 2s worked on a brand new method for multiplication and smashed it. Our year 3s consolidated their understanding of the written methods for multiplication and division.

Marvellous Mathematician - Lennie for confidence in a new multiplication method

Reading Rockstar - Teddy for a fabulous phonics screen score

Writer of the Week - Ella-Brooke for having so much more confidence in writing

Shining Light - Harrison for always being enthusiastic to learn

Kingfisher class

This week in Kingfisher class we have been learning about renewable sources of energy. We now know that the power station in Necton connects to the offshore wind farm at Great Yarmouth and we have had great fun harnessing the power of solar energy to attempt to bake cookies in our 'homemade' solar ovens. In other learning this week, we have looked at and compared the life cycles of different types of animal and have used Google slides to depict the complete metamorphosis of an insect.

Certificates this week:

Reading Rockstar - Chloe for achieving 200 home reads

Marvellous Mathematician - Annabelle for her excellent recall of multiplication facts

Writer of the Week - Archie for greater independence on writing tasks

Shining Light - Olivia for her hard work, super behaviour and independence

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

Y4 Residential

I am very pleased to let you know that we are able to offer the residential opportunity for Year 4 that we had originally planned to do last year. Hopefully we will not be defeated by an unprecedented heat wave this year!

As before, the venue is Westacre Theatre and we are going to be putting together a show to perform to families. We have a storyteller coming to give us an evening campfire story and trail. We will be camping in tents with the Theatre as a wet weather back up! The cost will be £25 per pupil with great thanks to Westacre Theatre for their sponsorship.

Please see the letter and form that went out yesterday for more details, including a Parents/Carers' meeting on Thursday 29th June, 3.30pm at Castle Acre.

Fines for term time holidays;

We want to make it really clear that term time holidays are in most circumstances unacceptable, and as per previous newsletters and our policy that you have received but is also on our website, from September we will be issuing fines for such holidays.

The fines are £120 per child (reduced to £60 for payment within 28 days) and they are per child per parent with parental responsibility, whether those parents are together or not.

This means that if you are a family of two children and two parents, you would have to pay £240. Failure to pay can result in the case going to court.

Please note, we do not get the money for fines, they go to the local authority, but not necessarily for education. Based on the applications this year, our Parents/Carers would have given the local authority quite a lot of money. Personally, I would rather this money stayed in our Parents/Carers' pockets and contributed to the cost of several weekend breaks or a holiday in school holiday time.

Everyone has a clean slate from September; please, please do not book term-time holidays and then your children will benefit, either by not having gaps in their learning, or by not missing out on opportunities in school. As we know, the research is stark, that children who miss time from education are usually behind their peers. Our children have enough barriers to their learning from Covid; let's not give them another.

Y6 Fleeces and polo shirts;

If your child is leaving us at the end of Y6 this year and would like to donate back to school their fleeces and polo shirts, we would be really pleased to receive them so that we can support any upcoming Y6 children who may need them. Many thanks.

I have been very proud of our children this week; we have seen some wonderful achievements in learning their phonics, times tables and writing so far. Keep going children and well done!

Thank you to our Parents/Carers for your support with your children's homework - daily reading, Tackling Tables and Spelling Frame.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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