

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 12th January 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year wishes to all our families and friends.

It has been lovely returning to school and seeing all the children so excited to share their Christmas news. We have been discussing our hopes and targets for the coming year and thinking about what we cannot do YET. It was really interesting to hear what the children want to be able to do better and discussing how every journey has to start with one first step. We considered who can help us to achieve our goals and how we can ask for help to do so. We have made pledges to improve in our chosen areas and many of us have set ourselves a goal of demonstrating our improvements in celebration worship at the end of the school year!

We look forward to another year of partnership with all of our families and friends.

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 18th January - Selected Year 1/2 Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport.



Reminders and Information.....

House Points: As reported before Christmas the team points for Autumn 2nd half term were:

Beagle 372 points	Britannia 511 points
Castorama 399 points	Endurance 423 points

Congratulations to the winning team - **Britannia**.

As you know, the winning team gets a non-uniform day on the first Friday back where they wear their team colour. In the coming weeks, we will be discussing rewards for winning house teams with the children, as we could like to celebrate the winning team with a reward that the children feel reflects their amazing efforts each half-term. Once the children have discussed this, I will let you know the outcome.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to the following children, who read at home every day over the Christmas holidays:

Hedgehogs: Kitt Foxes: Oaklie & Finley Otters: Theo W & Macie
Lunchtime Award goes to Megan Williamson

After-school Clubs

A reminder that we have the following after-school clubs:

- Monday to Friday After-school Provision 3:10 - 5:00 £6.00
- Mondays - Tamion's Super Challenge Club (Years 1&2) £4.00
- Tuesdays - Football Club with ICS Coaching £3.50
- Wednesdays - Dance Club with ICS Coaching £3.50
- Thursdays - Multi-Sports Club with ICS Coaching £3.50
- Fridays - Gymnastics Club with Premier Sport £3.50

A link has been sent out to all families, to enrol your child for clubs in the Spring first half term. If you would like more information about joining an after-school club please contact Mrs Fenn in the office.

We practise two kinds of safety procedures termly, an evacuation drill, where we rehearse getting everyone out of the building rapidly and safely, and an invacuation drill, where we practise getting everyone to a particular place in the building. Our children do this silently and very sensibly - well done children.

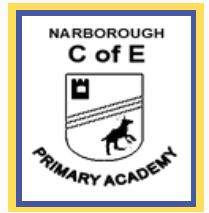
Attendance Awards - Autumn Term

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.26
Squirrels	96.37
Foxes	96.48
Otters	97.78
Whole School	96.64

Well done to:

Otters for achieving the highest attendance in the Autumn Term. Superb work! Only Hedgehogs below - come on Hedgehogs!














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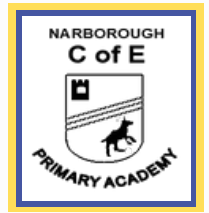
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Brodee	Using his blending skills to read the words in our first Ditty.
Writer of the week	Matilda 	Independently writing the letter m clearly.
Mathematician of the week 	Lilly 	Excellent speedy recall of number bonds to 5.
Shining Light 	Charlie	Excellent learning behaviours in Mathematics and Phonics.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Elizabeth and Kitt for achieving 100 reads at home.

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Isla	Retaining information and answering questions during story time.
Writer of the week	Danny 	Presenting a beautiful piece of writing that was neat and well presented.
Mathematician of the week 	Reggie 	Working mathematically during division and being resilient.
Shining Light	Samuel	Having a fantastic week, not feeling defeated and trying hard in all lessons (especially PE!).
Tackling Tables		Non this week keep practicing Squirrels.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Joey, Ronnie, Pavitha and Reggie.



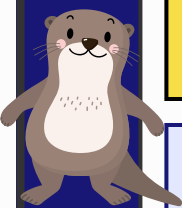
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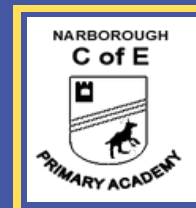
Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Oaklie	Using context clues to find the meaning of new words
Writer of the week	Sophie	Using a dictionary to correct her spellings independently
Mathematician of the week	Ellie-May	Using her times tables knowledge to help her in lessons
Shining Light	James	Always trying his best and being a role model
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Isla-Rose, Amelia, Finley, Khloe and Rosanna
Reads at home	Well done to:	Luna, Harrison, Chloe, Bow, Lacie, Khloe, Bobby, Isab Henry, Amelia, Finley, Oaklie and Ellie-May



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Noah	For contributing well in discussions about our class text and using evidence from the text to support his answers.
Writer of the week	Theo T	Working incredibly hard to produce a beautifully presented final draft of his newspaper report.
Mathematician of the week	Sophie	Using precise mathematical vocabulary in her explanations in maths this week.
Shining Light	Dylan	Fantastic effort in all subjects this week.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Macie, Fearne, Gabriela, Jayden, Oscar. Logan and Elsie for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Fearne for achieving 75 reads at home. Theo W, Macie, Freya and Elsie for achieving 100 reads at home.



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Safeguarding

Screen time:

Technology has benefits, and some screen time can have positive impact in terms of being able to socialise with children from different areas, the interaction with computer games can develop hand-eye coordination and teamwork and creativity skills can be enhanced.

However too much screen time has negative impact as follows:

- Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from screens, tricking our brain into thinking it is still daylight, making it difficult to sleep.
- Too much passive screen time could weaken communication and social skills.
- Some research found that children who spent more than two hours a day on screen-time activities scored lower on language and thinking tests.
- Screen-based entertainment increases central nervous system arousal, which can amplify anxiety.
- Using devices while sitting in one place reduces physical activity needed for a healthy lifestyle.

More info here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/learn-about-it/#:~:text=Potential%20risks%20of%20overexposure%20to%20screens&text=Too%20much%20passive%20screen%20time,on%20language%20and%20thinking%20tests.>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Parents/Carers' Forum: We held this before we broke up for Christmas; a big thank you to those who came or spoke online or on the phone. The feedback was very positive, with some useful suggestions.

What's going well:

Communication, with several ways to give your views or seek feedback being available. However, it was felt that communication about the days when the winning Team can wear their colours should be improved with a text reminder, so we will do that.

Parents/Carers liked updates on Dojo and would like some photos too. We discussed the fact that our tablets are no longer fit for purpose in terms of taking photos and uploading and so efforts would be made to fundraise for new ones to facilitate this.

We also decided to send reminder texts for events to try and increase attendance eg at PTFA events.

The final action that was planned in response to previous feedback has been put into place, which was for our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs Emma Spaul, to attend Narborough weekly, which she now does on a Tuesday. If you would like to drop in and see her, or have any queries, please do let us know via the office.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We wish everybody a Happy New Year and thank you for your kind support and generous donations last year. Can we please ask if you have any unused school uniform that you can donate to us for selling on to others at a very small cost. This has been gratefully received in the past and we would love to be able to continue to offer these this year.

We look forward to another successful year working with you to offer exciting opportunities for our children.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Please help the people in school and homes and the world by being kind.

by Pavitha



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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