



Sporle Newsletter for week ending 9th February 2024

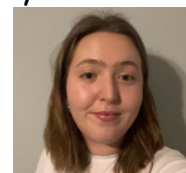
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Time has done its magic of flying past as usual and our last week before half term has crept up on us. It's been an action packed week full of fun science experiments, trips and lots more. Our Woodpecker class had a fantastic time visiting Pensthorpe where they even had the opportunity to feed the birds. They loved it! Thank you to our fabulous FOSS for helping support the coach costs.

Also, next week we are very excited to welcome Miss Slegg to Sporle who will be joining us as a teaching assistant in the Robins class. Here is the lovely Miss Slegg herself. We look forward to welcoming her next week.



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Robins and Hedgehogs Class Trip to Abbey Farm, East Walton
Tuesday 13th February

Woodpeckers Class Parent Cafe 2:30pm
Please join the class for refreshments

Kingfishers' Trip to West Stow
Wednesday 14th February

Last day of 1/2 term
We break up on Friday 16th February and return on Monday 26th February

Parents/Carers' Evenings - 27th and 28th February - bookings will be taken next week with more information to follow

Reminders and Information.....

NVF Sponsored Read

You will have received the sponsor forms this week. Please encourage your child to read as much as they can. Please return the forms and monies as soon as you can after half term.



Public Health Agency - 'Do I need to keep my child off school?'

If you need information about whether to keep your child off school due to health issues, please see the poster in the link below:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-11/Do%20I%20need%20to%20keep%20my%20child%20off%20school.pdf>

Sporle Relief in Need Charity who are able to offer financial assistance during times of need or hardship. If you think you or someone you know may benefit from this charity, please see the attached form and complete and send back to townfarmclerk@gmail.com

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL - a polite reminder that the school car park is for staff and disabled access only. Please ensure you park at the bottom of the hill and walk to the school, thank you for your continued support

Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Robins	93.38%
Woodpeckers	95.36%
Kingfishers	93.9%

Oh dear everyone - get better soon



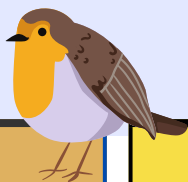
Please remember to be on time for school - children need to be in their seats at **8.40am**, learning. Every minute helps them and every minute is time lost from their learning and over time is a huge and needless disadvantage for them.



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Robins Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	Showing a love of learning and particularly reading, by reading his own books at home as well as those from school. Well done.
Writer of the week	Adaline	Working really hard to listen and respond to feedback to enable her to edit and improve her diary writing.
Mathematician of the week	Isabelle -Mai	Trying hard to see and use patterns and knowledge of number bonds to 10 to work out bonds to 20.
Shining Light	Joshua	Showing greater confidence - coming into school happy and smiling. Well done Joshua.



Woodpeckers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esther	for impressing Mrs Yule with her phonics
Writer of the week	Skye	for listening to advice and feedback and using it in her writing
Mathematician of the week	Nicholas	for impressing us in his word problems
Shining Light	Honey	for being a ray of sunshine
Crew Award	Ella-Brooke	for being kind and responsible to adults



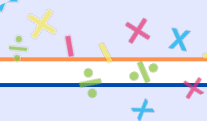



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Kingfishers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the Week	Joel	100 reads at home 
Writer of the Week 	Chloe	Applying taught strategies in her writing
Mathematician of the week	Maddie B	Expressing positive attitudes towards maths 
Crew Award	Kai and Bailey	Excellent teamwork together in a science experiment
Tackling Tables	Annabelle Joel Bailey	For being the Kingfisher entrants into the TT competition
Shining Light 	Abi	Always working hard in lessons

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Help with online safety::



The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/>



See these links for further information, games and tips:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding

We held our Online Safety day this week, to coincide with National Online Safety day on 6th February.

Following our Parents/Carers' questionnaire, we are arranging some workshops for Parents/Carers and details will be available soon.

Here is what some of our children have learned during Online Safety day:

"To always tell an adult if something is wrong"
"Report a person if they are saying mean stuff"
"don't share personal information on the internet"
"Use the block feature if people say something mean"
"Don't watch scary things before going to bed."
"Don't stay on your phone too long because you may get tired and sore eyes"
"It's important to have some time away from the internet"
"AI can be helpful but may not always be"
"Don't let AI take over your life"
"Not everything you see on the internet is true- photoshop"
"Influencers only share the good parts of their life"

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

A message of thanks firstly, to all families who are ensuring that their children are in school 96% and more - to give you an idea, this means missing less than 8 school days in the year.

I wanted to show an illustration of the huge link between attendance and attainment. Below are the marks of two of the children in our Federation's Y6. Child A and Child B both had poor attendance last year. Neither have additional needs and both are performing at similar levels, which were not as good as they need to be and could be.

At the end of Autumn 2, when letters had not made a difference to their attendance, we held an attendance meeting with both families. Child A's attendance did not improve, but Child B's family made sure that their child did not miss a single day between the meeting and today. The score is their age standardised score - 100 is the expected for the end of Y6.

Child	Autumn1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Child A	91	91	92
Child B	96	96	99

Can you see the difference that the 100% attendance in Spring 1 has made? Child B has made a significant jump upwards and is so very close to achieving 100 on their SATS test and looks likely to do so. Child A is not going to make it. Child B is now many times more likely than Child A to achieve Grade 4 or above at GCSE and yet both children are capable.

The advantage of strong attendance is something that only you can do for your child, so thank you so much to the vast majority of families who do this for our children.

Friends of Sporle School (FOSS).....

Easter Prize BINGO - Monday 18th March 2024

Doors open at 7:00pm. Eyes down at 7:30pm

Raffle - £1 per strip
Refreshments

CASH ONLY - payable on the door on the night

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

I hope you can keep everyone safe.

Amen

by Skye, Woodpeckers

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Sporle C of E Primary Academy

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