

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 8th March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take this opportunity to let you know that I have resigned as Narborough Head of School & EYFS Teacher and will not be returning to the role after Easter. I have thoroughly loved working with the superb team at Narborough. The staff, children and families are the best that anybody could hope to work with and I will truly miss everybody. Narborough is a school that I am proud to have been part of, but I will be looking to step down into a part-time teaching role to give me more time with the children, for myself and my own family. I will of course continue to give my best for the remainder of this term and wish everybody success and happiness in the future. Note from Mrs Neary - we will say more about our thank yous to Mrs Dunkley soon, but for now, we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Dunkley and hope to work together in the future. We are working hard to find someone to step into the role, and will keep you updated.

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 13th March - Group Class photos
- 15th March - Red Nose Day
- 8th July

A Narborough 'Old Pupil', Michael Martin, who went to Narborough, leaving in 1970 and now lives in New Zealand, is visiting our school on the 8th July. He would love to meet up with anyone who also went to Narborough around that time or even more wonderful, was in his class. Please could you ask your parents, friends and neighbours if they knew him, and if so, get in touch with us? Many thanks!



Attendance Awards - w/e 1/03/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	97.96
Squirrels	100
Foxes	96.25
Otters	97.04
Whole School	97.65%

Well done to:
Squirrels for achieving the highest attendance last week with a perfect 100%.
Also everybody for exceeding the 96% target!



Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations

Well done to **Lacie** for achieving the **Lunchtime Award** this week.

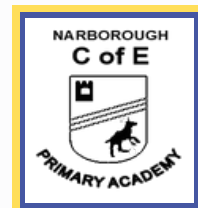
Well done **Gabriela** for being awarded the '**Captain Of Her Own Learning**' award, for knowing exactly what she needs to do to improve her handwriting.

Well done to **Luna** for achieving the **Letting Your Light Shine** award this week for taking part in a county gymnastic competition and getting a bronze medal. Super work, Luna!

Comic Relief is on Friday 15th March - for a donation children can wear their uniform and items of red including a nose! This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

Friday 22nd March - you are invited to our Parents' Cafes where you can come in for refreshments whilst joining your children in class. Also, after school the usual PTFA sweet stall.

Remember that our **Easter Church Service** is on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you at Narborough All Saints Church to celebrate together.






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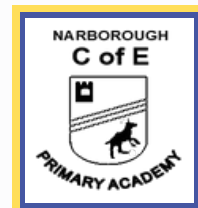
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lilly	helping to read the Rapunzel story on World Book Day
Writer of the week	Blake 	using sounding out and finger spaces in his writing.
Mathematician of the week 	Charlie	super speedy finding of bonds to 10 on the ladybirds.
Shining Light 	Joyce	settling well into Nursery and being super polite.
Reads at home 		No reading at home certificates earned this week. Please remember to read every day to improve speed and accuracy.

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Avaya	using her phonics knowledge to spell long words.
Writer of the week	Esme 	remembering each lesson the components needed to create a successful explanation text.
Mathematician of the week 	Jasper	completing all his work accurately and challenging himself with extension tasks.
Shining Light	Ethan	always smiling and offering to be helpful around the classroom.
Tackling Tables		None this week keep practising Squirrels.
Reads at home 		None this week- keep reading at home Squirrels.



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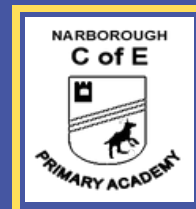
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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Olivia	Improving her speed and fluency this week in paired reading
Writer of the week	Finley	A fantastic setting description on world book day
Mathematician of the week	Freddie	Independently multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100
Shining Light	Lacie	Working hard in all of her lessons and being a role model
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Megan
Reads at home	Well done to:	Isla-Rose and Lacie

Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Rosie	carefully highlighting relevant evidence to make inferences.
Writer of the week	Noah	working really hard to ensure his presentation is of the highest standard on his final draft of his report about tigers.
Mathematician of the week	Logan	for successfully mastering a new strategy to multiply larger numbers.
Shining Light	Fearne	consistently demonstrating all our school values, being kind, responsible, respectful, courageous and hopeful.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	None this week- remember to keep practising at home!
Reads at home	Well done to:	Noah for achieving 50 reads at home. Theo T, Izabel and Rosie for achieving 75 reads at home.



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Help with online safety::



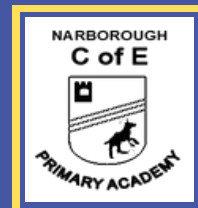
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

County Lines:

Criminals target vulnerable children, often by using other children to befriend them, and using them to hold, store and move drugs between counties.

Signs to watch out for include:

- persistent unexplained truancy -
- unexplained acquisition of money, clothes, shoes or mobile phone
- excessive receipt of texts or phone calls
- new relationships with older, controlling individuals
- leaving home or care without explanation
- suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries
- parental concerns
- significant decline in performance in school
- significant change in emotional wellbeing

You may think that something like County lines wouldn't happen here or wouldn't affect your child, but it happened to one of our children some years ago, who was approached by someone they knew and asked to look after and sell a parcel. Luckily, the child was smart enough to tell both their Mum and school about it.

You can find more information on the flier sent out from school and by searching 'Action for Children - County Lines'

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Thank you to the 16 families who filled out our survey; we really appreciate it. Mrs Dunkley and I pay careful attention to it and we share it with Governors and our Trust.

Strengths were that almost every family that responded were very positive. There were two families that I will follow up with to address some concerns, so thank you so much for sharing your names so that we can find out more information and work hard to resolve the issue.

One statement was frequently answered with 'don't know' was 'The school has high expectations for my child'. We will have a think about how we can communicate these to you and demonstrate this for you.

There were a few other suggestions; Some families would like to know more about what their child is learning. An excellent suggestion was that we could more effectively at sharing specific methods for English and Maths. We will put together some booklets to support with this. We will also seek sponsorship for tablets and cameras that work and allow us to upload to Class Dojo and will do so twice a week. If anyone knows of any companies that would/could support with this, please let us know. More practical classes; we'll try to continue to enable this;

Some people would like more info regarding Tamion's Super challenge club - we will send a text to give details. Some people want more practical clubs, such as cookery. Is there anyone out there that could run one? Please let us know if so. There is one that you can buy in, but it is very expensive for families.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

On Wednesday, 20th March we are holding an Easter coffee afternoon. Please come along from 2:30pm onwards in the school hall. There will be refreshments, an Easter Egg tombola and cake raffle.

On Friday 22nd March we will be holding our Sweet Stall after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for our homes and for our families.
Thank you for our pets.

Amen

By Harvey - Year 5 Otters



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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