

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 22nd November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all managing to keep warm in this very cold and frosty spell. It seems that winter has decided to make an early appearance.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have been learning about Diwali and decorated our Diva lamps. We are looking forward to our trip to Sandringham Woods today.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed describing settings and characters based upon 'Quest' by Aaron Becker.

Foxes: Foxes have enjoyed their History this week, learning about the journey stone-age people took across England.

Otters: We really enjoyed our trip to Duxford last Friday and have been writing a recount about it in English.

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 27th November - Foxes class have Ukulele tuition
- 28th November - Good luck to James in the Cross Country finals



Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations this week to:

Lunchtime Award

This week the lunchtime award goes to Sophie in Squirrels for always being very helpful to other children.

PE Kit Reminder:

Children should have the following PE Kit:

- Shorts/jogging bottoms
- T-Shirt
- Hoody
- Trainers/Plimsolls

A good idea is to bring the kit in on Mondays and take home for washing on Fridays.

Class PE timetable is:

Tuesdays: Hedgehogs and Otters

Wednesdays: Hedgehogs and Foxes

Thursdays: Otters, Foxes and Squirrels

Fridays: Squirrels

Dates to remember:

4th December - Parent/Carers' Forum 3.15 or 6.15pm; please book in using the form that will be out soon.

4th December - Rec, Yr1 & 2 Westacre Theatre trip to see Night Before Christmas

5th December - Sportshall Athletics Year 5 & 6

5th December - Theatre Production for KS2 at Narborough

5th December - Hedgehogs Phonics Cafe for parents at 2pm

6th December - Squirrels Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm

9th - 12th December - Bikeability for Yr 5 & 6

9th December - Foxes Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm

9th December - Otters Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm

12th December - Hedgehogs and Squirrels Nativity

performance for Parents at 2pm - more details to follow.

13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper

day. Christmas lunch needs to be booked in advance please, a form will be sent out shortly.

Attendance Awards -w/e 15/11/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.18
Squirrels	98.26
Foxes	99.5
Otters	99.63
Whole School	99.01

Well done to:

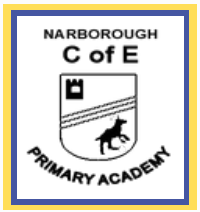
Otters class for the highest attendance. All Classes achieved excellent attendance last week.

Keep it up!





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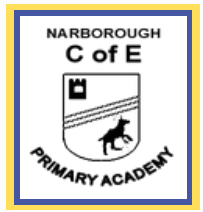
Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week		None this week, on a trip
Writer of the week		None this week, on a trip
Mathematician of the week		None this week, on a trip
Shining Light		None this week, on a trip
Reads at home	Well done:	None this week, on a trip



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elizabeth	Super phonics work and applying it to all her reading in all topics.
Writer of the week	Jasper	independently editing his sentence to include more interesting vocabulary.
Mathematician of the week	Charlie	beginning to write addition and subtraction numbers sentences independently.
Shining Light	Jaxson	working hard and becoming more independent with his learning and work.
Tackling Tables		None this week.
Reads at home	Well done:	50 READS: Kitt and Ronnie 75 READS: Kitt and Oliver B

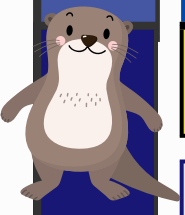


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Foxes Class




Otters Class


Award	Goes to...	For.....
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Reader of the week	Pavitha	For displaying a good understanding of our non-fiction text this week, identifying organisational features of non-fiction texts and how these help attract the reader.
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Writer of the week 	Isla-Rose	For producing a wonderful, independent setting description that included fronted adverbials and beautiful imagery.
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Mathematician of the week	Reggie	For persevering when learning his times tables, spotting patterns in the 2's, 5's, 3's and 4 times tables.
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Shining Light 	Chloe	For improving her arithmetic when revisiting an old test paper, for improving her reading fluency and generally approaching all learning with enthusiasm!
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Tackling Tables	Danny Reggie Harrison	
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Reads at home	50	Isla Rose, Thea, Bow.
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Award	Goes to...	For.....
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Reader of the week 	Archie	for summarising the main idea of a chapter concisely.
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Writer of the week	Adriana	including interesting details in her recount of her school trip.
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Mathematician of the week 	Khloe	accurate subtractions involving exchanges.
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Shining Light 	Emelia	always trying her best in lessons and for engaging in a really interesting conversation with me.
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Tackling Tables	Well done to	Isabella, Isabelle, Khloe, Archie, Fearne, Freya, Olivia for earning tackling tables certificates.
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Reads at home 	Well done to	Libby and Khloe for achieving 50 reads at home. Paige, Olivia, Fearne, Freya and Emelia 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

Anxiety in children

The NSPCC have some very useful resources on their website to help and support families who are concerned that their child might be anxious.

Signs of anxiety in children can include:

- becoming socially withdrawn and avoiding spending time with friends or family
- feeling nervous or 'on edge' a lot of the time
- having panic attacks
- feeling tearful, upset or angry
- having trouble sleeping
- changes in eating habits.

If you would like to explore further, the link is:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

This week saw the completion of the national Tackling Tables competition, so a well done to everyone who entered and a huge congratulations to Joel at Sporle for winning the Y6 Red Multiplication missing numbers mini-test in a time of 45 seconds! Really well done Joel and well done to all our children who are regularly practising your tables on Tackling Tables at home. These should be done every single night from Y2, as should nightly reading for everyone and daily spelling practise on Spelling Frame.

I'd like to thank every family who have filled in our surveys. These really do help shape our work and know what the experience of our school is like for all our families who fill it in and there are some really helpful suggestions and ideas. The survey is still open, and I'd be grateful for some more responses from each school so that I know we have a representative view. Myself the Heads of School then analyse the survey and then decide on any actions and then share those with staff and through the newsletter with families.

Also we had our SIAMS inspection at Castle Acre this week and whilst the result is confidential until the report comes out in 15 working days, I would like to thank everyone who took part for their contribution.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

The next PTFA meeting is being held on Tuesday 10th December at 3.30pm. Please do come along and support us. We really do need new members to come forward. Over the past year, the money the PTFA raised has reduced the cost of school trips for all children and purchased new play equipment. They also organise school discos, summer fayres and other events throughout the year. Without new members, these events will not be able to happen, resulting in school trips costing everyone more. We are a friendly bunch, and any support or help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Shout out for any unwanted Nativity costumes you could donate to the school please.... King's, shepherd, sheep or star costumes would be very welcome.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God

Thank you for my friends and family and my toys and books and teachers.

Amen

from Oliver B



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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