

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 26th April 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has absolutely flown by! Hedgehogs class have been enjoying learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. I was really impressed that they could all clearly describe each stage of the life cycle using the correct scientific vocabulary. Keep up the great work! On Wednesday, Squirrels class visited Walsingham, saw the abbey ruins, visited the shrine and learned about pilgrims. The children were so well behaved and really enjoyed the day, particularly the lighting of candles at the shrine. Foxes class have particularly enjoyed their learning about the Mayans in History, and are enjoying writing their instructions about how to play the Mayan game Pok-a-tok. In Otters, this week's science lesson was a particular hit, as they were conducting an investigation to explore the effect temperature has on states of matter, which involved melting chocolate. I'm pleased to report that the children managed to refrain from eating the chocolate before the conclusion of the experiment!

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Friday 3rd May - non-uniform day - wear pj's.

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 26/04/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	96
Squirrels	92.86
Foxes	95.83
Otters	97.04
Whole School	95.5

Well done to:

Otters for achieving the highest attendance last week.



Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations

Well done to Jaxson this week for achieving the Lunchtime Award for always being lovely, kind and polite at lunchtime.

Reminder: Supporting your children at home.

Please can you remember to hear your children read at home and record this in their reading journal. Just spending 5 minutes a day listening to your child read can have a massive impact on their progress.

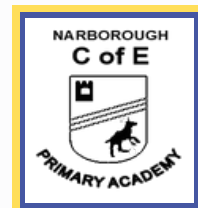
For children in year 2 or above, they also need to be practising their times tables regularly at home. We have invested in Tackling Tables (a web-based app) that enables children to practise their times tables independently. Each child has their own log-in. If your child has lost their log-in details, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be more than happy to send a new copy home.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of organising residential.

The year 4 residential, which will be held at West Acre, will be on the 17th and 18th June.

The year 5 and 6 residential will be between 3rd-5th July and will be at Whitwell.

More details and forms to complete will be sent out shortly.







AWARDS

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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Annalise-Rose	Talking enthusiastically about her book and answering lots of questions.
Writer of the week	Charlie 	Not giving up and doing super work (surprising himself).
Mathematician of the week 	Matilda 	Joining in and doing her counting.
Shining Light 	Lottie	Always trying her best and 'having a go'.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Elizabeth - 200 reads





Squirrels Class

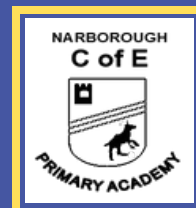
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme Y	using her phonics knowledge to decode and read words precisely.
Writer of the week	Esme J 	always working hard in writing lessons and producing her best level of work.
Mathematician of the week 	Alfie 	working accurately and independently during maths.
Shining Light	Olivia	trying her hardest in all lessons and when working closely with Miss Cargill. Incredible work Olivia!
Tackling Tables	Well Done	Pavitha
Reads at home 	Well Done	Oliver B & Ronnie



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			<div>  Foxes Class  Otters Class </div>
Award	Goes to...	For.....	
Reader of the week	Henry	Reading with wonderful expression and showing reflective inference when discussing our class text this week.	
Writer of the week	Amelia	For making outstanding improvements to her handwriting over the past week.	
Mathematician of the week	Logan	For showing improved understanding when explaining key concepts in Maths.	
Shining Light	Debora	For showing increased confidence in class. Debora shared her experience of cutting her hair to donate to a children's charity, in reflection of our RE lessons on personal sacrifices.	
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	None	
Reads at home	Well done to:	Logan	<div>  Foxes Class  Otters Class </div>
Award	Goes to...	For.....	
Reader of the week	Gabriela	clearly explaining the motives behind a character's actions.	
Writer of the week	Rosie	carefully selecting the appropriate information when constructing her paragraphs and giving clear and precise feedback to others.	
Mathematician of the week	Adriana	successfully rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and nearest tenth.	
Shining Light	Macie	for always being kind, supportive, helpful and respectful to others.	
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Maddie for earning a tackling tables certificate this week.	
Reads at home	Well done to:	Nicole for achieving 100 reads at home. Theo A for achieving 200 reads at home.	



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Help with online safety::



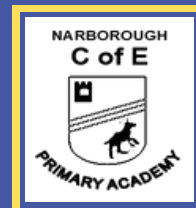
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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/
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Safeguarding

Please see this link to a really interesting online article from a young adult about growing up with a smartphone from a very early age, and the detrimental impact she feels it has had on her childhood.

https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/parents-gave-smartphone-six-robbed-me-childhood-3021865?utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_campaign=i_the_essential_250424&utm_term=editorial_the_essential_active_users

Clearly there are so many positive uses of the internet, and well used as a tool, smartphones can be very helpful. However there is increasing evidence that their impact on children is incredibly damaging.

Food for thought for us all..

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware of the situation with regard to term time holidays but also unauthorised absence (although we see very, very little of this at NVF - well done families).

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

If you feel that you have no option but to need leave of absence then please do book an appointment and come and talk to me before booking anything, and then we can agree a way forward. This will save us having to issue Fixed Penalty Notices that we do not want to issue. Once issued, they are very difficult to withdraw and essentially cannot be.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

Welcome back to the new term. If anybody would like to come and support on the PTFA we would love to see you.

Upcoming events to follow are:

- Non-Uniform Day - pyjama day (reasonable pyjamas), for the summer raffle. Please donate something summery i.e. sunglasses/hat/bat & ball/inflatables/sun lotion etc



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for all the school staff, please help us to enjoy learning and keep us safe this weekend.

Amen,

by Theo W



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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