



Narborough Newsletter for week ending 27th September 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun week we have had; despite the weather turning autumnal, Squirrels class had a great day at Castle Rising. Thank you to all our volunteers who came along to support us.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs Class: Have enjoyed playing with building blocks and really liked their reading sessions this week.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed researching Motte and Bailey castles, ready for writing our fact file next week.

Foxes: In RE this week they have enjoyed their learning on Judaism, learning about Barmitzuah and Batmitzuah.

Otters: This week we have enjoyed our learning about appeasement in our History.

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 2nd October - Tag Rugby at TNHA, Yrs 5-6
- 4th October - Crazy Hair Day



Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations this week to:

Well done to Macy for achieving the Lunchtime Award this week, for playing nicely with others at lunchtime play.

It is really important that at this time of year, your child comes to school with the right clothing for the weather. They should have in their bags everyday, a jacket or coat and any other appropriate items of clothing for the time of year eg sun hat/ woolly hat. Also, they need a pair of wellies to leave in school to be able to go on the field at this time of year.

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. We, of course, know that things happen sometimes but this should be the exception. Do come and speak to us if you have any queries about this.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 2nd October: Tag Rugby TNHA Y5/6
A team of children from Otters class will be selected to compete against other schools in TAG rugby. Parents of selected children will receive more information via email.

Friday 4th October is Crazy Hair Day - children can come to school with Crazy Hair - let your imaginations run wild! Please send in a donation of £1 for our PTFA.

Thursday 10th October - Year 3 Football Festival at TNHA - all Year 3 children will be going to take part in a Football Festival alongside other schools.

15th October - Individual pupil photos.

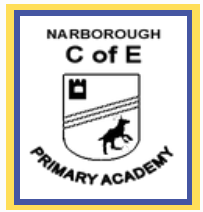
Attendance Awards -w/e 20/9/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	82.98
Squirrels	95.65
Foxes	91.9
Otters	99.26
Whole School	94.4

Well done to:

Otters Class for achieving the highest attendance last week.





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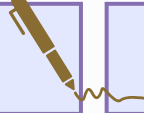





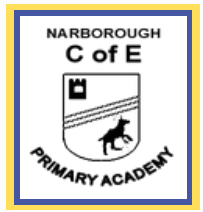
Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Paige	for recalling a well known story to another member of the class
Writer of the week	Phoebe 	for some brilliant mark making of Beegu
Mathematician of the week 	Lilah	for independently spotting numbers on a dice without counting
Shining Light 	Edward	For trying his best and showing a can do attitude in his learning this week
Reads at home		None this week. 



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Brodee	using his knowledge of phonics sounds to spell words correctly.
Writer of the week 	Ivar	working really hard on his letter formation and giving all his work a really good go!
Mathematician of the week 	Jack	being able to automatically split a 2-digit number into tens and ones.
Shining Light 	Ronnie	being an excellent role model to all children at school and putting 100% effort into all his work.
Tackling Tables		None this week.
Reads at home 	Well done:	None this week.



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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	James	For being committed to reading at home since the beginning of term.
Writer of the week 	Ariah	For persevering when re-writing her final draft. Wonderful work to read!
Mathematician of the week 	Thea	For using fluency methods to add mentally with accuracy.
Shining Light 	Harrison	For being an exceptional role model and supporting his friends his class.
Tackling Tables		None this week 
Reads at home		None this week



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Dylan	enthusiasm, following a text well and writing clear and concise answers
Writer of the week	Olivia	for writing a clear explanation in History
Mathematician of the week 	Sophie M	for improved effort and engagement in Maths lessons this week.
Shining Light 	Archie	for having the courage to step up to a challenge
Tackling Tables		None this week
Reads at home 		None this week



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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

I'd like to make you all aware of an incident in the Federation this week with a group of children on a chat on Snapchat. The children are mainly aged 8 but there are older children on there too. There is also at least one child completely unknown to most of the children on the group. This could have been an adult, but luckily was not.

A child posted sexual memes and pictures with shocking gestures and words. Luckily, most of the younger children's Parents/Carers do not allow their children to see the Snapchat messages until they have, as it is on their device.

Incidents like this are incredibly common. Official statistics are really worrying; the Children's Commissioner report of 2022 found that 66% of children have seen pornography online and that 48% of children have seen content that is harmful; not upsetting or inappropriate, but HARMFUL. That is horrifying and that was 2022; do we think it has improved since then? Please consider not allowing your children to access apps with an age limit and not allowing them to access the internet unsupervised until they are considerable older.

We are a smartphone free school; we allow children to bring their phones to school if required but they must be handed in at the office and not used.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those people who give their time to come in and volunteer, whether that is to support a trip, like our Y2/3 children's trip to Castle Rising to see a re-enactment (how exciting!) or whether it is to come each week to hear our children read. You are all wonderful and make a vast difference to our children's confidence, enjoyment of reading and chances of success in life. Reading is that vital.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please do contact us via the school office, we'd be really pleased to welcome you.

Smartphone free childhood;

I have been reading in the news about a growing movement of families and school communities who are pledging not to give their children a smartphone or to stop using these and I would like to gauge your views and opinions on whether there is parental support for banding together to agree to reduce peer pressure on children by agreeing not to have children's smartphone usage. I will be sending out a short survey so please do fill it in, whatever your opinion is. Many thanks.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

A shout out for any small uniform/pants/socks that are in good condition to donate to Hedgehogs class please.

Upcoming dates:
Crazy Hair Day 4th October - £1 donation towards PTFA.

PTFA AGM - 22nd October at 3.30pm. Please come along and support your PTFA, we are really welcoming and would love to meet as many old and new parents as possible.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Please keep animals that are hurt, lost or in wars safe. Also please help us to learn to keep animals safe.

Amen



from Libby

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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