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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a chilly, but lovely first few days back at school. Children and staff have braved the snow and settled back into their routines really well. Thank you to you all for persevering in the challenging weather, getting the children to and from school safely. It has been lovely to be back in school and to the children happy and engaged in their work.

Without the excitement of Christmas or the summer transition and sports days, I always view the Spring term as one of real academic progress for children. That doesn't mean there won't be any fun though. We keep going with our trips and visitors, look forward to another round of learning cafes after half term and will also have a day or two with a planetarium for each class to have a session. We've not done it for several years and I think the staff are as excited as the children will be!

Finally from me this week, our new worship theme for the half term is generosity. I shared with the children last week the old TV advert for Rolos ("*Do love anyone enough to give them your last Rolo?*") and throughout the half term, I'll be encouraging the children to be generous when it is hard to be, when, like the Rolos, something is precious to you or in scarce supply.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Out of school success

Congratulations to the following on their success outside of school:

- Ebbie and Jenson, who both earned their Octopus Level 1 swimming certificates before Christmas – well done, boys!

Gold Book Prize-Winners – 09.01.26

Curiosity

Robins – Louis, for always showing interest in the different topics we learn about.

Swifts – Ivy C. for asking herself questions to help her to understand and explain how she thought a character might be feeling in her guided reading session.

Hérons – Evie, for showing a keen interest in our new class book, 'Varjak Paw'.

Kestrels – Cody, for being intrigued by chess and learning new strategies and even setting up his own club.

Generosity

Robins – Avery, for always being happy to help his friends if they find something hard.

Swifts – Mabel for giving up part of her playtime to help a friend who had fallen over.

Hérons – Elijah, for showing generosity by kindly lending his glue stick to another child.

Kestrels – Esme for always being one of the first to help a peer and even helped Mr S' son when he came to class as his school closed.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Oliver, for always taking his time to write his letters neatly and making them a good size.

Swifts – Jack for forming his letters carefully and trying to sit them on the line.

Hérons – Harry W, for his neatly written short story; well done for keeping your handwriting consistent throughout.

Kestrels – Noah, for taking his time and using his observation skills to copy and small section of a William Morris picture using a view finder.

Sports Star

Robins – Eleanor, for trying hard to think of different ways to move around in the Rainforest, being careful to avoid others by changing direction.

Swifts – Josie for responding well to feedback to improve her technique in our target games and for her considered reflections at the end of the lesson.

Hérons – Oscar for fully immersing himself in learning a new, spy inspired dance routine; he ensured his gestures were big and bold and kept well to the beat of the music.

Kestrels – Ivy, Rose, Ellie and Molly for performing a range of counterbalance holds in gymnastics.

Tackling Tables

100% - Harper

Reading Prizes

Hérons: Kacie

Forest School

Groot goes to Kelcie for her helpfulness tidying up after other children in the forest. Well done Kelcie.

Bowtruckle goes to Rosie for her perseverance making a forest gonk; great whittling and creativity.

A special mention to Harry, Rowan, Monty and team who had lots of fun in the ice kitchen and made a saucepan snowman ❄️. The children also found lots of foot prints in the snow and had to work out which animals had made them. Great detective work.

Diary Dates

JANUARY		
Thursday 15 th January		Census day and special lunch
Friday 16 th January		School photographer- class photos
Monday 26 th January	2-4pm	Football tournament at the Nest- Selected pupils
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 10 th Feb		Safer internet day

Wednesday 11 th February		Swifts trip to the Aviation Museum
Wednesday 11 th February	3:30-5:30	Parents evening
Thursday 12 th February	3:30-7pm	Parents evening
Friday 13 th February		Last day of term
Monday 23 rd February		Pupils return to school
Tuesday 24 th February	9-10am	Parent workshop: Children's sleep
MARCH		
Monday 2 nd March	2pm	Heron's family café
Tuesday 3 rd March		Robins trip to How Hill
Monday 9 th March	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 12 th March		Yr 6 Pupils to Gresham's -Steam outreach event
Monday 16 th March	2pm	Robins Family Cafe
Thursday 19 th March		School choir performing at Norfolk County music festival (details to follow)
Monday 23 rd March	2pm	Swifts Family café
Thursday 26 th March	2pm	Easter service at the Church
Friday 27 th March		Last day of term