



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 10th November 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally, I look out of the window and the weather appears to be turning traditionally autumnal. We are so incredibly lucky here that we can look out across an uninterrupted landscape and see the world change to a golden hue.

I would like to thank our families who attended our Remembrance Service at the war memorial this morning. The display that our children made looks beautiful and a magnificent reminder of the sacrifice that many people have made and continue to protect us and to keep us safe. We have set some poppies in our own grounds here to act as reminder back at school.

I would like to thank Esther, Freya and Izzy for attending the service on Sunday and reading the names of the fallen. A member of the RBL awarded us with a certificate this morning to say that we had raised £600 for the RBL in the past 5 years, which I think is something to be incredibly proud of in such a small community.

I would finally like to congratulate Freya, Holly, Isla and Jess for representing our school at the cross country competition in Kings Lynn. As a sport I hated at school, I can only give them full admiration!

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Wed 16th Nov: Reception Class Photograph to be taken for Lynn News

Friday 17th Nov: Children in Need Day - wear something spotty and bring a donation to school for this cause, thank you!

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p



Reminders and Information.....



Christmas Jumper Day - to be eco-friendly and cost aware, we will be organising a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop on Tuesday 21st November (3 - 3.30pm) where you will be able to bring in your old jumpers and swap them for new ones if you wish. Our thrift uniform will also be available to purchase for a donation. We will also be doing something similar for costumes. Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch are both on Thursday 7th December this year.

Don't forget we have Before School Care available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am which costs £2 per session. Also, new from this term, we have After School Care available Monday to Friday to 4.30pm and the cost of this is £6 per session. Bookings for these can be made through the school office

You are welcome to bring in a snack for your child's morning break but please can these be either fruit or vegetables. Please note that Reception - Y2 pupils are entitled to a free piece of fruit/veg.

Please remember to be on time for school - children need to be in their seats at 8.40am learning. Every minute helps them and every minute is time lost from their learning and over time is a huge and needless disadvantage for them.

Attendance Awards w/e 10/11/2023

Class	%		
Rowan	100		
Whitebeam	96.9		
Oak	97.2		

Well done to Rowan Class for achieving 100% attendance this week!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

19 days lost EACH YEAR!

3 minutes late per day 3 days lost	6.5 minutes late per day 6.5 days lost	10 minutes late per day 10 days lost	13 minutes late per day 13 days lost	19 minutes late per day 19 days lost
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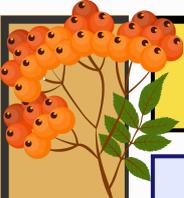
Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



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Rowan Class



Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Isla B	always trying hard to improve her reading by reading every day and listening to advice.
Writer of the week 	Tia	always trying her best, listening to the LI and improving her work.
Mathematician of the week	Florence	fantastic effort and perserverance.
Shining Light 	Arly Ivy Leon	Always following our school rules and values. a kind gesture to a friend. being enthusiastic on our trip and asking relevant questions
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home	Nalah	10 reads
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fletcher	for his early morning reading work
Writer of the week 	Alexander	for the thoughtful ideas to include in his Remembrance acrostic poem
Mathematician of the week	Molly	for continuing her learning in maths at home
Shining Light 	Holly Elarni	for demonstrating responsibility by representing the school in cross country for helping others in class and demonstrating kindness and responsibility
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home	Max	50 reads (bronze star) 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Freya Esther Izzy	representing our school by reading the names on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
Writer of the week	James	using adventurous vocabulary when thinking of synonyms. We were 'flabbergasted'!
Mathematician of the week	Finley	working really hard when multiplying large numbers.
Shining Light	Ruby Roxanne	always following our school values and trying her best in everything. consistently upholding our school values and being particularly empathetic and compassionate to others.
Tackling Tables		None this week - come on children!
Reads at home	Finley	Red star for 25 reads.

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Safeguarding.....

Vaping:

Did you know that there is a loophole that allows the vaping industry to give free samples of vapes to children in England? However, is set to be closed under new plans announced by the Prime Minister to clamp down on youth vaping.

Recent NHS figures for 2021 showed that 9% of 11 to 15 year old children used e-cigarettes, up from 6% in 2018.

We are also seeing a rise in interest among primary children, so please could you talk to your children about the dangers of picking up used vapes and putting them in their mouths, that vapes are not safe and that companies deliberately target young children.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Firstly, I want to thank everyone across our Federation community for their support following the sudden death of the son of Mrs Joplin, our wonderful Teaching Assistant at Sporle. Everyone has been very kind and we have all appreciated it greatly.

Across the Federation we have today marked Remembrance Sunday with services and I know that all the members of the community have noted the fantastic behaviour and values of the children. It was lovely to have the Royal British Legion involvement and Mrs Spaul was presented with a certificate of thanks from them as we have all raised £600 for them. Well done children. Thank you to our families who came along to mark this occasion with us.

Finally, a big well done to all our families as attendance across the Federation is very strong this half-term - thank you and keep it up, as it really helps our children.

Friends of Castle Acre School (FOCAS).....

The Friends' Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023, 12 - 3pm at the school, so please save the date! The Friends would be very pleased to hear from any parents if they can help run a stall, tombola, raffle or the refreshments stand. There is a collection box at school near the bike shed for donations of chocolates/bottles or any items that could be used as tombola or raffle prizes. All donations and offers of help will be gratefully received!

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Let us be sympathetic to people who have lost loved ones.

Amen

by Esther-Rae



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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