



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 11th November 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start with a celebration. I have heard some lovely things about how our children are displaying our values and ethos beyond the school gate. Members of the community tell me they are kind and inclusive which is so lovely to hear. This was further supported by conversations members of the Trust had with our children on Wednesday. I was proud to hear how confidently and positively they talked about the ethos in school and their experiences here. They could identify learning that they enjoyed and what they remembered about certain topics. It was understood by our children that we are all different and unique and some of us come with a range of needs. What is something to be really proud of, is that our children see that as something to be celebrated. They really understand what we can all do to help each other. As it is Children in Need day today, it seems a very timely thought to end with.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 20th Nov:
Parents/Carers Forums at Castle
Acre 3.30 - 4.30pm and 6 - 7pm

Tuesday 21st Nov: From 3pm -
Christmas Jumper Swap Shop and
Thrift Uniform sale

**Tuck Shop - Wednesday and
Friday morning break - 40p**

**Advance Notice: Rowan class
Nativity Performances: 11th Dec
at 6pm and 12th Dec at 4pm**



Attendance Awards w/e 11/11/2023

| Class | % | | |
|-----------|------|--|--|
| Rowan | 94.4 | | |
| Whitebeam | 96.9 | | |
| Oak | 94 | | |

Well done to
Whitebeam class for
the best
attendance this
week!



Reminders and Information.....



Volunteers - we are looking for volunteers to come in and read with our children. If you are interested please speak to either the class teach

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

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.








AWARDS





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Rowan Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Reader of the week | Harry | Sharing a book with an adult and recognising some sounds. |
| Writer of the week  | Finlay | writing a detailed recount of our trip with past tense verbs and noun phrases. |
| Mathematician of the week | Tia | listening carefully and making connections, using what she already knows to tackle new learning. |
| Shining Light  | Indy Ella Isla B | settling in to a new class and school really well and showing great learning behaviour. always being ready to learn - a great role model. always following our school values - she is responsible, ready to learn and a great role model. |
| Tackling Tables  | | |
| Reads at home | | |

Whitebeam Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Reader of the week | Jasper | for reading 7 chapters in one night at home |
| Writer of the week  | Lola | for remembering her punctuation when writing and joining her letters well |
| Mathematician of the week | Brody | for his super work on multiplication |
| Shining Light  | Carter Fletcher | for being a kind and polite member of the class for demonstrating courage by facing new challenges |
| Tackling Tables | | none this week |
| Reads at home | Tyler Alexander | 10 reads - blue badge 25 reads - red badge  |



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|  Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|--|---|--|
| Reader of the week | Banjo | enthusiastically trying different types of books |
| Writer of the week |  Isla | writing a very interesting newspaper report |
| Mathematician of the week | Lola | persistence when adding up the cost of a pizza she had designed |
| <div data-bbox="52 1050 103 1254" data-label="Text"> <p>Oak Class</p> </div> Shining Light | Finley Izzy | always being ready to learn, demonstrating listening skills, patience and responsibility showing consideration and compassion for others |
| Tackling Tables  | Aleashia Ruby | Blue division Blue missing numbers |
| Reads at home |  | None this week |

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Safeguarding.....

Mrs Spaul and I also asked the Trust to ask the children about how safe they felt in school and children felt very looked after. They were clear that there had been some problems with behaviour for one or two children in the past or last term but they felt that things were much better because the adults were taking action. We will continue to check in with the children that they feel this way so if you are aware of anything that we need to know, please do let us know. Many thanks.

"Wake up Wednesday"
There is an organisation called the National College who do very helpful guides for Parents/Carers on a range of safeguarding topics, eg online games etc

The link is below:
<https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

I wanted to take a moment to thank our wonderful Friends/PTFA groups across the Federation. Financially these continue to be very difficult times for school and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who give your time, your donations, your attendance at events or just your thoughts to support our Friends in their fundraising. Something reminded me this week that it can be easy in the business of life to miss a chance to support or thank people for ensuring that our children have all the lovely extras that make primary school really fun. Please know that you are all very much appreciated and we are incredibly grateful for what you do.

This week we had a visit from our Trust and Governor Mrs Sliwa. Mr Read and Mrs Sliwa spoke to our children who talked with enthusiasm and pride about their learning, our lovely ethos and how well we all work together and they feel looked after. They also spoke about Courageous Advocacy, and that we want them to stand up for what they believe in. Well done children and staff we are proud of you all.

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,

We are really thankful for our friends and our friendships between us and that our friends are kind, caring, honest, respecting and good at listening to our thoughts. We remember to show kindness, respect, caring and always listen to our friends' thoughts.

As we celebrate Children in Need Day today, we ask you Lord to help those who are not as fortunate as us.

Amen

by Freya and Roxanne



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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