



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 24th November 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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It has been a windy and cold week. I am always amazed by the stamina towards the cold by some of our children as they begin to discard coats and then jumpers outside (we do ask them to put them back on). We take the children out in all weathers so please ensure that they have coats and hats at least and gloves and scarves do help. Also, having a pair of wellies in school is really helpful as they can only access the school field if they have them.

We are proud of our uniform - it shows who we are and who we belong to which is something to be really proud of. We have noticed that some children are starting to wear clothing that is not quite following our policy. Unless you have spoken to us about this, please can you make sure that your child is wearing either grey trousers or shorts or a grey skirt or pinafore dress and either plain white, grey or blue tights or socks.

I cannot hold off any more - we are nearly in reach of Christmas! We are so excited!! Please do keep an eye on the date sheet and any messages that come out. We are hoping to do our Carols around the Tree again and will get a date out to you as soon as possible for this.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 27th: Sportshall Athletics Y5/6
- home or school packed lunches please.

Tues 28th: Nasal flu vaccine for pupils.

Fri 1st Dec: Y3-6 to West Acre Theatre to see Treasure Island

Sun 3rd Dec: 12 - 3pm Christmas Fayre

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p

Advance Notice: Rowan class

Nativity Performances: 11th Dec at 6pm and 12th Dec at 2pm

Attendance Awards w/e 24/11/2023

Class	%		
Rowan	93.6		
Whitebeam	99.2		
Oak	97.7		

Well done to
Whitebeam class for
top attendance this
week!



Reminders and Information.....

Rudolph Run - We are hosting a Rudolph Run on 13th December to raise money for The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. This will be a sponsored event but we will be asking for sponsorship for taking part rather than sponsorship for the distance run. The sponsor forms are coming home today.

Veg For Sale! - Cain and Lola's mum is very kindly donating some organic vegetables every week to the school. We are using as many of them as we can for snack for the children but we still have a surplus. We will be selling these for 75p after school every Tuesday. Please do come and have a look - they are really tasty.

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 - 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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES
= LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!



3
days lost

5
minutes late
per day



6.5
days lost

10
minutes late
per day

10
days lost

15
minutes late
per day

13
days lost

20
minutes late
per day

19
days lost
EACH
YEAR!


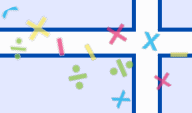

30
minutes late
per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



AWARDS

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Rowan Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Etta	her confidence and accuracy when reading in phonics
	Writer of the week 	Florence	writing fantastic captions to accompany pictures from the train ride book
	Mathematician of the week	Oliver P	confidently being able to round up or down to the nearest multiple of 10
	Shining Light	Nalah Toby Etta	Always trying her best For challenging himself, super determination and a great learning attitude For consideration shown to the younger members of Rowan class
	Tackling Tables 		
	Reads at home 		

Whitebeam Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Max	for great expression when reading
	Writer of the week 	Rowan	for super work on developing his handwriting
	Mathematician of the week	Jasper	for working enthusiastically in maths
	Shining Light 	Lazenby Carter	for demonstrating courage and kindness as he has joined our school this week for being a good friend
	Tackling Tables		none this week
	Reads at home	Holly Rowan Molly Lola	75 reads - silver badge 50 reads - bronze badge 25 reads - red badge 10 reads - blue badge 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esther-Rae	a brilliant attitude towards the speed reading test
Writer of the week	Declan	being really focused when writing his journalistic report and following the layout of a newspaper
Mathematician of the week	Jess	showing persistence and endeavour when working through word problems
Shining Light	Isla Freya	consistently practising our school values throughout the day always demonstrating our school values in every activity
Tackling Tables	Banjo Ruby Pearl Cain Roxanne	blue multiplication blue superstar blue division and blue mixed blue multiplication red multiplication tables check tasters one, two and three
Reads at home	Banjo Izzy Freya	blue star (10) blue star (10) silver star (75)

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Safeguarding.....

PANTS!

It can be disconcerting to think about talking to your children about body parts but it is a really important thing to do to keep them safe.

The NSPCC website has some excellent tips; click here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Anti-Bullying:
<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

Please click the above link for some resources

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting Kevin, whose company Holy Land crosses support Christians in Jerusalem by importing their hand carved, olive wood items. It is from this company that we buy the Y6 Leavers' crosses each year. Kevin has a lovely range of Christmas decorations and has really kindly said that for any orders received from our families using the code NAR VALLEY he will donate 10% to school, which would be lovely to help with resources for the children.

The website is <https://holylandgifts.co.uk/wp/> so enjoy some Christmas shopping and help school out at the same time!

It has been lovely to spend time with our youngest children in Reception across the Federation during this week and a pleasure to see how engaged they are in their learning and how polite and happy they are in school. Well done the Early Years children and team!

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

Thank you to those who have offered help or donations for next week's Christmas Fayre. We know it's a busy time of year and if you're unable to help or come and enjoy the event, fear not! you can still help support us and help us to raise money for your child's benefit by purchasing raffle tickets! £1 a ticket with some excellent prizes up for grabs such as voucher for two for The George and Dragon, family ticket for West Acre Theatre, hampers, vouchers for use of Fakenham Leisure Centre and Personal Trainer sessions. Tickets for Pensthorpe, gift box of Duration beer to name but a few! To buy tickets please contact school reception or text Libby on 07825229335 or buy at the school gate.

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the great things that showing compassion has led to and for when people show respect. Help us to all be equal with one another.

Amen

by Roxanne and Lola



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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