



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 19th January 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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It has been an extremely cold but beautiful week here. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their environment as it has changed from wet and soggy to crisp and crunchy. I really enjoy watching as they become enthralled in what appears to be such a magical place, tracing fingers through frosted rails and listening to the different sounds they can make with their feet. It is really important that they come in with all the right clothing for the time of year - at the moment hat, gloves, a warm coat and wellies. Thank you to everyone that remembers these every day.

We completed our pupil survey earlier this week. Our children describe a school that is caring, respectful, helpful with fun learning and a place where we 'believe in ourselves.' They would really like to carry on developing our outdoor area and have animals. We would love to make this happen but it is a huge undertaking. If this is something that you could help with then please come and talk to us.

Just to let you know, in case the children come home saying that we played something similar to sardines in the library, we have! As Mrs Neary wrote last week, just as we have to practice evacuating the school, we have to practice invacuation too. If you have any queries or questions about this, please come and ask.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....



Monday - After school Gymnastics Club with Premier Education

Wednesday - After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS

Thursday - After School Multi-Skills Club (Rec - Y1) with ICS

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p

Reminders and Information.....



We practise two kinds of safety procedures termly, an evacuation drill, where we rehearse getting everyone out of the building rapidly and safely, and an invacuation drill, where we practise getting everyone to a particular place in the building. Our children do this silently and very sensibly - well done children.

Don't forget **Before School Care** is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Monday to Friday 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session. Bookings to 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 Awards w/e 19/1/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	91.92	
Whitebeam	96.43	
Oak	95.65	

Well done to Whitebeam class!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



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	Isla B	showing enthusiasm and pushing herself in her reading
Writer of the week 	Crimson	working really hard in English to write a sentence that included an adjective, verb and adverb
Mathematician of the week	Brianna	persevering in maths
Shining Light Letting your light shine	Mila Ivy Leon	showing our school rules and being helpful showing our school values and working hard in every subject making choices that help him learn
Tackling Tables 	None this week	
Reads at home 	None this week	

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fletcher	for his focus and participation during our reading sessions
Writer of the week 	Elarni	for taking care over the presentation of her work
Mathematician of the week	Rowan	for his positive attitude, focus and exploring new methods
Shining Light Letting your light shine	Brody Molly	for demonstrating all of our school values for being a good friend and always demonstrating responsibility and respect
Tackling Tables 	None this week	
Reads at home	None this week	



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Freya	enthusiastic reading and always having her reading record with her
Writer of the week	Cain	independently writing the end of his narrative and trying his best
Mathematician of the week	Leo	working hard on fractions
Shining Light	Finley	always following our school values and rules and being a fabulous member of Oak Class
Letting Your Light Shine	Ruby	trying her best at all times
	Elliot	showing kindness, empathy and responsibility in a tricky situation
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.....

Online safety is an increasingly complex challenge for us adults!

Below are some links that are a good start for anyone who wants more information:

This is a webinar from Norfolk police - many thanks to one of our Governors, Liz Brewer, for bringing it to my attention to share.

[Recorded Online Safety Webinar for Parents Carers by Norfolk Constabulary 2023](#)

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



We are always on the look out for new Governors to join our Board. It isn't a difficult role and everyone brings different skills. You just need to be interested, to know that it is your role to ask questions, to challenge and to support. We meet 6 times a year, once a half-term, at 6pm on a Tuesday and meetings finish by 8pm. Governors do come into school and support but only if they can - this is not a requirement of the role. We do need Governors from our communities, so if you can think of anyone who might be interested, please do pass on my details. We also really do need a Parent Governor from Narborough... would anyone be able to come forward for that? I can offer tea and biscuits and hopefully interesting opportunities. Thanks in hopeful anticipation.

We are very pleased that our Hedgehogs nursery is opening next week! If you know of anyone looking for a nursery place, please do pass on our information or ask them to contact us at the Narborough office.

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

We would love to hear from any Parents/Carers who are interested in joining Friends as we are currently a very small group of volunteers. Please just speak with me on the gate or phone me on: 07825 229345, Libby Firth (Chair), thank you.

The next large fundraiser we have planned is the Annual Duck Race in the summer term.

Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us our friends that keep us company during tough times. Thank you for giving us life and the amazing world we live in.

Amen

By Mason D and Isla P

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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