



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 15th March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents,
Spring has finally sprung! I have put my winter coat back in the cupboard and have dug out my spring one and it feels so much better. It was great to see the creativity involved in dressing in something red today for Comic Relief. I have enjoyed the tops, the socks, the boppers and the nails. At one point we even had a Santa until they decided that it was a little warm for the outfit. Thank you for all your kind donations too - they will go to a good cause. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for your support with the Sponsored Read. As a Federation we raised over £1000, with nearly £200 coming from Castle Acre. We will be able to now choose some books to a total value that is related to our share of the £1000 raised. Thank you for all your support in the events that we put on. If you ever have any ideas for a fundraiser, then please do come and speak to me.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 18th - After school Gymnastics Club with Premier Education.

Tues 19th - Infant Agility at TNHA for selected pupils from Rowan class

Wed 20th - After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS.

Thurs 21st - Football competition at TNHA for selected pupils from Whitebeam & Oak Classes. After School Multi-Skills Club (Rec - Y1) with from

Friday 22nd - Tempest to take Class photos AM. 1pm - Oak Class Parent Cafe. 2pm Whitebeam Class Parent Cafe.

Attendance Awards w/e 15/3/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	97.14	
Whitebeam	98.67	
Oak	98.26	

Well done to Oak for great attendance this week, closely followed by Rowan class



Reminders and Information.....

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. We, of course, know that things happen sometimes but this should be the exception. Do come and speak to us if you have any queries about this. Please note that the hoodies are for PE and trips or when it is particularly cold on top of a jumper, and not an alternative to a jumper, thank you.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in from Monday to Friday.

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.

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day





AWARDS

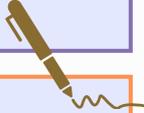


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Willem	trying his best in reading in school and at home
Writer of the week 	Mason	trying his best to write with more independents
Mathematician of the week	Skyla	always bring her best and persevering
Shining Light	Harry Willem Tia	trying his best in everything he does always showing kindness to others and being ready to learn Showing kindness to others and helping friends in need
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home 	Leon Mason Willem	50 50 10

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lazenby	for reading regularly at home
Writer of the week 	Rowan	for independently using inverted commas in his writing
Mathematician of the week	Rosanna	for the tricky maths calculations she has been doing at home
Shining Light	Alexander Lazenby	for being very kind a really good friend for showing responsibility by helping others
Tackling Tables 		none this week but lots of scores have improved
Reads at home	Rosanna Charlie	150 reads 25 reads





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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alex	his enthusiasm for reading - especially biographies
Writer of the week	Freya	amazing information text about tigers, beautifully presented
Mathematician of the week	Isla	superb presentation and attitude towards all maths
Shining Light	Ruby Finley	always trying her best in everything being always ready to learn and unfailingly following our school values
Tackling Tables	Lola Declan James Roxanne	Green phase: unit fractions of amounts Yellow phase: applying number bonds Purple phase: addition missing numbers Purple phase: subtraction Purple phase: mixed addition and subtraction Purple phase: Superstar
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.....

Following on from the Parents/Carers' survey, where many of you asked for information regarding apps, such as new ones to be aware of, safeguards that can be put in place and things to be aware of.

Common Sense Media:

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-review>

For example, on the site there is a review of Snapchat (Age 16+) that makes all the positives and the pitfalls clear. I learned A LOT reading it!

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/snapchat>

Did you know...

"Rewards of \$250 or more are also doled out for highly viewed videos that were submitted to challenges in the Spotlight section. As with any media-sharing tool, teens should be cautious and thoughtful about which images and other items they send using Snapchat -- and also keep in mind that, in actuality, most types of seemingly risk-free messaging likely aren't."

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your support for Comic Relief; I've been at every school today and there were some super efforts!

I also on behalf of Miss Behan, our English Leader, want to say a HUGE thank you to every child and family for the sponsored read. Across the Federation we raised such an incredible amount! Well done everyone! We can now have a fantastic time spending this on the three schools.

Also, we have been given a pair of brand new girls' school shoes, Clarks, size 9 1/2 F. If these are of use to you, please let us know and they are yours for a small donation to school. We have also been given a bag of nearly new aged 4-5 boys' clothes; again, just let us know at the office if you can use them

Finally, I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Sandra Dunkley, who has been our Head of School at Narborough, is going to be teaching our Oak class Mon-Weds, alongside Mrs Nevill's Thurs-Fri, whilst Mrs Gathercole is on maternity leave. Mrs Dunkley is a highly experienced teacher and we are all pleased that Oak are in good hands.

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,

Please bring hope and peace to the world and help guide us through the hard times we have.

Amen

By: Pearl and Isla T



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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