



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 19th April 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the sunshine...where has it gone! This term is always a busy term with end of year assessments, trips, residential, transitions and events. We will keep you updated on these through the newsletters, diary date sheets and messages.

Next week we have the Travelling Book Fair visiting our school. This will happen on Tuesday and Wednesday after school in the school between 2:45 and 3:30. We will offer refreshments on Tuesday and you are welcome to collect your child and take them to the hall, select your books and share them with your child over a cup of tea/squash. We take payment via a QR code, OR cash. There is a great selection of books for all ages and the more books that are purchased, the more books we get for the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

I also would like to update you on staffing in Oak Class. Poor Mrs Gathercole is unwell at the moment and is not sure when she will be able to return. Mrs Dunkley, who will be covering her while she is on maternity leave, will be teaching Oak Class during Mrs Gathercole's absence on Mondays to Wednesdays.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to a wonderful Summer Term.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 22nd - After School Athletics club with Premier Education.

Tues 23rd - Book Fair in the hall from 2.45pm with refreshments.

Wed 24th - Rowan Class Trip to Walsingham Shrine. Book Fair in the hall from 2.45pm. After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS.

Thurs 25th - After School Multi-Skills Club (Rec - Y1) with ICS.

Fri 26th - Endurance Team can come to school in non-uniform, wearing something red, as they had the most team points last term.

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.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

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

Attendance Awards w/e 19/4/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	93.93	
Whitebeam	97.33	
Oak	95.65	

Well done to Whitebeam
Class for the highest
attendance this week!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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	Oscar	reading beautifully and answering questions on the text he has read
Writer of the week 	Mila	for writing beautifully in phonics, English and choosing time
Mathematician of the week	Willem	working hard, focussing and showing a fantastic learning attitude
Shining Light	Nalah Stan Finn	always showing a great attitude to learning persevering in writing for always being kind and helpful to a friend in need
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home 	Oscar	10 Reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Logan	for super fluency when reading
Writer of the week with a Pen Licence 	Lazenby	for continuing to work really hard to join his letters when writing
Mathematician of the week	Fletcher	for working well independently to answer fraction questions
Shining Light Letting your light shine 	Alexander Jasper	for great focus this week after returning to school and speaking fluently in front of the class for super participation especially during our PE sessions this week
Tackling Tables	Rosanna Max	Red Level - Taster 1 Red Level - Taster 2
Reads at home	Fletcher Lazenby Molly Holly	100 reads 10 and 25 reads 75 reads 200 reads 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Marley	having his nose in a book all week and not wanting to put it down!
Writer of the week	Alex	superb editing of his writing about Macbeth
Mathematician of the week	Lola	working fast and accurately through her maths tasks
Shining Light	Declan James	showing kindness and tolerance all week much improved attitude and working hard all week
Tackling Tables	Finley	Green Phase: division with remainders
Reads at home	Freya	bronze bookworm for 200 reads



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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/
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Safeguarding.....

Here are some resources to help you keep your child safe online:

Apps to help children stay safe online

The BBC has a website and app called Own It. The website helps children navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

SafeToNet is an app for parents to help them protect their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, while respecting their child's rights to privacy. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free-for-life access to SafeToNet during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

If the links do not work for you, this guidance can be found by searching Gov.Uk 'Support for Parents/Carers to keep children safe online'

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



It has been a real joy this week to welcome all the children back, and in particular I enjoyed our Federation Collective Worship, where we talked about having a growth mindset. This means knowing that your learning is not fixed, and that if you can't do something, you just can't do it yet, and that to achieve a target you need to break it down into small steps and tackle each part at a time. The children are super at contributing to these and shared some lovely examples of their own targets this term, both out of school and in school, such as becoming a better defender in football, improving joined handwriting and doing it in every book, not just English and getting better at riding a bike.

It has also been exciting ordering some items through our wonderful PTFA and Friends' groups, so watch out for some super equipment coming your way children! Thank you to everyone who supports PTFA and Friends events, either by being on those groups or by attending with your money! I am working hard this term to try and fund raise for some technology so if you work for a big company that may match-fund or simply donate, please do get in touch: thank you!

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 farmers who give us food and thank you for the wildlife.

Amen

By: Izzy and Emma

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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