



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 27th September 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a change in the weather! We've just welcomed back Whitebeam who are looking very windswept from their trip to Castle Rising but have had a lovely time and had no rain (we must have kept it all for them!). Now is the time, I feel, for you to swap raincoats for autumn jackets. Please make sure they come in appropriate clothing for the weather. Our value in school for this half term is generosity. I have been mindful to think about this over the past few days as we have settled into the new term. We have had quite a few changes here and I am constantly reminded of how generous the children and staff are with the time, care, tolerance and support. I am really proud of the community that exists here. Our children are hard working, adaptable and caring and the staff always strive to do the very best they can for every child in their care. We are constantly evolving and adapting. So I would like to thank every child, every member of staff and every family for being generous in whatever way they are able. Just to say that Mrs Neary and I will be selecting our Head Pupils very soon. We will also have our Tuck Shop up and running again on Wednesday and Friday breaktimes. We have a selection of snacks available, with a few treats on a Friday. Children are welcome to buy 1 item for 40p. If you wish to see the products we sell, please come and see me. Have a lovely weekend - hopefully less windy and rainy!

Upcoming Events for w/c 30/9/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 30th - Tamion's Super Challenge
Time After school Club for Y1 - Y3 pupils.

Tues 1st - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

Wed 2nd - Tuck Shop resumes

Tag Rugby Festival at TNHA

ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

Premier Education Archery After School Club for Rec - Y6 pupils.



Reminders and Information.....



It is really important that at this time of year, your child comes to school with the right clothing for the weather. They should have in their bags everyday, a jacket or coat and any other appropriate items of clothing for the time of year eg sun hat/ woolly hat. Also, they need a pair of wellies to leave in school to be able to go on the field at this time of year.

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.

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 27/9/2024

Class	%
Rowan	95.67
Whitebeam	94.78
Oak	97.78

The winners of Attendance Awards this week are Oak Class, Well Done! Come on Whitebeam and Rowan; a little below.




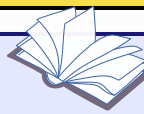
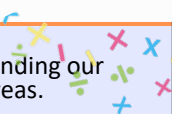


AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Mia	for reading all her sounds in phonics 
Writer of the week	Nalah	for independently using her orange pen to add capital letters and full stops to her writing.
Mathematician of the week	Noel	for positively contributing to maths lessons and finding our numbers of the day in lots of different learning areas. 
Shining Light	Mila Tobias	for always showing our school values and positively contributing to all lessons. for trying hard and joining in in all lessons.
Reads at home	none this week	

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ella	for super reading independently and as part of a group
Writer of the week	Leon	for working really hard to present his work well
Mathematician of the week 	Crimson	for always wanting to learn more in maths
Shining Light	Stan Oliver L	for demonstrating our values of courage, resilience and kindness for showing responsibility on our school trip
Tackling Tables 	Oscar	purple phase subtraction
Reads at home	none this week	



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Molly	finding the bible passage that was required in our R.E lesson
Writer of the week 	Jess	her beautiful piece of writing that she produced in R.E
Mathematician of the week	Cain	trying really hard in his maths tests
Shining Light	Elarni Charlie Max	showing her growing confidence in swimming being generous in sharing his ideas during lessons showing courage in swimming by dunking his face in the water even when he was scared
Tackling Tables 	James	Green multiplication mini test





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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.....

I'd like to make you all aware of an incident in the Federation this week with a group of children on a chat on Snapchat. The children are mainly aged 8 but there are older children on there too. There is also at least one child completely unknown to most of the children on the group. This could have been an adult, but luckily was not.

A child posted sexual memes and pictures with shocking gestures and words. Luckily, most of the younger children's Parents/Carers do not allow their children to see the Snapchat messages until they have, as it is on their device. Incidents like this are incredibly common. Official statistics are really worrying; the Children's Commissioner report of 2022 found that 66% of children have seen pornography online and that 48% of children have seen content that is harmful; not upsetting or inappropriate, but HARMFUL. That is horrifying and that was 2022; do we think it has improved since then? Please consider not allowing your children to access apps with an age limit and not allowing them to access the internet unsupervised until they are considerable older.

We are a smartphone free school; we allow children to bring their phones to school if required but they must be handed in at the office and not used.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those people who give their time to come in and volunteer, whether that is to support a trip, like our Y2/3 children's trip to Castle Rising to see a re-enactment (how exciting!) or whether it is to come each week to hear our children read. You are all wonderful and make a vast difference to our children's confidence, enjoyment of reading and chances of success in life. Reading is that vital. If anyone would like to volunteer, please do contact us via the school office, we'd be really pleased to welcome you.

Smartphone free childhood;
I have been reading in the news about a growing movement of families and school communities who are pledging not to give their children a smartphone or to stop using these and I would like to gauge your views and opinions on whether there is parental support for banding together to agree to reduce peer pressure on children by agreeing not to have children's smartphone usage. I will be sending out a short survey so please do fill it in, whatever your opinion is. Many thanks.

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

The Friends AGM is tonight - Friday 27th September, 7pm at The Ostrich Pub, Castle Acre, in the Breakfast Room. We hope you will be able to join us and if possible become a committee member, however if you just want to come along to the meeting and perhaps offer to help with fundraising events in the coming year that would also be appreciated.

Thank you. Libby Firth (Chair), 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for my family and the people that care for me when I'm hurt and don't feel good.

Amen

By: Rosanna

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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