



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 4th October 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers

What a difference the sun makes - moods are lifted and we can have conversations without having to duck out from underneath umbrellas and hoods. We are hoping for some good weather for next week for sport events to go ahead - Monday will be the rearranged Y1/2 Active Kids Festival at King's Lynn and Thursday morning is the football festival for Year 3. You will have been contacted if your child is taking part.

Our amazing Friends of Castle Acre School are looking at ways to raise money for school, particularly for the refurbishment of the bus. We have attached some information on Easyfundraising, where brands will donate part of what you spend to the school.

We held our Head Pupil interviews today. Mrs Neary and I were incredibly pleased that nearly all of our Year 6s put themselves forward; it takes a lot of courage. We were very impressed by their speeches and it proved to be a hugely difficult decision to make after much debate tonight after school. What was very clear was that our children are proud of belonging to their school, feel it is a fun and happy place to be and feel cared for (1 pupil said it is like being part of a family). We are excited about what the year brings and those who are not chosen to be part of the Head Pupil team will still get the opportunity to develop their ideas to leave a legacy behind.

Upcoming Events for w/c 1/10/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 7th - Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport for Y1 & Y2

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

Tues 8th - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

Wed 9th - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

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

Thurs 10th - Football Festival at TNHA for Y3 pupils

Attendance Awards w/e 4/10/2024

Class	%
Rowan	98.56
Whitebeam	96.09
Oak	97.45

The winners of Attendance Awards this week are Rowan class, well done! Whitebeam were not far behind though.



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


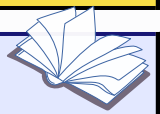



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Lexi	working hard to read new sounds in phonics 
Writer of the week	Mila	using verbs in a sentence
Mathematician of the week	Ava	confidently completing number work with fact families 
Shining Light	Bonnie Nalah	helping a friend in need Always showing a fantastic learning attitude in all subjects.
Reads at home		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ella	for making links in her reading between home and school and bringing in a book to share with the class
Writer of the week 	Etta	for working really hard on joining her writing and presentation
Mathematician of the week 	Gracie-Mae	for super work on number bonds
Shining Light	Isla P Sybil	for showing more responsibility in her learning for always demonstrating our school values especially kindness and responsibility
Tackling Tables 		none this week
Reads at home	Oliver P Ivy	10 reads 10 reads 


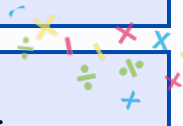



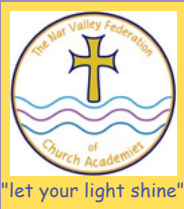
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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Finley	confidently reading his harvest poem to the class.
Writer of the week 	Rosanna	her poem for the harvest festival.
Mathematician of the week	Max	trying really hard with his maths tests.
Shining Light	Alexander Tyler Steele	always trying his hardest. helping the younger children while his class went swimming. being kind and helpful to the reception children at lunchtime.
Tackling Tables 	Holly Rosanna Lazenby	red percentages. purple mixed addition and subtraction. purple addition. 



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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.....

Please see some top tips from the London Grid for Learning, a charity who supports children and families.

- It's your choice - Don't let others dictate when the right time is to use tech.
- Stay involved – make time to communicate, talk about what they are doing. What do they enjoy? What makes them laugh?
- Don't quiz them – have regular conversations. What's their favourite app? What is the best site to learn new things from?
- Join in - watch them play a game and join in. Who are they playing with? Do they know the other players?
- 'Show me how...' – ask their advice to help you with your privacy settings, who you should add as a friend, are there any risks?
- Lead by example - children learn as much from watching as they do from being told not to do something, so model good behaviour
- Reassure them - tell them that they won't get in trouble and that you are always there to help

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Head Pupil Interviews:

Mrs Spaul and I completed these recently. The children were a joy to interview, having prepared with carefully written letters of application and some very good ideas. After much discussion, as it was a hard decision with little to separate some candidates for the posts, we have made a decision and will announce it next week after giving feedback to each candidate. The post involves being a strong role-model, demonstrating and living all our school values, so we are going to r school values and most importantly, being changemakers and courageous advocates - can the children bring their own ideas and energy to an issue that they have identified and make a difference? We will be asking our Head and Deputy Pupils to consider how we as a school can be an active part of our community. We look forward to their input and to some exciting ventures. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward for the posts, you did a super job of being interviewed and we are very proud of you.

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

Exciting update: You can now support our Library Bus fundraising efforts while shopping online! We wanted to find a way where those that can't always attend our events, join the Friends, or offer a helping hand could still be involved in fundraising and I think we've found the solution! We've partnered with **easyfundraising**, allowing us to raise free donations with 8000+ retailers. All you need to do is your usual online shopping (for anything not just supermarkets) and remember to say 'yes' for the retailer to apply a donation to our cause. It will even prompt you to remember! For the next two weeks, every new supporter earns us a £1 bonus donation! Ready to make a difference? Please, please, please sign up now using this link and search for our cause under 'Friends of Castle Acre School': <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/> Here's a video to explain it if that's more helpful: <https://easyfundraisingemail.s3.amazonaws.com/2024/CRT/HIW-video-Education.mp4>

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

Thank you for the farmers who spend a lot of time on the farms to give us food.

Amen

By: Brody and Finley



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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