



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 8th November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half term. I was expecting to be standing on the gate, wrapped up in winter clothing but apparently the weather has different ideas. Just make sure we don't get caught out - keep those hats and gloves nearby,

It has been an incredibly busy week with every class going to Narborough for our first ever Federation Days. The children had an absolutely marvellous time, taking part in lots of activities. I believe one class even made catapults!

Whitebeam Class, not wanting just one trip in one week, also went to the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge. It was a long day and they did lots of exploring.

This is one of our busiest terms with lots and lots of events and experiences coming up. Please keep an eye on the dates section to keep an eye on what is coming and if you have any queries then please come and find us.

Upcoming Events for w/c 11/11/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 11th - 10.45 - 11.45am Remembrance Service at Castle Acre Church.
9.30am - 12pm Cross Country Finals at Lynnsport for 13 x Finalists.

Tamion's Super Challenge Time After school Club for Y1 - Y3 pupils starts for this half term

Tues 12th - Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks

Wed 13th - Dodgeball Competition at TNHA 14 x Oak class pupils.

Thurs 14th - Children In Need Day at CA - wear something spotty & bring a donation please

Fri 15th - Oak Class Trip to Duxford
3.30pm Parents/Carers Meeting at Sporle re Y6 residential to Horstead

Attendance Awards w/e 8/11/2024

Class	%
Rowan	97.12
Whitebeam	97.39
Oak	97.24

Good attendance all round this week with all on 97%. However, the winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam by the smallest of margins!



Reminders and Information.....

Anti-bullying week

Next week is Anti-bullying week. Children are invited to come into school on Tuesday 12th November wearing odd socks to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. Also, on Wednesday, Gripping Yarns theatre company will be delivering a workshop to Rowan, Whitebeam and Oak classes.

Year 6 Residential

Following from feedback from parents, this year we have decided to separate the Year 5 and 6 residentials. The year 6 residential this year will be 29th-31st January at Horstead Centre. Parents are invited to attend a meeting at 3:30pm at Sporle school to find out more information and answer any questions you have.

Clothing/Kit for School

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.

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






AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Tyler	working hard to learn and read new sounds phonics
Writer of the week	Nalah	responding to feedback and using what she has learnt from it in the next lesson.
Mathematician of the week 	Ava	working hard to remember and recognise different shapes
Shining Light	Charlotte Arly	engaging in new activities and showing our school values for making new friends and showing our school values
Reads at home		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Finlay	who was interested in and read all the signs as we visited the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge
Writer of the week 	Etta	for super focus on the presentation of her written work
Mathematician of the week 	Isla P	for super work on number bonds
Shining Light	Leon Skyla	asking super questions at the Botanic Gardens for super teamwork during our Federation Day
Tackling Tables 		none this week
Reads at home	25	25 reads 
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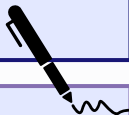




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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	James	focusing hard on his reading test paper.
Writer of the week	Lola G	her very detailed explanation of the catapults that were built during the federation team building day.
Mathematician of the week	Tyler	accurately weighing ingredients during cooking.
Shining Light 	Henry Lazenby Isla	having a great week settling into Oak class. working really hard to focus on his learning. being responsible during cooking. 
Tackling Tables	Tyler Holly	Green - division mini test Red - simplifying fractions and creating equivalent mini test
Reads at home	Molly Lazenby Max Holly	Blue - 10 reads Red - 25 reads Red - 25 reads and Bronze - 50 reads Bronze - 50 reads
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Help with online safety::



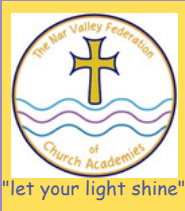
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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.....

Online Parenting Courses -
Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



We all know that research shows that good attendance is absolutely crucial for children's attainment, confidence and success at each stage of education and in later life. We monitor attendance daily and weekly, and then each half-term we evaluate and so you will have been getting letters about your child's attendance. I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our families who ensure that their children attend 96%+ of the school year; our attendance at all 3 schools is above the national average and this is wonderful. If you have had a letter to say that we are monitoring your child's attendance, it means that it may be lower than 96% but we know the reason and we anticipate that it will return swiftly to a good rate. Those families whose children's attendance has been and has remained at an unacceptably low level will be asked to come in for a meeting so that we can explore together the issues and see what can be done to help and support. We want to ensure that every single one of our children has strong attendance and the best chance of success. We look forward to working together and seeing children's attainment and achievements improve as their attendance does. The good news is that there are only 19 children at Castle Acre whose attendance needs to improve and 53 whose attendance is helping them succeed.

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

SAVE THE DATE: The Friends will be hosting the annual **Christmas Fayre** fundraiser this year on **Sunday Dec 1st 12-3pm**. Would you or your child or someone you know like to have a stall? Or perhaps you'd like to help us run the event? We'd appreciate your support. If you're able to donate any raffle or tombola prizes please let Libby know - 07825229345

Libray Bus Fundraising - We're halfway through our incentive with easyfundraising! They'll donate £1 for every supporter who registers, if we reach 10 or more. (6 of us so far!) Thank you to those who've already signed up. Just two minutes of your time equals £1 for our cause. Register to support today! ✨ #supportus #easyfundraising. 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/>

Prayer for the Week....



Dear God,

We thank you for our food, we thank you for goodness and the meals we eat.
Amen

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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