



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 22nd November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter has truly set in. There are some beautiful winter scenes with frosted grass but having to clear our cars on Monday morning was a bit of a shock. As the weather turns more icy, road conditions become more treacherous. Please take care as you are driving to and from school; it can get a little busy up the driveway and we all need to do our bit to keep everyone safe by slowing down and being a bit more cautious. If you are walking, walk steadily and cross the roads with extra care.

Please note our Christmas dates below. We look forward to welcoming you to our events and enjoying the festive season with you. The sponsor forms for the Rudolph Run were sent out earlier. Please get as many sponsors as possible. We raised a staggering amount last year. We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries, please do come and see us.

Upcoming Events for w/c 18/11/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 25th - Tamion's Super Challenge
Time After school Club

Tues 26th - Gymnastics After School
club with ICS

Wed 27th - Football After School Club
with ICS
Multi-Sports After School Club with
Premier

Sunday 1st Dec - Christmas Fayre at
School, 12 - 3pm, featuring Santa's
Grotto, craft stalls, games, raffle and
refreshments. Please come along and
support this event, all proceeds to The
Friends for school events, trips and
treats for the children.

Attendance Awards w/e 22/11/2024

Class	%
Rowan	92.86
Whitebeam	99.13
Oak	97.93

Not such a good week for
Rowan class, hopefully
next week will be better.
The winner of the
Attendance Award this
week is Whitebeam Class
with near perfect
attendance, well done!



Reminders and Information.....

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. If you were unable to join the meeting for Parents and Carers at Sporle school on Friday 15th November please don't hesitate to contact us if you or your child have any questions about the residential. **Please remember that the deadline to pay the deposit via Arbor is today Friday, 22nd November, thank you. If this deadline is tricky for you, please contact the school office or speak with your Head of School on Monday 25th November, or as soon as possible.**

Parent/Carers' Forums - details will be out soon.

Parent/Carer's Cafes - Rowan Class on 12/12/24, Whitebeam on 11/12/24 and Oak Class on 6/12/24. Please see Diary Dates for full details.

Rowan and Whitebeam Class Nativity Performances on 9/12/24 and 10/12/24 at school. Please see Diary Dates for full details.

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 		Not on newsletter this week due to trip
Writer of the week		Not on newsletter this week due to trip
Mathematician of the week		Not on newsletter this week due to trip 
Shining Light		Not on newsletter this week due to trip
Reads at home		Not on newsletter this week due to trip

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sybil	for super reading with expression
Writer of the week	Mason	for writing ideas ready for a quest story
Mathematician of the week 	Oliver P	for working well on Tackling Tables
Shining Light	Isla B Stan	for always demonstrating all of our school values for demonstrating the value of kindness as he is always helping others
Tackling Tables 	Tia Oscar Etta	purple mixed addition and subtraction and blue multiplication blue mixed division and mixed mini-test purple addition
Reads at home	Stan Florence Ivy Oliver L Elijah	25 reads 
Pen Licence	None this week	

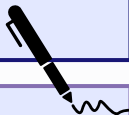




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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Pearl	her excellent predictions during our reading lessons.
Writer of the week	Lola.P	her excellent use of fronted adverbials in her letter planning.
Mathematician of the week	Holly	showing clear understanding of inverse operations.
Shining Light 	Molly Fletcher Jess	demonstrating all of our school values when speaking to our SIAMS inspector. showing confidence and courage when speaking to our SIAMS inspector. for always helping others when it's needed. 
Tackling Tables	Molly Lola P Rosanna	red - multiplication purple - subtraction missing numbers blue - mixed, division, multiplication, missing numbers purple - addition missing numbers
Reads at home	Amelia Max	red- 25 reads silver - 75 reads
Pen Licence		



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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.....

Anxiety in children

The NSPCC have some very useful resources on their website to help and support families who are concerned that their child might be anxious.

Signs of anxiety in children can include:

- becoming socially withdrawn and avoiding spending time with friends or family
- feeling nervous or 'on edge' a lot of the time
- having panic attacks
- feeling tearful, upset or angry
- having trouble sleeping
- changes in eating habits.

If you would like to explore further, the link is:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



This week saw the completion of the national Tackling Tables competition, so a well done to everyone who entered and a huge congratulations to Joel at Sporle for winning the Y6 Red Multiplication missing numbers mini-test in a time of 45 seconds! Really well done Joel and well done to all our children who are regularly practising your tables on Tackling Tables at home. These should be done every single night from Y2, as should nightly reading for everyone and daily spelling practise on Spelling Frame.

I'd like to thank every family who have filled in our surveys. These really do help shape our work and know what the experience of our school is like for all our families who fill it in and there are some really helpful suggestions and ideas. The survey is still open, and I'd be grateful for some more responses from each school so that I know we have a representative view. Myself the Heads of School then analyse the survey and then decide on any actions and then share those with staff and through the newsletter with families.

Also we had our SIAMS inspection at Castle Acre this week and whilst the result is confidential until the report comes out in 15 working days, I would like to thank everyone who took part for their contribution.

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 OR pop them in the donation box in the bike shed at school, thank you!**

Your online shopping can raise free donations for Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn! Whether you're buying Black Friday deals, Christmas presents or your weekly food shop, your shopping at over 8,000 retailers can support us. Sign up to #easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now:
<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/N5Znntup/Q3248/facebook/>

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

We thank you for all of the nature, we thank you for food and for the world that has been provided by you.

Amen

By: Lola P



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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