



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 29th November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had some beautiful wintery sparkly days recently which always starts to get us in the mood for the season of Advent and all the wonderful Christmas celebrations in school, excellently started off by our Friends of Castle Acre School's Christmas Fayre, this Sunday at school, 12-3pm, featuring Santa's Grotto, craft stalls, games, raffle and refreshments. Please come along and support this event as all proceeds to The Friends for school events, trips and treats for the children. Thank you to all the Friends' team for the superb support. Speaking of support, I need a little bit from you for your children. I have been doing some monitoring of reading, phonics and reading at home and I have picked up that there is a huge correlation between the children that are below where they need to be and a lack of reading at home. You may not feel like practising every night makes much difference but it absolutely does. There are two gifts that you can give your children RIGHT NOW that make an ENORMOUS difference to their chances of educational success - one of them is ensuring that they attend every day, which most of you are doing brilliantly, so thank you. The other is hearing them read each afternoon or evening - without that support from you they are unlikely to achieve age related expectations for reading and if they don't achieve it for reading they are most unlikely to reach it for anything else. Please make sure your season of gift giving starts at home, and you give your children that precious gift of not only unlocking the wonderful world of reading, but self-confidence and success at learning.

Upcoming Events for w/c 2/12/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 2nd - Year 6 Bikeability Road Safety Course, Day 1 of 2

Tues 3rd - Year 6 Bikeability Road Safety Course, Day 2 of 2

Wed 4th - Rec - Y2 to Performance of 'The Night Before Christmas' at Westacre Theatre

Thurs 5th - KS2 Team from Oak class to Sportshall Athletics at TNHA AM.

Year 3 to Year 6 pupils to Narborough school for Performance of 'The Night Before Christmas'

Fri 6th - 2pm Oak Class Parents/Carers Cafe - Spelling & Grammar

Reminders and Information.....

Year 6 Residential

Following from feedback from parents, this year we have decided to separate the Year 5 and 6 residential. 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 to pay the deposit of £21 via Arbor, thank you. If this is tricky for you, please contact the school office or speak with your Head of School or Mrs Neary as soon as possible.**

Parent/Carers' Forum - 5.30 to 6pm on Tuesday 10th December (in person at school). This will enable Rec - Y3 parents/carers bringing their children to school to get ready for the Nativity to join the forum if they wish, as well as any others who would like to come along.

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.

Christmas Lunch - on 13/12/24 please book via link emailed out by **deadline of Wednesday 4th Dec.**

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

Attendance Awards w/e 29/11/2024

| Class | % |
|-----------|-------|
| Rowan | 97.12 |
| Whitebeam | 95.22 |
| Oak | 94.48 |

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan class, well done!





AWARDS






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Rowan Class

| Award | Goes to... | For.....  |
|---|----------------|---|
| Reader of the week  | Mila | super application of phonics knowledge in an assessment |
| Writer of the week | Inika | writing about her feelings to express herself |
| Mathematician of the week | Arly | excellent part whole model work to find fact families  |
| Shining Light | Bonnie Arly | joining in group discussions with growing confidence sharing her recent dance successes articulately and confidently with Rowan class |
| Reads at home | none this week | |

Whitebeam Class

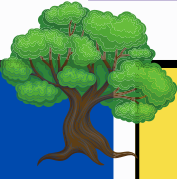
| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| Reader of the week | Oliver P | for reading regularly at home |
| Writer of the week | Florence | for her quick write story about a shipwreck |
| Mathematician of the week  | Bobbi | for working with greater independence in maths |
| Shining Light | Brianna Toby | for demonstrating a growth mindset for demonstrating responsibility in his learning |
| Tackling Tables  | Oliver P | Purple subtraction Purple mixed addition and subtraction |
| Reads at home | Ella P Oliver P Finlay | 25 reads 25 reads  |
| Pen Licence | | |



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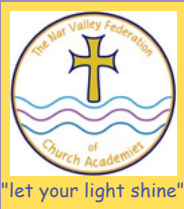
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Oak Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Reader of the week | Brody | reading clearly and confidently to the class in our reading lesson. |
| Writer of the week | Isla | her detailed introduction in her letter. |
| Mathematician of the week | Roxanne | showing clear understanding of short division methods |
| Shining Light | Alexander Charlie Cain | persevering with his work, even when its tricky. always showing responsibility for his own learning. always being helpful with the younger children. |
| Tackling Tables | Henry Max Rosanna Pearl Isla | Blue - multiplication mini test Blue - missing number and Red - missing number Blue - multiples Green - multiplication, division and Red - division, multiplication Purple - superstar |
| Reads at home | none this week | none this week |
| Pen Licence | none this week | none this week |

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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.....

This Parent Toolkit on Birmingham City Councils' website is a selection of useful websites (with links) offering free advice and support on a range of topics, tailored to parents and carers. Some of these are:

CEOP
CEOP aims to help protect children and young people from the threat of online child sexual abuse and exploitation.
Child Accident Prevention Trust
Free child safety advice for parents and carers.

Family Lives
Offers core family support services, working in many different areas and providing tailored support around issues such as bullying, special educational needs, and support for specific communities.

Get Safe Online
Advice for parents and carers on how to take a balanced approach to your children's online safety.

ICON
Advice and resources for parents and carers on how to cope with a crying baby.

Kooth
A digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all.

Mermaids UK
Mermaids UK provides support for transgender, nonbinary and gender-diverse children, young people, and their families.

NSPCC
Support and tips to help you keep your children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child

YoungMinds
Lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Well, it's been quite a fortnight at Nar Valley with a Church Schools inspection at Castle Acre and an OFSTED inspection at Narborough! Everything went very well and the reports will come out to you as soon as they are available, which could be late January due to the Christmas break. Just to say a big thank you to all our staff team, whether they contributed by directly interacting with the inspection team or by supporting at our other schools so staff leaders could go across to Narborough or Castle Acre, and thank you to all our families for your super support and of course our Trust and Governors. Also really well done to our fabulous children who all talked so well about our learning and our schools.

Not to be outdone, another of our amazing children this week is James from Foxes at Narborough. Coming 29th out of around 80 is a superb achievement. Really well done James, we are so proud of you!

Mr Chris Read from our Trust spent some time at Sporle and was very complimentary about how calm, studious and well-behaved our children were. Well done all at Sporle!

Coming up at the weekend we have Castle Acre Friends' Christmas Fayre, from 12-3. If you cannot come along..fear not! You can still support the event and buy your raffle tickets! Great prizes to be won- Goodie hampers, Theatre tickets, Brunch for 2, Whisky, Cuddle Corner Voucher, Wine and a Gingerbreak house kit! Simply message Libby on 07825229345 :) Thank you

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

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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,

Thank you for teachers and friends.

Amen

By: Etta



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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