



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 29th September 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Castle Acre. Aside from the fantastic learning that has been happening, we have participated in some extra-curricular activities. Our Year 1s and 2s went to Lynn Sports for a multi-sports event. They took part in rugby, football and hockey. Brianna said the rugby was great and the best because she had to do lots of running.

We have had a super day today exploring our vision and values. We worked in cross-year groups to activities based on The Good Samaritan and letting your light shine. There is plenty of work to go on display that you will be able to see at upcoming events.

Today we held interviews of Head Pupil. Mrs Neary and I would firstly like to say how proud we are of every child who stood for it. We could honestly have given any of the candidates the position. We are pleased to announce our new Head Pupil Team who are Esther and Alex as Head Pupils, Izzy and Freya are Deputy Head Pupils and Elliot and Nataniel are our Environmental Ambassadors. Well done to all.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 2nd: Harvest Service at
Castle Acre Church, 1.45pm

Wednesday 4th: KS2 Tag Rugby at
TNHA

Year 6 Open Evening at Litcham
School, 6 - 8pm

Reminders and Information.....

Don't forget we have Before School Care available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am which costs £2 per session. Also, new from this term, we have After School Care available Monday to Friday to 4.30pm and the cost of this is £6 per session. Bookings for these can be made through the school office

Just a couple of requests:
If someone else will be picking up your child, you must let the office know. We will not let them go with anyone we are not expecting.

Please make sure all uniform items are named - we already have a collection of jumpers and cardigans whose owners cannot be identified!

You are welcome to bring in a snack for your child's morning break but please can these be either fruit or vegetables. Please note that Reception - Y2 pupils are entitled to a free piece of fruit/veg. Tuck Shop will begin week beginning 2nd October, further details will follow.

On Friday 27th October at 7.30pm in Shouldham Village Hall, there is a play about songs that leave and come back again by Mountain Music, if any parent is interested.

Attendance Awards w/e 29/9/2023

Class	%
Rowan	100
Whitebeam	98.3
Oak	97.6

Well done to
Rowan Class for perfect
attendance this week!

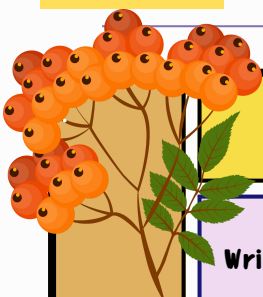





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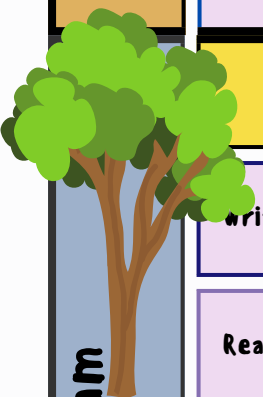


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week 	Sybil	working hard to research information and write factual questions.
Reader of the week	Brianna	great listening in phonics and then finding -tion words in her books and the classroom.
Mathematician of the week	Oliver P	fantastic missing number work including estimation
Shining Light	Arly Ivy Oliver L	Fantastic listening and and thinking. Always trying her best. Great behaviour and listening on sports trip.
Award	Goes to...	For.....



Whitebeam Class

Writer of the week	Tyler Glynn	His great perseverance and determination to improve his handwriting
Reader of the Week	Elarni Colman	For super fluency when reading and working well on her comprehension skills
Mathematician of the week	Holly Donovan	For embracing the challenge of extension maths activities
Shining Light	Y3 Rowan Wakelen Y4 Brody Groundsell	For always demonstrating all of our values For always demonstrating all of our values
Award	Goes to...	For.....



Oak Class

Writer of the week	Pearl	amazing adjectives in her story
Reader of the Week	Lola	reading with expression to the class
Mathematician of the week	Marley	for trying really hard with his maths assessments
Shining Light Letting Your Light Shine	Finley Jess	both following the school values



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Safeguarding.....

The NSPCC have launched a service for helping young people who maybe experiencing isolation, called Building Connections. Find out more here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/building-connections?modularPage=who-it-is-for>

Attendance:

In KS2 SATS in 22/23, of the children who had attendance of 90%, only half reached the expected standard. These children are statistically likely not to achieve well at GCSE. What was your child's attendance last year?

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

This week has been a real pleasure for me, as alongside our Heads of School, I have been interviewing Y6 children who have put themselves forward for Head Pupils. The children have carefully prepared, showed good interview skills, answering questions with thought, positive body language and eye contact and demonstrating that they fully understand our school values and have a real love for our schools. Comments from our Castle Acre children included "I would be a great Head Pupil because...I believe I would be a great role model to children who struggle" "I am inclusive to all pupils" "I have ideas and I will fix any issues" "The reason I would like to be a Head Pupil is to to make a difference" "I would really like to help"

I have been watching out for examples of children demonstrating courageous advocacy and was very proud of Izzy, who is really concerned about tigers and how endangered they are and so is planning an event to raise money and awareness for these beautiful creatures. Well done Izzy, we look forward to hearing about your event!

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

At their AGM on Thursday 28th September, the Friends planned dates of events for the coming academic year, including a Christmas Fayre and the Annual Duck Race, further detail of these and other events to follow. They also kindly agreed to once again give each class a £400 budget for the academic year towards trips, which is a great help to the school and our families.

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

We are very thankful for our amazing school and all the kind staff that fill it. We thank you for all of our learning opportunities.

Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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