



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 20th October 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We have arrived at the end of the half term. It has been a busy start to the academic year and on top of the learning have packed in lots of other experiences, particularly sports. It is important to us that the children have a wide range of experiences and have the opportunity to let their light shine. We have spent a lot of time thinking about our school values and how we can demonstrate them in our daily lives. We recognise that we all have strengths that need to be celebrated as well as developing our understand of others and how our choices can impact those around us. We understand that we have to hold ourselves and each other to account at times and that is a courageous act to make. Stay safe over the half term.

Upcoming Events after half term

See Diary Dates for details.....

Tues 31st Oct: Castle Acre Open Day for Rec 2024 Parents/Carers

Tues 31st Oct: Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wed 1st Nov: Parent Consultations 3.30 - 7.00pm

Thurs 2nd Nov: Finals of Cross Country at Lynnsport for qualifiers. Babies & Toddlers, 9-11 am in hall

Fri 23rd Nov: Tempest to take pupil and sibling photos



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

Please can children bring in coats and wellies every day. The weather has now turned and is damp and chilly. We like to take the children out as much as possible and it is important they are warm and dry.

We have now started our tuck shop which is being run by Esther (one of our Head Pupils) and her team. It opens on a Wednesday and Friday for morning break and each item is 40p.

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.

Please remember to be on time for school - children need to be in their seats at 8.40am learning. Every minute helps them and every minute is time lost from their learning and over time is a huge and needless disadvantage for them.

Attendance Awards w/e 20/10/2023

Class	%		
Rowan	95.83		
Whitebeam	93.33		
Oak	92.38		

Well done to Rowan Class who have the highest attendance again!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

19 days lost EACH YEAR!

3 days lost (5 minutes late per day)

6.5 days lost (10 minutes late per day)

10 days lost (15 minutes late per day)

13 days lost (20 minutes late per day)

30 days lost (30 minutes late per day)

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Nalah	excellent progress with blending the sounds she knows to read words.
Writer of the week 	Oliver P	great sentences using 'because' and also responding to feedback to write descenders below the line.
Mathematician of the week	Isla B	using what you know to solve questions and not giving up.
Shining Light 	Noah Isla P Tia	being brave in PE and Multi-sports and always joining in. being responsible by making good choices to improve her learning. Being an excellent role model and fluent reading in front of the whole class.
Tackling Tables 	N/A	
Reads at home	Etta	Blue star

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elarni	For reading aloud in front of others
Writer of the week 	Fletcher	For producing his poster about El Salvador
Mathematician of the week	Jasper	For working well on his maths assessments
Shining Light 	Whitebeam Class	For all demonstrating our school values during the Cross Country visit to THNA on Tuesday
Tackling Tables	Molly Logan	For purple phase addition and subtraction For purples phase addition
Reads at home	None this week	

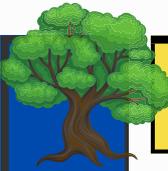




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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ruby	a brilliant drawing of Mr Tumnas after reading his character description.
Writer of the week 	Marley	independently writing a fact file about the solar system.
Mathematician of the week	Mason	completing a really tricky question that even Mrs Gathercole couldn't figure out!
Shining Light 	Jess Declan Steele	continuously upholding school values and being a pleasure to teach. consistently trying his best and looking out for younger children in the school. trying his best this week in all aspects of school life.
Tackling Tables 	None this week	
Reads at home	Nataniel Freya	Blue Star Red Star



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Safeguarding.....

Message from Norfolk police: if you are going 'Trick or Treating' over half-term, please make sure children are accompanied, have torches and know not to go to houses where they do not know someone. Let's keep everyone safe

Great attendance news: Castle Acre and Narborough have finished the half-term above the national average and above our target of 96% - congratulations! Sporle are fractionally below and there are 7 families whose children are below 90%, which is negative for those children - come on everyone! Again, please do not book term time holidays - we do not want to have to send a fining notification letter.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

I can't believe that we are at half-term already! It has been an excellent half term with all our children having participated in at least one sporting competition, and many of our older children have completed five! I really enjoyed finishing the half-term with a Federation collective worship online, thinking about being Captains of our own learning and being Courageous advocates. Remember, if your children get involved in any fundraising or community events that are their idea, let us know so that we can celebrate this in school.

Just to let you know that the Trust have moved to a different management information system, Arbor. After half-term, our emails and texts will therefore come from Arbor rather than Parentmail. We believe that you need to take no action on this one.

The Parentmail app and system is still going to be used for payments etc for now and we will of course alert you to any changes in good time.

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

The Friends Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023, 12 - 3pm at the school, so please save the date! The Friends would be very pleased to hear from any parents if they can help run a stall, tombola, raffle or the refreshments stand. There is a collection box at school near the bike shed for donations of chocolates/bottles or any items that could be used as tombola or raffle prizes. All donations and offers of help will be gratefully received!

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for everyone that shows our school values and for the people that share them with people that are new.

Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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