



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 8th December 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had two wonderful trips to West Acre Theatre over the last week. Last Friday, Whitebeam and Oak Class went to see Treasure Island. They had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed it. Rowan Class have seen The Goblin King today and we sent some very excited children off on the bus.

On Sunday, our wonderful Friends team hosted the Christmas Fair, It was a fantastically festive event with activities and stalls for all. They raised an amazing £765.85 which will go directly for the children at school. This may be resources, play equipment or subsidising coaches for trips. Without this money, so much of what we do would not be possible so a huge thank you must go to Libby and her team.

Last Wednesday, we took part in No Pens Day - we literally put all the pens away for the day and took part in lots of speaking and listening activities. It was a huge success and children who often have writing as a barrier to their learning really came to life. We cannot do this all the time but going forward, we are going to try to have a No Pens lesson in every topic.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 11th: Rowan Nativity, children back at school at 5.30pm for 6pm start

Plus: Height & Weight of Reception/Y6 and Vision/Hearing test for Reception

Tues 12th: Rowan Nativity, 2pm

Wed 13th: Rudolph Run, please bring your sponsor forms to school (plus money if already collected).

Fri 14th: Breakfast Learning Drop In

NB: School council Bake Sales instead of Tuck Shop this week in support of Cancer Research UK - **Wednesday and Friday** morning break - **40p per item**. Donations of home baked biscuits/cakes/snacks gratefully received, please drop off at school this week, thank you.

Reminders and Information.....

Narborough Nursery News - hot off the press! Great news! Narborough Academy have had the final go ahead to open their Nursery from January 2024. They will be taking children from age 3 upwards. Please call the school office on 01760 338048 for more information or speak to Mrs Neary.

Christmas Cards - we welcome the children bringing in Christmas cards for their friends. There is a box by the pupil entrance for them to pop them in and a team from Oak Class will deliver them.

Rudolph Run - We are hosting a Rudolph Run on 13th December to raise money for The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. We are asking for sponsorship for taking part rather than sponsorship for the distance run. Please return sponsorship forms to school on Wednesday 13th with or without payment. Monies can be collected and brought to school in January if not yet collected (we will give you a copy of your Sponsorship form if you prefer to do that).

Volunteers - we are looking for volunteers to come in and read with our children. If you are interested please speak to either the class teacher or Mrs Spaul.

Don't forget **Before School Care** available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Monday to Friday to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

Bookings to be made through the school office. 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 8/12/2023

Class	%
Rowan	95.6
Whitebeam	96.4
Oak	93.1

Well done to
Whitebeam class for
the highest
attendance this
week!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES
=
LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!



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



19
days lost
EACH
YEAR!
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	Arly	Using the the phonics sounds she knows to and read words.
Writer of the week 	Indy	Blending the sounds he knows to write a story.
Mathematician of the week	Oscar	persevering with a new strategy to add two 2 digit numbers
Shining Light 	Mila Skyla Mason	always being a kind friend always following our school values being a great part of the team by listening for his cues and saying his lines clearly in our rehearsals.
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tyler	for his fluency when reading
Writer of the week 	Carter	for great focus when writing and working on his next steps
Mathematician of the week	Alexander	for his mental maths skills in multiplication and division
Shining Light 	Rowan Fletcher	for always demonstrating all our school values for always demonstrating all our school values
Tackling Tables 	Lola	for purple addition
Reads at home		None this week 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elliot	volunteering to read the class story when Mrs Gathercole got called away temporarily.
Writer of the week	Finley	working hard on punctuation and the presentation of his writing.
Mathematician of the week	Banjo	much improved presentation, setting out her maths clearly and legibly.
Shining Light	Roxanne	always being polite, friendly and helpful, and showing kindness and tolerance to all.
Letting your light shine	Ruby	always working hard and doing the best she can.
	Mason	much improved attitude towards his learning.
Tackling Tables	Mason	green multiplication purple subtraction purple mixed purple addition missing numbers purple subtraction missing numbers
Reads at home	None this week	

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Safeguarding.....

There has been an e-safety warning given by Norfolk Police regarding WhatsApp. Please be aware that there is a WhatsApp group called "Add Everyone you Know" which has been reported to contain indecent images.

Norfolk Police are investigating this group and have urged parents to check their children's WhatsApp, as well as checking their camera roll/images or videos sent via WhatsApp as these can be automatically saved without your child's knowledge.

If any further evidence is found as a result of checking your child's devices, please contact Norfolk Police.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

We are delighted to announce that our Narborough Nursery, Hedgehogs, is now officially ready to open, as we have gained approval from the relevant bodies. We will be opening in January, with 15 places available to come into a mixed Nursery and Reception class for children aged 3 and 4. More details will follow, but for now, if you have any queries at all, please ask me or give us a ring at Narborough, or if you or someone you know would like to apply for a place, please do give us a ring. We already have children on the list for a place, which is very positive. At this time, we anticipate starting with a small number and growing. We very much see ourselves as working in partnership with other local settings in order to provision in the area, rather than any competition.

I did a lovely Collective Worship today with the whole Federation, where we talked about growth mindset, breaking large tasks down into small, achievable steps and also using that strong mindset to tackle things that we believe need addressing - in other words, courageous advocacy. Please let us know if your child has a cause that they are working for.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre last Sunday by offering to help, giving donations and/or coming along to support and enjoy the Fayre.

It was a lovely event and raised the wonderful total of £765.85.

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our families, friends, nature and wildlife that surrounds us. Thank you for Advent and for our Advent calendars, celebrating the countdown to the birth of Jesus

Amen

By Freya and Lola



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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