



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 26th January 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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It has been an unusual week here at Castle Acre. All the bugs seem to have arrived and many children and staff have been struck down with all sorts of viruses and infections. It has meant that everyone here has pulled together to make sure that all jobs are covered and everything is done as we have had people off sick. I always say you can only really get a sense of what your team and community is like when things are different and not normal and the Castle Acre team are truly amazing and that is staff, children and families. Everyone has done their bit and beyond and I couldn't be prouder. All I can say this week is a huge thank you and a massive well done and we wish everyone who is still poorly a swift recovery. Let's keep those germs at bay and remember to wash your hands and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and bin them. Take care of yourselves everyone.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....



Monday - After school Gymnastics Club
with Premier Education

Wednesday - After School Multi-Skills
Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS

Thursday - After School Multi-Skills Club
(Rec - Y1) with ICS

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday
morning break - 40p

Reminders and Information.....



Don't forget **Before School Care** is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Monday to Friday 3.10pm 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 26/1/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	84.62	
Whitebeam	88.57	
Oak	98.78	

Well done to Oak Class
whose attendance made
them clear winners this
week. We hope all our
pupils who are off due to
illness feel better after
the weekend!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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	Finn	showing a great learning attitude and enjoying reading
Writer of the week 	Arly	showing a great learning attitude and working hard on her writing in group work as well as her independent learning time
Mathematician of the week	Oscar	working hard in maths to solve problems in his head as well as checking his answers using new methods
Shining Light 	Oliver L Isla P Mila	always trying to be helpful to others always being kind to others always showing our school values and trying best
Tackling Tables 	None this week	

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Charlie	for all the reading that he does at home
Writer of the week 	Holly	for her amazing spelling
Mathematician of the week	Brody	for using a number line when dividing
Shining Light Letting your light shine 	Tyler Fletcher	for helping others especially when using the chrome books for his responsible and positive attitude towards learning
Tackling Tables	Lola Fletcher Lazenby	for all achieving Blue Phase Multiplication Mini-Test
Reads at home	Charlie	Blue Badge - 10 reads 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Banjo	confident reading to the class
Writer of the week	Declan	working hard on his writing and good editing
Mathematician of the week	Izzy	showing resilience when the question is tricky
Shining Light Letting Your Light Shine	Aleashia James Esther	showing kindness to all working hard and taking responsibility for his learning a positive attitude towards the tests
Tackling Tables	Declan	Purple level mixed addition and subtraction
Reads at home	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.....

Whatsapp; some questions

Whatsapp can be a great communication tool when used safely.

Did you know that Whatsapp age recommendation is now 16+?

Did you know that some messages etc disappear after they've been read?

Did you know your child can share their location with the group unknowingly?

Did you know that Whatsapp is encrypted, which means content is not monitored, meaning that your child can be exposed to harmful or inappropriate content...posted by other children.

National online safety day is coming up, so take this opportunity to look at your child's Whatsapp with them.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



We have been made aware of some whatsapp groups that are causing problems for children and contain some very inappropriate content. The annual main Parents/Carers' survey will be with you soon; please do share your views as they help us shape our schools.

We are particularly aware that online safety is a tricky area for Parents/Carers; children now are growing up as digital natives and can be way more savvy than we are when it comes to tech! We are asking a few questions in our questionnaire about this issue and will be arranging an evening meeting soon, so please watch out for that date.

In the meantime, please see this link to the NSPCC, who offer help and support surrounding the use of Whatsapp:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

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

We would love to hear from any Parents/Carers who are interested in joining Friends as we are currently a very small group of volunteers. Please just speak with me on the gate or phone me on: 07825 229345, Libby Firth (Chair), thank you.

The next large fundraiser we have planned is the Annual Duck Race in the summer term.

Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for our school and our friends and staff. Thank you for helping us learn and flourish through the field of life.

Amen

By Jess and Emma

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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