



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 16th February 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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We have made it...it is half-term! We finished the half-term in style with the sunniest and possibly warmest day of the year so far and lets hope it continues into next week. I wanted to just take the opportunity to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support this half term. It has definitely been one of the most challenging few weeks in terms of illness and staffing I can remember. We understand that this can be tricky for some, not always knowing which adults are going to be in their class but everyone has done amazingly. Just a heads up for World Book Day on 7th March. We ask all children to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. The only rule we have is that the book as to have originated as a book and not as a film or TV programme. Finally, thank you to those who attended our church service this afternoon; it was a pleasure to see you all. Have a lovely half term break and fingers crossed for the weather.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 26th - After school Gymnastics with Premier Education.

Tues 27th - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wed 28th - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 7pm. Plus After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS.

Thursday 8th - After School Multi-Skills Club (Rec - Y1) with ICS.

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p

Reminders and Information.....

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. We, of course, know that things happen sometimes but this should be the exception. Do come and speak to us if you have any queries about this. Please note that the hoodies are for PE and trips or when it is particularly cold on top of a jumper, and not an alternative to a jumper, thank you.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in from Monday to Friday.

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 16/2/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	94.44	
Whitebeam	91.43	
Oak	97.83	

Well done to Oak Class for highest attendance this week!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



3 days lost

5 minutes late per day



6.5 days lost

10 minutes late per day

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

10 days lost

15 minutes late per day

13 days lost

20 minutes late per day

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

19 days lost EACH YEAR!

30 minutes late per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!







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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Oliver P	consistently reading every day
Writer of the week 	Florence Isla B	getting full marks on her phonics screening test trying to do joined up writing every day
Mathematician of the week	Sybil	trying hard, persevering and helping friends in maths
Shining Light	Crimson Brianna Ella	always being kind trying her best in all subjects always showing our school values
Tackling Tables 		None this week
Reads at home 	Florence, Arly and Ivy Oliver P	50 reads 100 reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alexander	for the progress that he is making with his reading
Writer of the week 	Molly	for super spelling
Mathematician of the week 	Lola	for her great attitude towards maths and the progress that she is making
Shining Light	Rowan Charlie	for being a super friend and receiving a gold token this week for being a responsible and polite member of the class
Tackling Tables 	Logan Brody Charlie Max Lola	Blue Phase Multiplication Blue Phase Multiplication Blue Phase Multiplication Green Phase Multiplication Green Phase Multiplication
Reads at home		None this week 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Izzy	fantastic, confident reading out loud to the class
Writer of the week	Mason	some interesting ideas when planning a non-fiction text
Mathematician of the week	Nataniel	improved attitude towards his Maths learning
Shining Light	Freya Finley	always being polite and courteous, respecting others and demonstrating all our school values being an amazing member of Oak class, showing kindness, respect, calmness and an indefatigable attitude towards his work
Tackling Tables	none this week	
Reads at home	Finley	75 Silver star

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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/
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Safeguarding.....

We listen to our children regularly and get their opinions and views about school, which is always a real joy and always interesting.

Our children are very keen for playground equipment, and I am delighted to let you know that our PTFA are choosing from a list of very exciting equipment, and also Miss Maskell (Our PE Leader) and our Sports coach teams are putting together a list of sports equipment so thank you for your feedback children.

Our children were very clear that they love school, love their learning and feel safe and looked after, which is great to know.

Please ask your child who their trusted adult is so that we know every single child has someone in school that they can talk to if they need help with any worries.

Well done everyone!
Our Parents/Carers' survey will be analysed shortly and shared with you all. Thanks to those who have filled it in.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

I wanted to wait until after school today to write my newsletter section, as I knew that our Candlemas celebration would be something special and it certainly did not disappoint. Firstly, thank you to everyone who was able to join us; it is genuinely very lovely to come together as a community and celebrate the distinct Christian nature of our school and our feast days together. I was looking around during the service, and it was so lovely to catch a child's eye and have them smile at me or to share a little moment - some children looked very, very guilty on the mention of (un)tidy bedrooms! Our children, sang read and shared their learning so beautifully and it was a true joy to be part of. As always, thank you to Fr Richard and his Church team for making things so special for us.

I also want to thank our staff for their work this half-term; I think every single adult has been poorly over these last few weeks yet they have continued to give their all, support each other and our children and keep ensuring fantastic learning experiences. Thank you all.

Have a fantastic half-term everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone back and healthy on Monday 26th.

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,

At Candlemas we remember your son, Jesus Christ who is the light of the world and his spirit burns brightly.

Amen

By Esther-Rae



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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