



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 1st March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents, Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely week off and managed to enjoy some rain-free days. I cannot believe that we are already over half-way through this academic year. We have returned with a fantastic attitude to our learning and I don't seem to be able to make it into a classroom or down the corridor without at least one person telling me something that they have learned or sharing a piece of work that they have completed during the day.

You may have seen some discussion in the news recently about children's usage of mobile phones in school. Whilst this is normally a High School issue, we feel we need to take action to develop good habits in our children prior to leaving us. As we always have done, we will be expecting any child who brings their phone into school to hand it in to the school office first thing and collect it as they leave. They will not be able to have access during the school day. We are within our rights to do spot checks where we believe a child has not handed it in. We would strongly encourage that only children in Years 5&6 who walk to and from school on their own, travel on the bus or are going around someone else's after school bring a phone in. We thank you for your support in this matter, as this keeps everyone safe.

This is a short half-term with plenty of events happening so please keep a close eye on the Upcoming Events.

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 4th - After school Gymnastics Club with Premier Education.

Tues 5th - Crucial Crew Trip for Y6

Wed 6th - After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS.

Thursday 7th - World Book Day including Special WBD lunches.
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.

March 15th - Comic Relief -for a donation children can wear their uniform and one or more items of red including a nose!. This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

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.

Attendance Awards w/e 1/3/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	88.52	
Whitebeam	91.1	
Oak	92.61	

Oh dear - we hope everyone
gets better soon



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



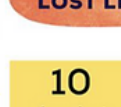
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6.5
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10
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10
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13
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20
minutes late
per day

EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!

19
days lost
EACH
YEAR!

30
minutes late
per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!





AWARDS

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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Crimson	Working hard to read new words in phonics
Writer of the week 	Nalah	Trying her best in independent writing
Mathematician of the week	Isla P	Being able to subtract on a number line
Shining Light	Mila Ivy Sybil	always being kind and helpful to others always being polite and kind Always trying her best and being helpful
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home 	Etta and Sybil Crimson Isla P	100 75 50

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fletcher	for super reading and comprehension work
Writer of the week 	Charlie	for his balanced argument about deforestation
Mathematician of the week	Brody	for always challenging himself and for the great maths work he does at home
Shining Light 	Jasper Rosanna	for amazing perseverance and great attitude to his work for demonstrating all of our school values during her first week at our school
Tackling Tables		none this week
Reads at home		none this week





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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Leo	being a reading buddy
Writer of the week	Banjo	super effort in handwriting and presentation
Mathematician of the week	Emma	brilliant attitude and effort when tackling equivalent fractions
Shining Light	Nataniel	much improved attitude to all areas of learning and school life
Letting your light shine	Jess	always trying her best at everything in school
	Cain	improved effort in his learning
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home	Banjo	silver star for 75 reads

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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.....

Thank you for responding to the questions about online safety. We had 49 responses with most people saying that they are feeling quite confident but that any information is helpful.

People felt that this column is helpful as follows: Strongly agree: 15 Agree: 23

10 said they didn't know whether it was useful or not and 1 parent disagreed that it was helpful.

The things that Parents/Carers requested were:

Keeping up to date with new apps/ platforms or stories online and to ensure parental controls are on. .

For my child to be aware of the dangers/repercussions of poor online safety behaviours and choices

Please see this link for lots of information on chat apps:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

A big thank you to everyone who filled in our Parents/Carers Annual survey we really appreciate your time.

You will receive a breakdown of the survey and a the areas for action and the actions we have or are taking next week.

In summary, we had 10 responses, and all very extremely positive, which is lovely.

There were some really helpful suggestions and ideas, all quite individual ideas, so we will consider and actions those where we can.

When we get the OFSTED phone call and are inspected, we would be delighted if lots of you would share your feedback from this survey with the OFSTED inspection team. You can use Parent View now, (just google OFSTED Parent View; it is very straightforward) and we will need you to respond to the inspection survey that goes out in addition. You can also share good feedback with the inspectors in person so do feel free! If there is anything of concern you would like to bring up but haven't filled in the survey, please do speak to Mrs Spaul or myself so that we can resolve it for you.

Many thanks.

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 this beautiful day with birds that sing. Thank you for our food, friends and family.

Amen

By Elliot and Mason D



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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