



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 26th April 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents,

The sun is finally shining!

We have had a busy week and it seems to have flown by. The children are working really hard in class and I am very impressed by the self challenge when completing tasks such as Tackling Tables.

Rowan Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Walsingham Shrine. Lots of them have talked about the big arch, which I think they were impressed by. They have also talked about how Henry VIII destroyed the holy buildings. It was a tiring day and a little chilly so we had some very tired children return and even some who fell asleep on the coach!

Our Book Fair was hugely successful and we would like to thank you for your support and patience. Through your support, we were able to choose a range of over 20 books to the value of £160 that will go into all 3 classrooms. It is around this time of year that we look to staffing and structure for next year. We don't make any formal decisions until the beginning of next term but we will keep you updated at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget the upcoming Duck Race organised by our wonderful Friends!

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 29th - After School Athletics club with Premier Education.

Tues 30th - Book Fair in the hall from 2.45pm with refreshments.

Wed 1st - After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS. Tuck Shop (40p)

Thurs 2nd - After School Multi-Skills Club (Rec - Y1) with ICS.

Fri 3rd - Tuck Shop (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.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

Attendance Awards w/e 26/4/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	92.14	
Whitebeam	100	
Oak	96.96	

Well done to
Whitebeam Class for 100%
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!


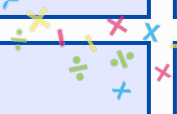



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Leon	reading things that are challenging in his environment
Writer of the week 	Mila	writing a beautiful description of a butterfly
Mathematician of the week	Brianna	trying her best and persevering when it is hard
Shining Light	Noah Stan Etta	working hard to join in and help in phonics being extremely helpful and kind to adults and children having an amazing learning attitude everyday
Tackling Tables 		None this week
Reads at home 	Toby Ella Stan	75 75 10

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alexander	for good participation during reading sessions
Writer of the week 	Rosanna	for the super effort in taking care over the presentation of her written work
Mathematician of the week	Rowan	for his work on fractions and decimals
Shining Light Letting your light shine 	Brody Molly	for demonstrating our value of respect for demonstrating responsibility especially shown through helping others
Tackling Tables 	Charlie Max Rosanna Elarni	MTC - Taster 1 and Taster 2 MTC - Taster 3 MTC - Taster 3 Multiple Mini Test Blue
Reads at home		None this week 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Emma	always having her book ready and reading enthusiastically
Writer of the week	Esther	masses of enthusiasm and ideas for writing about Macbeth
Mathematician of the week	Cain	showing determination when completing very tricky decimal questions
Shining Light Letting your light shine	Freya Jess Leo Cain	always being polite, reliable and dependable consistently demonstrating all our school values a positive attitude starting the new term acting very responsibly when faced with a tricky situation
Tackling Tables	Finley	Yellow phase mixed addition and subtraction
Reads at home	Banjo	100 reads gold star and a book

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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.....

Please see this link to a really interesting online article from a young adult about growing up with a smartphone from a very early age, and the detrimental impact she feels it has had on her childhood.

https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/parents-gave-smartphone-six-robbed-me-childhood-3021865?utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_campaign=i_the_essential_250424&utm_term=editorial_the_essential_active_users

Clearly there are so many positive uses of the internet, and well used as a tool, smartphones can be very helpful. However there is increasing evidence that their impact on children is incredibly damaging.

Food for thought for us all..

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware of the situation with regard to term time holidays but also unauthorised absence (although we see very, very little of this at NVF - well done families).

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

If you feel that you have no option but to need leave of absence then please do book an appointment and come and talk to me before booking anything, and then we can agree a way forward. This will save us having to issue Fixed Penalty Notices that we do not want to issue. Once issued, they are very difficult to withdraw and essentially cannot be.

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

Many thanks to all our families who have bought ducks for the Annual Duck Race, we are off to a flying start with the fundraising. If you wish to purchase any more ducks they will be in local shops or please just ask me or the school office. We would be grateful for baked items for the refreshment stall at the Duck Race which can be brought to school on Friday 10th May or delivered to the stall from 1.30pm on race day at South Acre Bridge.

We are delighted to welcome Sarah and Becky as new members to our Friends group this week, thank you! Libby Firth (Chair), 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for our world full of people and for the religions. Help us to tell the truth all the time

Amen

By: Lola G

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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