



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 13th September 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an amazing start to the term - busy, but amazing! We welcome you all back and are so pleased to see you. Our Year 6s are looking far too grown up and our Receptions are looking incredibly smart. We welcome many new children across our school and would like to say how pleased we are to have them with us. It is like they have always been here. As well as the children, we welcome two new members of staff - Miss Davison and Miss Sloan join us as part of the new Maple Group Team and Mrs Strak, although she was here towards the end of last term, joins us in her official capacity as Year 6 teacher. It is a pleasure to have you working with us.

Everyone has settled in really well into their new classes, learning new things and making new friendships as well as keeping old ones. We would like to invite you into your child's class on Monday 23rd September at 2:30 for a 'meet and greet' session. Thank you for making sure we have all your contact details. Just a quick reminder that if someone different other than yourself is picking your child up, please notify the office via email or phone; we will NOT let them go with anyone else, even if they are an SOS contact.

We look forward to working with you this year. Remember, our door is always open. Please do come and see us if you have any queries or ideas or just need a chat.

Upcoming Events for w/c 16/9/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 16th - Tamion's Super Challenge Time After school Club for Y1 - Y3 pupils.

Tues 17th - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

Wed 18th - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

Premier Education Archery After School Club for Rec - Y6 pupils.

Attendance Awards w/e 13/9/2024

Class	%
Rowan	97.94
Whitebeam	98.7
Oak	93.7

Well done to Rowan and Whitebeam for great attendance this week. However, Whitebeam are the winners!



Reminders and Information.....

It is really important that at this time of year, your child comes to school with the right clothing for the weather. They should have in their bags everyday, a jacket or coat and any other appropriate items of clothing for the time of year eg sun hat/ woolly hat. Also, they need a pair of wellies to leave in school to be able to go on the field at this time of year.

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.

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 - WILL REOPEN W/B 30th September.
Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

YEAR 6 FLEECES - PARENTS/CARERS CAN NOW PURCHASE THE YEAR 6 FLEECES ON BIRDS WEBSITE.



AWARDS

Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tobias Reggie	retelling a story
Writer of the week 	Charlotte	writing with purpose in her independent learning time
Mathematician of the week	Nathan	choosing to take part in maths activities during his independent learning and completing the year 1 work as well as his own.
Shining Light	Nalah Archie	helping and showing kindness to the new reception children settling in beautifully and always following our class rules
Reads at home 		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elijah	for super reading in class
Writer of the week	Skyla	for challenging herself to spell very tricky words! 
Mathematician of the week 	Bobbi	for independently extending his maths learning
Letting your light shine	Florence Etta	for demonstrating responsibility in her learning for demonstrating all of our school values
Tackling Tables 	Oscar	
Reads at home		

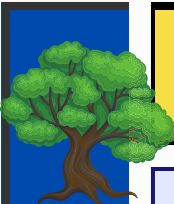




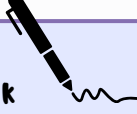


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Holly	evidence from a blurb to provide a detailed prediction
Writer of the week 	Lola P	regaining her pen licence
Mathematician of the week	Steele	getting every single question correct in every lesson this week
Shining Light	Rowan Teddy Amelia Leo	always offering to help other having an amazing week showing all of our school values settling into Oak Class for being a multi-tasking superstar
Tackling Tables 	Steele	Red-Multiplication mini-test & mixed mini-test Green Mixed mini test
Read at Home		
		



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Help with online safety::



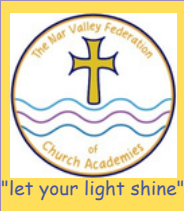
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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.....

A play to support your child with understanding the dangers of County Lines:

Please see below the details of a production aimed at Year 6 children and their families. It is in Thetford and could be very helpful.



Please don't think that 'it doesn't happen here' as Swaffham is very active in terms of County Lines and last year there was an incident

where one of our children was asked if they wanted to earn money by taking a package to someone in the village - Castle Acre.

It can and does happen anywhere and protecting your child against this by empowering them with knowledge is really important.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



It's been a very busy and lovely week, getting round all our schools and seeing some of the children in class. Our Trust member of staff came in recently and was very pleased with all the children's learning. A huge well done to all our Reception children who have settled so brilliantly into school; we are proud of you!

I am looking forward to reading the letters of application from our Year Six pupils who would like to be our Head and Deputy Head pupils; those and the interviews are a good learning experience for the children and we want to develop the posts even further this year into taking responsibility for some areas that they believe in; being change-makers and Courageous Advocates.

If anyone would like to volunteer in school, in whatever ways they feel they can, we;d be delighted to have you; whether it is hearing children read, helping to smarten up some outside areas or clean a double decker bus, your contribution would be most valuable and welcome; please do get in touch.

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

The Friends AGM is on Friday 27th September, 7pm at The Ostrich Pub, Castle Acre, in the Breakfast Room. There is a poster with the agenda in the school postcase. We hope you will be able to join us and if possible become a committee member, however if you just want to come along to the meeting and perhaps offer to help with fundraising events in the coming year that would also be appreciated.

Thank you. Libby Firth (Chair), 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week....



Dear God,

Thank you for school, our friends, our learning and our lunches

Amen

By: Oliver L

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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