



The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some time together as families over Christmas. A huge thank you for the cards and gifts that we received as a staff; your words really do mean a great deal to us. We hope that everyone who was so poorly before Christmas is feeling better and we are delighted to welcome back some of our staff who were in the same position. We have also welcomed our new Nar Valley staff team members, Miss Hayes, Miss Sandford and Ms Rose and welcomed back Mrs Gathercole after her maternity leave, now teaching at Narborough.

I am absolutely delighted to let you know that our Ofsted report for Narborough will be published on the website on Monday; I am incredibly proud of all our staff who have worked very hard to work on areas from the previous inspection, and who work hard on a daily basis to provide what our children need. Thank you for all your support during the inspection in filling in Parent View and also those of you who asked to speak to the inspection team, we really appreciated it. Our excellent SIAMs (Church Schools) inspection from Castle Acre is also available to view on the SIAMS website and we look forward to Ofsted quite soon at Castle Acre - if you are a Castle Acre parent/carer, please do go on Parent View and fill it in once we receive notification of the inspection; the higher the return the better!

Aside from inspections, there is much to look forward to this term; amongst other things, our Candlemas Church service, a planetarium visit for our younger children, another Federation day, First Aid lessons, and of course myself and the rest of the team going are looking forward the Year Six residential at Horsted.

A big thank you to the vast majority of all our NVF families who are ensuring that your children have strong attendance. Just a reminder that you MUST talk to us BEFORE any term time absence is booked. We really dislike having to fine families, it causes unnecessary work and upset but we have to follow the policy. If you talk to us before anything is booked then arrangements can be made to minimise the absence and potentially avoid fines.

There are also some Parents/Carers' workshops on support at home, and hopefully an online safety one, so please look out for details of those.

Finally, we do still have two Parent Governor vacancies, one at Sporle and one at Narborough. It is so important that the local communities are represented on our NVF Governing Body, so if you are interested please get in touch. It isn't too much, is interesting and there is very little paperwork. It can also be a great stepping stone if you are interested in education as a career, and doesn't necessarily always require time in school.

Best wishes and please do contact your Head of School or myself if you have any queries. We look forward to working together again this term and some great fun and learning.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Neary', with a horizontal line underneath.

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