



The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Incredibly, another whole year of learning fun has gone by! It doesn't seem so long since our children were coming back in September ready for all that lay ahead. As I listened to the three Year Six classes read their leavers' speeches over the last few days, it struck me just how many opportunities our children have had across their time in primary and this year and for that I must give enormous thanks and appreciation to our fabulous staff team who give so much more than is seen.

Finances - thank you for settling your accounts, we really do appreciate it as it means that we are able to continue to offer the children so many wonderful experiences. If you do still owe anything, please do pay over the weekend or Monday so that we are able to settle accounts and our children don't lose out.

SATS results; these will be out formally in the Autumn, but a big well done to all our children. Being such small schools, with every child representing a huge percentage, our numbers never really show the fantastic progress the children have made, but we are proud of them and their achievements.

It is always sad to say goodbye, and this year is no exception as we say goodbye to Miss Chapman at Narborough, who has been such an effective and lovely classteacher for our Squirrels children in Year One and Two and an excellent and supportive colleague. We wish Miss Chapman all the very best for her upcoming adventures!

An official hello to Miss Georgia Saddington, who has been working on supply with our Oak children at Castle Acre and now joins us as a full member of staff in Y1/2 at Narborough. At Castle Acre we welcome Miss Hannah Dagless, a teacher of four years who will be teaching Y4/5/6 in our Oak class. We welcome to Sporle, Miss Shannon Mather as our Teaching Assistant in Key Stage Two and Mrs Gemma Farr, an experienced teacher who has covered days for us over the years. Mrs Farr will be teaching Woodpeckers class one day a week whilst Miss Behan has her leadership release time. We're glad to strengthen our team and look forward to the talents of everyone joining us.

Summer holiday competition; Healthy body, Healthy mind.

To support our work on helping our children understand how to develop good habits for strong mental health, we launched a competition last week in the newsletter, which was to design a poster with the slogan 'Healthy body, Healthy mind' on it, and lots of tips on how to have a healthy mind. Good places to look for resources to help your child are the BBC CBBC websites and the NSPCC.

Summer Reading Challenge; Please do do this with your child as it helps them have a great start in September. www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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Finally, thank you to all our volunteers, our PTFA and Friends and our Governors whose work and support means so much to us all in school and enables us to do such a lot for the children that we would otherwise not be able to do. Thank you to our Parents/Carers and families for your partnership and support throughout the year, very best wishes to those families moving on and we look forward to seeing everyone else back on Wednesday 3rd September.

Best wishes,

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