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Nar Valley Federation of Primary Academies Governors' Newsletter New Academic Year 2018 - 2019

What an eventful start to the new academic year we have had and what a term!

We commenced the term with an 8 week period during which OFSTED Inspectors came to assess all 3 schools in the Federation. Whilst this brings with it the inevitable stress and trauma for the staff it also brings the added value of having a third party evaluate all the work we have been doing to improve our teaching & learning in the last 3 years. It also provides a review of how our pupils engage with their education and importantly how they enjoy their time at school.

Well the outcomes we achieved were fair and accurate. All 3 schools achieved good ratings for most if not all aspects of performance and saw their most positive outcomes in Ofsted for over 10 years (in 2 schools their best outcomes in an inspection ever!) All 3 reports are now on our websites, so if you are interested in how the schools got on, please do have a read.

So, thanks to all our staff for the hard work in getting there. Thanks especially to our wonderful children across the Federation who the inspectors recognised as well engaged with but notably happy in their work at school. Thank you also to parents and guardians who gave such positive feedback and comments to the inspectors.

But rest assured the Head Teacher, all the Staff and Governors are now looking to build on these results and further improve the teaching and learning we provide for our children.

The other good news is that our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs. Kim Stabler, is making a wonderful recovery from her recent major surgery and we hope to see her begin her return to work sometime early in 2019.

We hope you find time to join us and your children in the various festive activities planned in the run up to the end of this eventful term. From Governors and all our staff at the Nar Valley Federation we wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you and your children in 2019.

Mr Mike Dwyer
Chair of Governors, The Nar Valley Federation