



## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term with so many sporting, musical and other activities taking place, and I want to thank our Friends/PTFA groups from each school for their support in so many different ways, as well as our fantastic staff team, who really do go above and beyond to enhance the school day for our lovely children.

## NARB paragraph only:

We are saying goodbye today to Mrs Dunkley as Head of School at Narborough. Mrs Dunkley has made such a difference to Narborough and myself since she began her role, overseeing much improvement and the enrichment of our school since Covid times. Many children have enjoyed being taught by Mrs Dunkley, her humour around school and benefitted from her generous giving of her own (and her partner's!) time and we thank her wholeheartedly for all she has done. She leaves Narborough in a stronger position than when she came in and ready to continue on to the next stage of our journey - more about that next term. I am personally delighted to be continuing to work with Mrs Dunkley as she moves across to teach part-time at Castle Acre for a while, covering our maternity leave there. We get to keep her wicked sense of humour and tremendous dedication to our children. Thank you Mrs Dunkley, for everything.

We also need to say goodbye to Miss Joisce, which was a real shock to us all. Teaching's loss is the world of museum education's gain and at least we'll get all the info on great school trips! Since starting with us, Miss Joisce has offered so much; humour, determination to be the best for our children, great Computing leadership and wonderful contributions to residential visits, not least getting completely soaked in the middle of the night last year in a tent at Westacre Theatre. Our children have been lucky to have a lovely teacher who has put much time into their learning and done everything with a huge smile. Thank you Miss Joisce, we wish you well in your future.

We are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Harvey to teach our children for the Summer term and I hope plenty of families have been able to meet her in the time she has spent with us this side of the holidays.

I also wanted to thank all those Parents/Cares who are supporting their children's attendance. Your child being at or above 96% really does make a huge difference to them, socially, learning-ise, experiences-wise and for their life chances moving forward. Thank you.

Our Summer term will be exciting as always, with Sports Days, Residentials and some new playground equipment coming. We look forward to seeing you all and to a great term together at Nar Valley.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter;

Mrs Anne Neary Mrs Sandra Dunkley

