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## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After another term's learning, we are very pleased across the Federation with our children's excellent progress and attainment. We are particularly proud of all of our children who have achieved 25/25 on their multiplication tables test or who have made enormous gains on their score by making the effort to practise at home, children who have improved their phonics score or reading age, again, just by practising regularly at home, and children who have excelled and progressed so well on all their assessments. We have also seen that the children who make the most progress and therefore experience the most success are the children who have strong attendance.

We are also enormously delighted to announce our Bishop's Ambassadors nominees for this year. The Bishop of Norwich, Bishop Graham, asked us to identify a child from each school who has represented our values particularly well. We asked our Values Ambassadors to nominate children and then we added in our Values Ambassadors, with teachers adding their vote to choose the one child. All our nominees will receive their Shining Light certificates in Collective Worship, so congratulations to the following children for being noticed by your peers as someone who consistently upholds the school values:

Castle Acre: Mia, Nalah, Tia, Libby, Molly, Finn, Ava, Willem, Inika and Percy

Narborough: Emma, Jasper, Luna and Logan

Sporle: Lucy, Annie, Piper and Skye

Congratulations to those who were chosen to be our Bishop's Ambassadors; Molly (Castle Acre) Logan (Narborough) and Annie (Sporle) Each of these children, an adult from home and an adult that they have chosen from school will get to have a special lunch together in the Bishop's garden in June. Well done children, you are truly letting your light shine.

Staffing update;

We were very pleased earlier in the term to be joined at Castle Acre by Teaching Assistants Miss Emily Pitchers, Mrs Victoria Girdler and Mr Freddie Holt.

Thank you to all our families for supporting the policy of children not having smartphones at school. Following on from this, and discussions with various parents/carers about the issues surrounding screen time, we are consulting with you regarding our homework policy, so please watch out for a short survey to this effect.

Just a reminder as we move into the summer term about holidays. If you cannot avoid term time absence for this reason, please talk to us before you book, and try and limit the time that children have off school, thank you. We really don't like issuing fines.

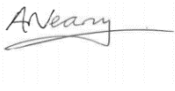
Finally, we do still have two Parent Governor vacancies, one at Sporle and one at Narborough. It is so important that the local communities are represented on our NVF Governing Body, so if you are interested, please get in touch. It isn't too much, is interesting and there is very little paperwork. It 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. I wrote this paragraph this time last year so am really hoping that two lovely people will come forward to offer support this year. Thank you in hopeful anticipation!

We also want to thank our Friends/PTFA groups across the Federation, who continue to be fantastic in raising money to ensure our children still get to go on a huge number of exciting trips and visits, and still have the chance to choose equipment etc. Please do continue to support them. Equally, whilst school budgets are still so tight, please do ensure that you do not have any outstanding monies owed to school, thank you. We really do need every penny to do what we do for the children.

Have a lovely Easter together and we wish you some rest, relaxation and chocolate!

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.

Best wishes,



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