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The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is finally here! There have been some truly lovely festive events and after a lot of hard work and enjoyment, we have many thanks to say.

Thank you so much to our Parent, Teacher and Friends' associations at each school for their tireless work to raise some fantastic amounts for each of our schools. The monies raised will help support our children to continue to have trips and visitors in quite a bleak climate of educational funding. The Friends' groups of course will help choose what we buy, and our children have some strong opinions too!

Could I also ask a favour; we are trying to create more spaces where children can be worked with on an individual or small group basis, for which we need screens so that they don't have to crowd round a chromebook! If you get any new TVs over Christmas and don't know what to do with the old one, please do send it our way in the New Year. Thank you!

I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our staff who have worked so hard this term; we've had so much fun, a great deal of fantastic learning and some lovely Christmas performances and parties to name just a few activities. Thanks also to our governors for their generous support and to our Vicars, Fr Richard, and Rev Janet and Rev Tori for their ongoing support and partnership working. Please see a message below from Bruce Gordon, our Chair of Governors.

During the winter times and in these current times there are many challenges for us all. Please do have a look at the letter from Norfolk County Council 'Help and Support with Living Costs' that we sent with last week's newsletter, the link to which is:

<https://www.castleacre.norfolk.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=9783&type=pdf> as it details various places you can go for support.

On behalf of all the staff can I thank you all for your support for your children and our schools this term.

Finally, thank you to our fantastic children. Over the course of three services and productions there have been many beautiful moments; Freddie with his joyous singing about the glorious night Jesus was born, Bella lifting her voice to clearly pronounce 'Unto us a Child is Born' and the unbridled joy of Florence being a mouse in the stable on that first Christmas Eve. Our children never fail to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas, as Theo said in his prayer so perfectly, which is that the simple peace and joy coming from being the best people that we can be, and helping one another and listening to the message from God, which has never felt more needed in these times.

From Miss Behan and myself, we wish you a peaceful, safe and joyous Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

With hope and prayers for a happy year;



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I write at the end of another busy term for our schools.

Autumn term is always the busiest and most challenging in the school year, and I wish to record my gratitude to all of the staff for the enormous hard work they have put in this term. I have seen first-hand, through my regular visits with Mrs Neary just how professional and dedicated a team we have in our three schools. Particular mention must go to the three Heads of School, Mrs Spaul, Miss Behan and Mrs Dunkley

I would also like to record my thanks to Carolyn Watts, who has been a parent governor with us for the last four years, for the excellent work she has put in over that time. Carolyn decided to step down in October, and it was sad to see her leave us.

Thanks are also due to all of you for helping our team in supporting your children – for ensuring they are at school on time, and that they are only absent when it is absolutely necessary. It makes an enormous difference to their education when they have such a good attendance rate. I am pleased to read that attendance in our schools has been very good this term, and hope to see it improve even more over the rest of the year.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



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