



NAPE Spring 2019

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Welcome to the spring edition of NAPE News.

It is with great pleasure that the National Executive were able to welcome the proposal of Mike Aylen as our **new Vice Chair**. Mike is a very long standing member of NAPE and will be a valuable addition to our leadership team.

We are also delighted to announce that Robert Morgan has agreed to take on the role of **Assistant editor** of our flagship journal Primary First. John Coe will remain as editor.

We are focussed this month on preparations for the forthcoming annual **Schiller Lecture**, this year being given by Professor Teresa Cremin, on the subject of Reading. You will have received a flyer from our national office about this and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the event on 29th April.

NAPE facilitated another meeting of the **Primary Umbrella Group** in February at which we received details of and encouragement to respond to the new Ofsted framework, presented by two senior HMIs. It was interesting to hear the party line on issues such as what constitutes learning, no notice inspections and the value of phonics, all of which were vigorously questioned.

The National executive have agreed a response to the **Ofsted Framework Consultation**, which is now being considered by the National Council, before submission. This will be available to all members shortly.

Meanwhile a **petition against OFSTED's use of four crude overall judgements** (excellent, good, requires improvement and inadequate) is attracting strong support. You can sign it here:

<http://chnng.it/72ch5KdBnD>

The Website is reduced to a limited provision at the moment as we attempt to revitalise it but this involves some complex negotiations and we are grateful to Mark Taylor for dealing with this alongside his popular and successful **NAPE Podcast**. Well worth a listen if you haven't already logged in, it is available here:

<https://www.educationonfire.com/category/national-association-for-primary-education/>

Several council members, wearing a number of different hats, were able to attend the **All Party Parliamentary Group for the Teaching Profession** at the House of Commons. The main topics of discussion were teacher retention and supply and the cost of recruitment, there were presentations about British schools overseas and from the Chartered College of Teachers. The final item concerned Mental Health and Well-being in schools which will be revisited in some depth at the next meeting. There have been some approaches from the media over the last few months asking for our views, but none of these have featured in their publications as far as I am aware.

NAPE was present at the recent well attended **Oxfordshire Headteachers' Conference** in Stratford on Avon, with several Heads taking an interest in our work. Thank you to Lesley Williams from NAPE Oxfordshire and Mark Taylor who looked after this, Mark took the opportunity to gather content for the Podcast. The campaign to improve **School toilet hygiene** is moving to its second phase this year with our support, focussing on Children starting school unable use basic hygiene behaviour and parents not having the resources to teach them to do so and the effects of parents sending their children to school when they are unwell because they cannot take time off work to look after them and the impact this has on the school and spread of germs.

NAPE members have already contributed to the initial surveys and it is hoped that with this campaign we will begin to see some improvements in this critical area of school health.

The next **National Council meeting** is on Saturday 11 May 2019 at 10.30am, The Wesley Hotel, Euston, London. All members are welcome to attend as guests, please contact Sally Swallow at the email address above for an invitation.