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Welcome to the latest edition of NAPE News at an exciting time in our communications history. This week we celebrate the launch of our very own **Podcast** with host and National Council member, Mark Taylor, introducing the first series. Mark has been running the very successful “**Education on Fire**” podcast for some time now with over 10,000 listeners and we are delighted to be directly involved in this new venture. The podcast will be a series of programmes focussing on what what the association is involved in and how we support our members and giving you an opportunity to get

in touch to let us know what you are involved in. There will be a special feature on the writings of Christian Schiller, acting as a starting point for discussion.

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

The next **National Council meeting** is on 12th January 2019 at 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. We are delighted that the council has been rejoined by a long serving member, Mike Aylen, who served in

a variety of roles for many years in the past.

A recent development has seen moves to ensure that the **Primary Umbrella Group**, (PUG) which comprises some 30 of the voluntary associations and unions working in the primary field, continues to function and NAPE is actively engaged in co-ordinating future meetings of PUG.

The great success of the Oxfordshire **Festival of Voices** is always admired by the National Council and at the last meeting it was decided to look for ways to create similar events in other parts of the country, with the support of the Oxford Branch and Council members. If your area would like some support with such a venture please get in touch via the email address above.

I am sure you will have noticed that there have been some changes to our **website** as we try to make it more accessible and user friendly. Many thanks to Stuart Swann and Mark Taylor for undertaking this work. You will also discover on our website and referenced in our Twitter feed, an article by Margaret Clark presenting the evidence against the imposition of the ridiculous **Phonics Screening Check**. This sits
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comfortably with our position as a member of the **More Than a Score Alliance**, which also seeks to dispense with SATs and Baseline testing. As a mandatory requirement the DfE have been obliged to ask for NAPE's opinion regarding the proposed Multiplication Tables Testing and it will be a surprise if we find much to commend it.

The next issue of **Primary First** is being prepared and the editor is always happy to receive, for consideration, contributions from practitioners who report innovative teaching.

We were invited to attend the recent **All Party Parliamentary Group for the Teaching Profession** meeting, which looked at the roll out of the DfE portal for recruitment, which has been less than successful, a report and discussion on the establishment of the Chartered College for teachers, a look at the challenges in recruiting and retaining staff for coastal schools and a very dispiriting presentation of the teacher well being index, which makes very gloomy reading, available here if you feel the need to make you feel better about half term: <https://www.educationsupportpartnership.org.uk/>