

Greetings and thank you everyone,

After a very short term I write to wish you a lovely Whitsun which sees both exciting and vibrant Jubilee celebrations and the Christian Pentecost festival.



I want to thank our families, staff and children for a super half term, one which despite being short is packed with important developments, especially some wonderful outdoor improvements in all of our schools which I'm sure you've loved hearing about. There has been excellent teaching and learning and the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) too. Our year 6s conducted themselves in a way in which we can all be proud and we are keen to remind them and all of our children that they are 'more than' test results, unique and special with gifts and talents beyond the measured subjects. We see this in the friendship, laughter and fun on the playground, their instrument playing, singing, dancing, engineering which we've seen in Greenpower - my list could go on! I am proud that our schools harness and celebrate all of our children's abilities.



We welcome Saffy into Anson, Mrs Jarrett's new, beautiful Miniature Dachshund. She attended a senior leadership meeting and met Ralph, they got on well. Ralph enjoyed a Disco at Richard Crosse, walks, a bath at The Howard and lots of snuggles too.

Behind the scenes at Trust level, lots of work is undertaken in all areas of teaching and learning, leadership and management, HR and finance, audit and risk and now I've found my feet I feel it is important to outline some of the pertinent developments. We have undertaken a cyber-security penetration test which has been successful to both reassure us as a Trust regarding our security but also highlight any areas where we can improve.



Directors have worked hard with Headteachers in many areas including securing our staffing structure for September and Headteachers are excited to share this with you across the final summer term. We are thrilled to share a wonderfully professional video showcasing our Trust's IT strategic plan and our journey to date. We are grateful to Satori Education for their inspirational support and guidance. I hope you manage to watch it at <https://vimeo.com/702929965> We have also been developing our Governance structures and we will update you more next half term - exciting times!

We have been pleased with our new Menu roll out at St Mary's and The Howard, (shared in my Easter message) and are pleased that after half term, we roll it out at Richard Crosse and Anson.

I look forward to enjoying the school's Jubilee celebrations at the end of this final week and as we return. I also look forward to our Green Power day the first week back and all of our planned events as well as Director's walk rounds and review sessions to support and challenge schools. I wish you peace and joy as we enter Whitsun and Pentecost and look forward to a new summer 2 with lots of sporting, singing events as well as some exceptional teaching and learning.

Please remember that all schools have blogs online, a really beautiful range of the sharing of learning and events which showcase our schools at <https://www.tssmat.staffs.sch.uk/our-schools> . Where they are tweeted, I am privileged to comment on them all and retweet as well as showcasing wider work.

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Thank You, *Charlene Gethin* (CEO) and Ralph.

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.