

## CEO letter Spring 2 2024

It's been another swift but jam packed half term. I'm sure you've enjoyed reading your school blogs or tweets (are they called Xs?) as our schools have been very busy places of learning over the last 5 weeks. As always, we are grateful to our staff for their hard work juggling teaching and learning, events such as the residentials and the wonderful Mothering Sunday, children's performances and Easter services. Again, it's been a vibrant time for our children and families and our children continue to show us just how magnificent they are, such good friends, caring and looking out for each other with compassion. They embrace their learning and talk excellently, with pride about their schools.



I have been blessed to visit children on the muddy but exceptional residential at Whitmore lakes and the magical and developmental residential to York - neither of which Ralph was allowed to go to so I had to manage my separation anxiety too. You should be hugely proud of your children, they were exceptionally well behaved, worked well in teams, engaged brilliantly and learnt more about themselves, it was wonderful to see.



Our Trust values worship of spring two on courage was led by The Howard, Ralph and I enjoyed the children's delivery of a superb session for all the classes across our trust. We particularly enjoyed the Chinese folk tale 'The Empty pot' and what this taught us. Our value next half term is compassion and we look forward to our Trust hybrid worship hosted at St Mary's.

Whilst we are unable to share the outcome at this time, it is with gratitude to Governors, Staff, Children and Families at The Howard that we recognise their hard work and dedication each and every day and in the inspection itself. Staff from across the trust were there to be inspected, hold hands and support and it felt like

a wonderful family approach. We look forward to sharing the report once it has been produced. So, that's all TSSMAT schools inspected in 2023/2024 and we will not rest in ensuring we offer exceptional standards of education for our children but do breathe a sigh of relief that we are not awaiting a phone call! Thanks all.





The children enjoyed our cross Trust Netball tournament led by Mr Challinor, it was wonderful to see The Mease in attendance too and we look forward to many more tournaments to come.



It is with a great deal of pleasure that we notify you that on 1st April 2024, The Mease Federation of St Andrews and Mary Howard (CE) Primary Schools join our Trust. We are grateful to the whole team for making this happen, it has not been an easy journey and we are thrilled that we are finally here. We look forward to spending more time with the children of The Mease, working with Governors and staff to make the day to day transition as smooth as possible.

Additionally, we are absolutely thrilled to tell you that the DFE Advisory Board have approved All Saints, Ranton in Staffordshire to join our Trust, Whilst it will take some time it is exciting to start to welcome them to our family.



It has been lovely to be able to attend a sample of Mothering Sunday, children's performances and Easter Services in the last couple of weeks of term. Ralph and I have enjoyed them and the continued high standards of plays and events for children and families, we are all very proud.

Our 3 'new' Governors have been in place for a year now with externally corroborated excellence through Ofsted which we are thrilled and grateful for. Teams from each body met with myself and Directors to conduct a self-evaluation which was very useful to celebrate success and plan a way forward. We continue to be grateful to them for their work.



Have a blessed and restful Easter if you can, take time to embrace the reflection and enjoy the celebration.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph!

*CS Gethin*

