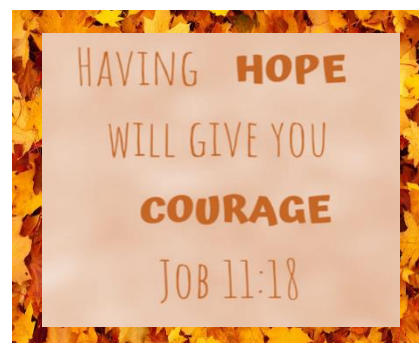


CEO LETTER Autumn 2 2022.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half term! It started with a week of excellent professional development with our staff reviewing our schools' vision and values and how they align with our Trust. Training included safeguarding and health and safety, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and the work shared with you on metacognition. We look forward to the next steps of our metacognition training on 31st October and believe this improvement strategy is enhancing teaching and learning. We look forward to sharing a definitive characteristics list of what 'a Good TSSMAT Learner Looks Like' – and a raffle winner too. We also have an afternoon for further IT training to continue to move our IT strategy forwards, we hope the letter and form regarding our chrome book aspect of our strategy is well received and understood - this brings together a 3-year plan.



Whilst it feels like a long time ago now, it is important to reflect on the period of mourning and our schools professional, respectful and child centred response to the death of our Queen, Elizabeth II. Her dedication to public service, servant leadership and indeed connection in such a special way with everyone has been an inspiration. It is also important to reflect on our Queen's fortitude and our need for courage in a time of such adversity as there is much that worries and impacts on us at the moment, some of which we need to support our children through. Examples include the war in Ukraine, inflation and the cost-of-living crisis, energy prices, school funding, the rise in absolute child poverty, pressures on the NHS going into winter, the continuing impacts of Covid-19 and the climate emergency to name but a few.

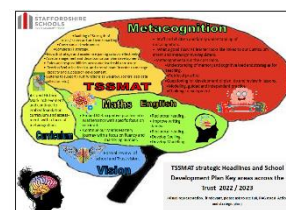
You will have received our mailing calling you to action for Governance in our schools – with increased capacity at Anson and new 'Local Governing Committees' at The Howard, Richard Crosse and St Mary's. We hope that you found the information useful and that we will see you at our information sessions, or contact us with questions should you be interested in applying. This really is an exciting time for us and we hope that you can see the difference you can make.

Dates of meetings

The Howard. Tuesday 8th November @ 8.30 am
Richard Crosse. Wednesday 9th November 3.00 pm
St Mary's. Thursday 10th November @ 8.30 am



Anson's Governors and Trust Directors have worked hard engaging in school life, reviewing provision and statutory requirements, roles and responsibilities and feel well informed about the excellent learning and provision across our schools as well as our areas for development. Please see the attached (not the thumbnail) pictorial Trust and school improvement document as a key reminder of what we are working towards this year.



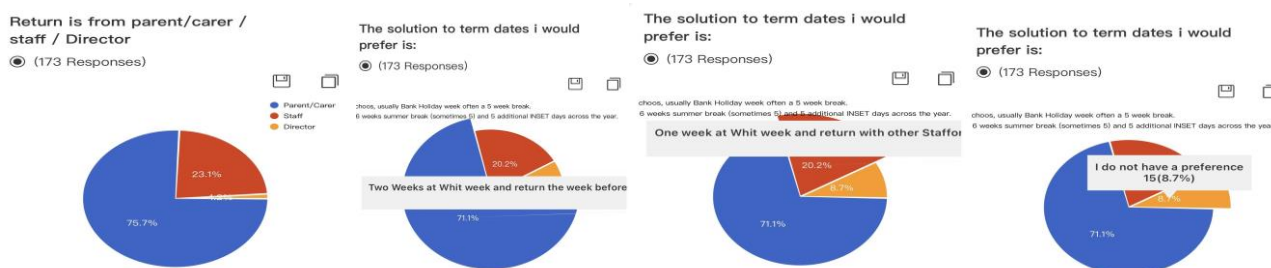
Children and staff enjoyed a wellbeing week this week which culminated some significant developmental work to support the wellbeing of our children and staff. Leaders enjoyed a wellbeing day recently reviewing their stress and wellbeing and we have a targeted plan to support this important area. We continue to analyse our staff pulse surveys to ensure we are supporting them as much as we can so that they are able to do the best job they can for the benefit of your child's learning and school experience.



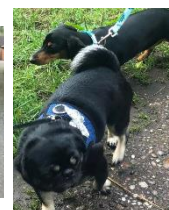
Thank you for completing our term date consultation. We had an overwhelming 173 responses and would like to inform you that:

71.7% said they would prefer the term dates to stay as they are (two weeks at Whit Week).
20.2% would have preferred one week at Whit Week and to go back at the same time as other Staffordshire schools.
8.7% had no preference.

This means that we will continue with the same model for term dates and will provide you with 2023/2024 dates shortly after half term should you choose to book holidays during the school planned breaks.



Ralph and I have had the privilege to be involved in a range of aspects of school life from formal learning walks and meetings demonstrating wonderful provision across our trust, to time away with staff and children at Standon Bowers, engaging in exciting learning activities such as the Egyptian day, sharing with children some moves from Tai Chi and some baths and walks too, do look at our school blogs, Twitter and Instagram accounts too.



We hope that you have a good half term, if you are working, you get some family time and please see the attached a flyer with information regarding a safe Halloween and understanding All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day. Remember, if this is something you engage in, to take the light of Jesus with you. Have a good week and we will see you after our training day when we welcome children back on 1st November 2022.



Kind Regards,

C S Gethin

Mrs Charlene Gethin and *Ralph*
(CEO)