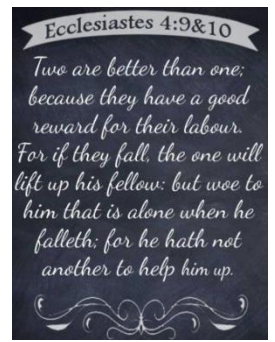


Dear All Staff, Families and Children,

As I compose my final message this academic year it prompts me to think of all the wonderful learning and events which have been experienced across the Trust, all those which Ralph and I have had the privilege to be involved with and to view the Tweets and blogs of those we missed. All of the amazing learning and special events could not happen without the hard work and dedication of our staff and the demonstration of team work both within schools and across our Trust, thank you to you all. Staff and volunteers couldn't and would not be able to do such a wonderful job if they didn't enjoy working with your fantastic children and families all of whom have shown such tenacity this year, persevering through some continued difficult times, pulling together and pushing themselves to achieve. Each and every day our children astonish us and make us smile, you should be very proud.

It has been a blessing and somewhat thrilling really to be able to have some normality this summer for our staff, children and families. On the whole we have seen more stable staffing which has enabled us to broaden our offer and gather everyone together for many opportunities such as Green Power, sports days, summer fairs and PTFA events, singing events across the trust, productions, plays, visits to a range of places from farms to theatres, residential visits (Borth was exceptional – Ralph and I loved it) heritage events such as May celebrations and recognition of local history. Such a wealth of opportunity and experiences for all.



The achievements of all our staff, children and schools are fantastic and highly celebrated - we are pleased with our National SAT and accountability measures results across our schools and are proud of our children's achievements. It is important that we recognise each school's unique achievements and mention those when they are recognised by external verification so, it is with a great deal of pride and praise that we recognise St Mary's 'Excellent' (Former Outstanding) SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The report is the most fantastic and beautiful read and recognises the school and its community's drive and hard work. Well done.

We have worked hard this year to review our Governance, support and accountability structures and are excited about the next phase of development. This means that we will have a new Local Governing Council (LGC) for each of our 3 schools to work in the same way, with delegated powers, alongside Anson's already strong Governing Council. We will send out some detailed information to our parents and communities to see if anyone is interested in supporting our schools in this capacity next year. Have a think if this is something you would like to do and watch this space!

So to close the year - I would like to express my gratitude as we come to the end of my first year as CEO at TSSMAT, where did the time go? It flies whilst having fun and I really have. Despite some of the challenges, I am so happy, passionate and driven in pulling together all of the threads of development and looking to the future. I am so lucky to have such a supportive, professional and dedicated board of Directors, a fantastic leadership team of inspirational and passionate Headteachers, staff and communities who are so connected and of course, our wonderful children - I feel like part of a very special family. I hope that you all manage to carve out some family time this summer and do some lovely things!

With love, Mrs. Charlene Gethin  
(CEO) and *Ralph*.

**Colossians 3:17** *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*



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