

CEO ISSMAT Summer - End of year message

As the summer draws to a close, it is pleasing to offer an update on some of our Trust events and development.

I have worked with all Headteachers feeding back senior and middle leaders responses to the outcomes of data, monitoring and evaluation to identify the priorities for next year. Each school will share the headlines of their school development plans with you but the following is a pictorial list of priorities across the Trust. You will see that one of these is oracy and, in order to deliver the next steps of our English strategy we **have an INSET day on Monday 4th November.**



STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Flying the banner of love, wisdom and excellence.
Trust Strategic Plan Headlines 2024/2025*

<p>General Trust growth and central team capacity / roles and responsibilities devp. Centralised systems devp. IT / google strategy / AI strategy devp. Business continuity development and cyber security Premises management devp.</p> <p>Leadership and Governance Develop the Scheme of delegation in light of maturing LGCs LGC self evaluation of new schools SENDCO - with expansion of the Trust Middle leadership further development EVC leadership and EVC trust wide systems and processes</p>	<p>English Oracy, Fluency with transcription, Maths Continued mastery journey (we are all at a range of stages with maths mastery ranging from intro to hub and mastery in number to fluency development). PE EYFS and PE curriculum Dance and gymnastics whole school Pedagogy Metacognition continued development of recall and task design EYES ECT support, Nursery links, PE</p>	<p>Christian Distinctiveness Spirituality - specifically children and adults being able to articulate spirituality and what it means to them. SIAMS development (2 schools this year)</p> <p>Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development Wellbeing development and award accreditation Attendance - application of new statutory guidance and policy Forest school - connect excellent schools practice with developing schools.</p>
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**Full Trust plans sit behind this visual overview and each school has its own School Development Plan with additional priorities.*

Additionally, you have received a letter from your school offices outlining our visit from Pep the Poet linked to poetry and wellbeing. You may like to buy a book or two to have signed.

<p>Thursday 12th September Morning: All Saints, Ranton Afternoon: Anson</p>	<p>Friday 13th September Morning: Richard Crosse and St Marys together @ RC Afternoon: The Howard</p>	<p>Friday 27th September Morning: Mary Howard Afternoon: St Andrews</p>
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<https://www.pepthe poet.co.uk/>

SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

My last report shared all 4 OFSTED inspections and our Summer 2 term has seen two further SIAMS inspections, one at Richard Crosse and one at Mary Howard. Gratitudes go to staff, children, families, Governors and Directors for their hard work to support the schools

through these inspections. We are so proud of all of our schools and the Christian Distinctiveness they offer which is lived out through their vision and values and the following reports articulates the wonderful, daily lived experiences for our children, staff and families.

Richard Crosse's report: <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/siams>

Mary Howard report: We await the report and will send out when it arrives!

Events



Musicals evening

We had a magnificent time at our Musicals concert with children across some of the schools in our Trust. Thank you to all families for attending and we are sure you had a fabulous time, we are so proud and are already considering the theme for next year! Thank you for buying raffle tickets which has helped keep the choirs and these events afloat but we forgot to kindly ask for a collection which is **split between the church and our musical arts program. If any families feel able to donate** please send this into your school names musicals evening and we will collate. Thank

you in advance. We look forward to our next event!



Green power

It was so fantastic to see children and families enjoying themselves and achieving at the green power event. All the cars were amazing but I particularly liked the postman Pat one which won best bodywork! Well done to the children and thanks to Dr Allen for his commitment to ensuring such an amazing opportunity for our



children.

Joining celebration event

Children and families joined together for a picnic to mark their joining with our Trust. We had a fantastic day and children entered a competition designing a bandana for Ralph!



May day

We had a magical evening at The Howard for their May Queen celebrations, it was wonderful to see generations of families there with community and school members. A super evening and the weather was kind.

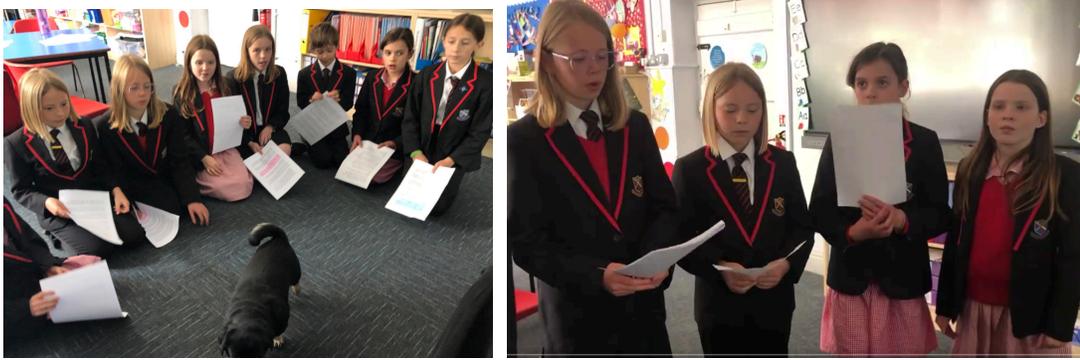


Spelling bee (KS1 and KS2)

The Howard won both the KS1 and KS2 spelling Bee events. Both 'bees' had a wonderful atmosphere; families, friends and children enjoyed them greatly. What a fabulous, Trust wide event.

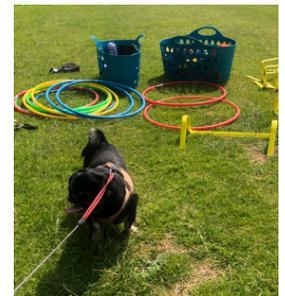
Trust Worship

What a special Trust worship on peace. This was led by Richard Crosse's worship council across our Trust of 7 schools - wonderful engagement across the miles.



Cross Country

We had a magical event at our Trust cross country, children from across 6 schools had a fantastic time and we were lucky that the temperatures came down so it was a safe event. Richard Crosse were the champions! Sports days across the Trust have also been well attended and supported and children had a brilliant time sharing their skills and teamwork.



Year 5/6 plays

All the plays across the Trust were fantastic. Ralph and I were blessed to attend them all and the children were confident and clearly enjoyed themselves. They delivered lines well, sang beautifully, moved excellently and looked amazing (thanks staff and families), what a way to end the term!



The Howard - Greatest Showman
Robin Hood@ Anson.





The Pirates of the Currybean @ Richard Crosse



Peter Pan @ St Marys



Leavers

As I write this only one leavers service has been held which I enjoyed attending. I am sure children and families will enjoy the final leavers services this summer, they are special and emotional times celebrating the educational lives of our year 6 children who are moving onto pastures new! We wish them every success, health and happiness for the future and hope they come back to share their achievements in the future. (Ralph and I at Mary Howard).



Borth

As I write this , we are underway with the final preparations for Borth, our year 6 residential. We are sure it will be a wonderful few days where our year 6s will be exceptionally well behaved and have a fantastic time learning so much more about themselves and their achievements there. I hope you got to view the picture on social media - you still can!



Further updates

We are thrilled that All Saints Ranton are joining in September and have already appreciated the relationship building and working together opportunities. They have had some wonderful events such as their art gallery!

School Day

We communicated our gratitude to you for your contributions to consultation on our school day. All the details were shared directly after the Whit week break and this is just a reminder that from September, timings are as follows.

The Mease	The Howard, Ricahrd Crosse, St Marys, Anson	All Saints
8.45 am - 3.30 pm	8.45 am - 3.15 pm	Class 1 - 8.45 - 3.15 Class 2/3 8.50 - 3.20

Care club details have been sent to parents by all schools and, for the 4 schools where alterations have been made, our care club structure has been altered to enable a drop off at 8.30 am which supports one of the main concerns from consultation.

Attendance

A detailed letter has been sent to all parents/carers regarding the changes to statutory attendance guidance. Please ensure you read this carefully. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in improving attendance in our schools, your support, commitment and communication has been instrumental in making the changes needed. We have made huge strides as a Trust to ensure that attendance is everyone's responsibility and our recent attendance audit was overwhelmingly positive, offering many strengths across all of our schools and further advice for how to support and engender change for the few remaining families needing further help. Additionally, our attendance data is positive. The letter which you have received outlines the introduction of new statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE)

And finally

Our Trust Board and I are grateful to everyone for their support and challenge this year and we hope that every aspect of engagement and working together has continued to grow and strengthen our schools and our Trust.

We are sincerely grateful for the incredible work our staff, families, PTA members, other volunteers and Governors do for our school communities, for their dedication and tireless efforts which have a significant impact on the lives of our children. It just leaves me to say, please review the school events blogs and Twitter, instagram accounts for the many, many more events and examples of fabulous learning our children have been blessed to have and discover. Have a restful, family-filled summer, I realise many people work and know staff will be preparing for the new year ahead too for some of it, but we do hope you get some time with your loved ones to rest, recuperate, and get ready for the new academic year to come. Thank you

Kind regards,

CS Gethin

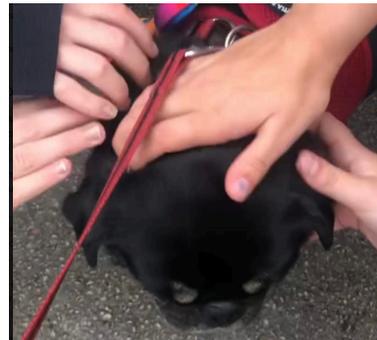
Mrs Charlene Gethin & Ralph.
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Baths with the children



In the classroom



Having love, a good massage



On the stage!