

Dear Staff, Members, Directors and Governors,

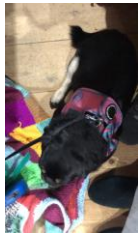
What a great but short half term, the shortest of the year but it has been jam packed and I am grateful to children, staff and families for making it such a super one. I have been blessed to attend Mothering Sunday and Easter services as well as children's productions, plays and dance recitals across the last few weeks, they have been delightful and Ralph and I have loved them. I was disappointed not to be able to attend the Camerata but it's special to know that all the schools were together, singing in such an important event.



The Howards Easter Service is on Friday afternoon so there is no time to get a picture in! Don't forget you can see photos and details about what is happening in your school blogs on the website and [@TSSMAT1](#) on Twitter.

I offer the following in order to update you regarding Trust Growth. We are thrilled to report that the Lichfield Diocese has approved our application for The Mease Federation to join with us so the next step is approval from the Regional Department For Education's Advisory Board before we start the long process of formal due diligence and possible joining procedures. Our 'seconded' opportunities for leadership have come to fruition and after the Easter break we see several changes, this includes Miss Mills moving across to The Mease Federation to become the Executive Headteacher and Mr. Wynn's to become the Executive Headteacher of St Marys and The Howard. Additionally, we are thrilled to have appointed Miss H Jennings as Deputy Headteacher at The Howard and Mrs D Davies at St Marys. Finally, we see Mrs L Derry as Deputy Headteacher at Richard Crosse and have an internal advert running at the moment for a Deputy Headteacher for a year from September 2023 at Anson. Should everything go to plan, we will then have opportunity for permanent Deputy Headteacher appointments across all 4 schools from September 2024 which offers excellent distributive leadership and retention of amazing staff in our Trust as well as great succession plans. Finally, we are thrilled that Mrs G Duffy's SENDCO role is going so brilliantly and to commit a SENDCO across the Trust demonstrates our commitment to ensure consistency and excellence in our provision and work with children and families.

A range of leaders including Governors and Directors met with the Lichfield Diocese to receive an update on the new inspection schedule review the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). We feel in a positive position with our practice and provision but also have lots of plans to continue to strengthen what we do.



Have a wonderful Easter break, I do hope that across the fortnight you manage to have some quality time with your family, engaging in the enjoyment that Easter brings for children and adults alike and some reflection time too. I'm sure many of you will also be working and I do hope that you get to enjoy some of this period.

Kind Regards,  Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph. - in church for a service.