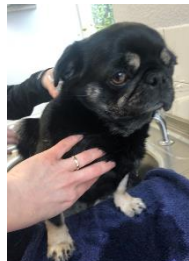
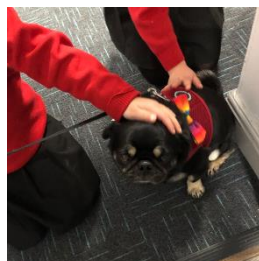


Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Members, Directors and Governors,

I feel like this half term has whizzed by and yet such a large amount has been achieved. It's important to start with the children! It is wonderful to have the opportunity to connect with schools and children as their personal, emotional and academic development is why we do everything we do and this half term has felt so strategic - developing structures in terms of Governance and growth which I shall update you on later in the letter.



A couple of our broader educational opportunities which support academic learning, mental health and wellbeing are our musical and outdoor education provision and it has been fantastic to see them in action across all of our schools, hearing the choir practice has been a

particular highlight. Additionally, Green Power is gaining steam (well electrical power) and Ralph has thoroughly enjoyed attending each school including a lovely bath with our year 5 children at Richard Crosse and reception children at St Marys.

It was lovely to use some of my free time to have a go at entering St Mary's art competition – the theme was 'flying like eagles' and of course Ralph had to feature. I am sure they have had some excellent entries and I look forward to the gallery, this was certainly good for my mental health.



Our vision to ensure we have Local Governance for all of our schools as an additional layer of accountability, quality assurance and support has truly come to fruition with all schools holding their first meeting this half term and Anson's LGC (Local Governing Committee) growing their team. This has been a long and challenging process to recruit circa. 20 new Governors with excellent skill sets, to set up all the specific documentation and processes to ensure that this is effective and the flow of information is timely and developmental. We have offered a robust induction process in two sessions, a morning breakfast session and an evening cheese and biscuits session - and of course we have completed the large range of checks necessary for them to start safely. We are thrilled with the breadth of experience and skills across the LGCs and the first meetings have been excellent and we are excited to go from strength to strength.



Additionally, our growth plans are moving forward and we are excited to share that our Trust has the opportunity to move into its next stage of growth development and so we are planning for temporary changes of leadership whilst

move forward in our journey of Academisation with The Mease Federation (Mary Howard, Edingale and St Andrews Clifton Campville). <https://www.themeasefederation.co.uk/> In order for our plans to come to fruition, whilst we have sent our specific letters to relevant parties, we wish to notify you all of some leadership changes for St Mary's and The Howard as we celebrate Miss Mills secondment to become the Executive Headteacher of The Mease Federation and Mr Wynn's secondment to become the Executive Headteacher of St Marys and The Howard. We are also in the process of appointing a Deputy Headteacher for both St Mary's and The Howard to provide additional leadership capacity. Staff and parents at St Mary's and The Howard have received individual letters and an offer of formal meetings for question and answers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wynn, Miss Mills or myself.

As always, my gratitude goes to families for their support and communication about positives as well as those who connect with us calmly and treat our staff with respect. Thanks go to our families for their time towards PTA events and volunteering, helping their children with their learning and their support.

I too am eternally grateful to our Headteachers and all of our staff and volunteers for a fabulous, vibrant half term and the learning and experiences for our children, for their teamwork and commitment to continual improvement. It is wonderful to review the school blogs and twitter to see such amazing opportunities for our children. Make sure you have a look! [@TSSMAT1](https://twitter.com/TSSMAT1)

I am also grateful to our Directors and local Governors for their precious volunteering time attending meetings and committing to support and challenge in their areas of expertise. Thank you.

And finally, to our children for being such animated, engaged young people, contributing to school improvement through their voice in so many aspects of learning exploration.

Have a lovely February half term, I hope you can take as much time as you can with your families and we look forward to seeing you on our return.

Kind Regards,

CS Gethin

Charlene Gethin (CEO)
and Ralph.

