

Dear all members of our school communities,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I offer a few words at the end of our autumn 1 term. I do hope this new format makes it more accessible to everyone. I'm sure from a time and inclination perspective, it is better than reading the previous lengthy CEO letters. Please do get in touch if there is anything in particular you would like me to cover in the future.

As always, I offer my gratitude to staff, Governors and Directors for their hard work over this autumn term and to parents / carers for their support. Thanks go to families for embracing the new school day timings. We are pleased to announce that all schools have had a positive start and they can all balance their budgets both this year and the next. It's been a long term which has been jam-packed with excellent teaching and learning, positive inspections, a residential, trips and visitors. Our children truly have had some wonderful opportunities to enhance their learning.



It started with Pep the Poet's lead of our whole Trust INSET day and his visits to all of our schools. We were thrilled that Directors and Governors could join us for our INSET. It was magnificent to solidify our wellbeing strategy with the children's curriculum!



Congratulations go to St Andrew's for their successful SIAMS. It was incredibly positive and this concludes the SIAMS inspections for the Mease. Please read all the Trust reports on our website - they are fantastic and recognise the wonderful vision, culture and ethos across our Trust. <https://st-andrews-cliftoncampville.staffs.sch.uk/our-school/siams>

Together we have conducted autumn reviews of our schools, pairing up Headteachers, myself and Ralph of course. We have enjoyed lessons and conducted staff interviews and pupil voice sessions with a range of children. The reviews have all been so positive with some small questions to lead developments going forward. The children spoke passionately about their schools; it was a special couple of weeks.

We are thrilled with all our schools' results across 2023/2024, it was a highly successful academic year. At the national measurement points all schools achieved above national standards for the phonics check and, apart from one school with a tiny cohort which skewed the data, all of our schools achieved above national standards at KS2 in all assessments. We are so proud of all our children's achievements in all year groups.

Additionally, we are grateful to our parents for working closely with our schools regarding their child's attendance. All schools concluded the year with above national % for attendance and persistent absence. We still have some way to go to continue to improve and hope the INSET day consultation has been well responded to, we look forward to feeding the outcomes back to you.

Welcome to All Saints, Ranton who joined on 1st September and it's been wonderful to continue to work with them.

I hope you all have a safe and happy half term ready for the run up to Christmas! Regards, *Mrs Charlene Gethin* and *Ralph!*

