

## Romans 15 v13

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit'

## **Dear Colleagues**

I'm sure many of you will agree with me that this term really has flown by. By the time the Christmas break arrives I think I will have visited 40 schools since coming into post in September. I must say thank you to you for welcoming me. I have seen so many inspirational settings where our children are being given amazing opportunities. I have found our schools to be beacons of hope and joy and it was very encouraging to see so many school communities thriving in a challenging educational environment. Thank you for all you are doing.

.......We have just finished our round of Autumn Briefings. We had twelve in all and it is fair to say that attendance was variable. I fully understand how busy the life of Heads and Governors are and I was appreciative of those who sent their apologies. It has been really valuable for me to meet so many of you and I hope you found our meetings valuable and informative. I do send a genuine appeal to you all to engage with us. We are here to serve you and there is much we can offer to support you. We are keen to learn how we can make it easier for you to access us individually and the services we offer so do please let us know what we can do.

It only remains for me to wish you a happy and restful Christmas. Thank you for your commitment to our school communities and the love and care you provide our children.

Yours sincerely

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