

Improve your school and your well-being and bring your school community together.

Two messages in one from an experienced and successful Head Teacher and author.

Head Teacher Well-being and Success:

Well-being is a subject that is spoken about a great deal. The global pandemic has reminded us all how much we rely on each other for support and connectedness.

Chris McDermott is an experienced and successful Head Teacher, having led schools to Outstanding inspection results in London and Dubai; this includes having been Head of a primary school in London which moved from Acceptable to Outstanding in two consecutive inspections. Chris has also been the Founding Principal of Oaktree Primary School in Dubai, when 100 per cent of parents replying to the school's first survey said that the school was well led and managed.

Quote from an inspection report for Jumeirah Primary School, Dubai, led by Chris:

'The quality of leadership was outstanding across the school. The Principal provided inspirational leadership, drive and vision, and demonstrated a passion for students' rights to great learning experiences. Staff felt valued and stated that they had an important contribution to make to school improvement.'

Quote from the Ofsted inspection report for Marlborough Primary School, Harrow, in October 2010, which moved from Acceptable to Outstanding in under three years:

'The Head leads the school 'superbly well', together with his senior management team. The headteacher's and senior leadership's superb leadership and skilful management have permeated the school resulting in very high staff morale and increased staff stability in recent years.'

Since leaving Dubai, Chris has completed a Masters of Education degree at the University of Cambridge for which he has written a dissertation on the subject of Head Teacher Well-being, when he focussed on listening to Head Teachers to promote their well-being, linking it to achievement, so that the issue of the needs of the school community as a whole are met as well as those of the Head Teacher.

You can find out more about Chris and his consultancy business by visiting www.*****. The consultancy gives advice on a number of subjects, specialising in school transformation and Head Teacher well-being.

Parent-Teacher Associations and Bringing the Community Together:

In addition to his work in leading schools, Chris has had a successful Murder Mystery play-writing business, which has sold plays to Parent Teacher Association and other organisations for nearly 25 years, with nearly 2,000 sales. These Murder Mystery Play evenings bring parents together as, on the evening, parents and staff form teams, have a meal and watch a 'Whodunnit?' drama, often involving actors that they know, in order to solve a Murder Mystery puzzle, hopefully having a laugh at the same time!

Below are some comments made by happy customers:

'A great script and a wonderful night of entertainment. Thanks once again for helping us to raise 800 pounds'. Sally-Anne Hawkins, St. Chads PFTA, Wolverhampton.

'A wonderful evening, superb timing. Excellent information, easily followed, well planned'. Irene Conroy, The Mount School, York.

'It was hilarious. We had tremendous fun. It was superb'. Mike Howe, Friends of St. Agnes Church, Port Talbot.

If you would like to find out more, or would like to order a play, you can ring us on 01923 720251 or visit our website at: murdermysteryplayers.co.uk.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's spread the well-being!

Best wishes,

Chris.