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Dear parents/carers

It is said, as one gets older, that years go by more quickly. It doesn't seem any time since I was writing my end of year letter last year!

As I look back over the year, on the last day of term, it's inevitable (and necessary) to think about some of the things we'll try to do better next year, but also right to celebrate many of the things that we should justifiably be proud of achieving.

Primary schools nationally are measured by their Key Stage 2 test results. Year 6 have done remarkably well in the two years they have been with us, with unvalidated key stage 2 test results this year of 94% level 4+ in reading and 59% at level 5; 79% level 4+ in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, with 55% at level 5+ and 1% at level 6. In Maths, 87% of pupils achieved level 4+; 46% at level 5+ and 11% at level 6. These pupils and their teachers are to be congratulated.

In November, a year on from our Ofsted, the separate 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools' (SIAMS) inspection, which we have as a church school, arrived. It was a great achievement to be confirmed as an Outstanding Anglican school, and this must surely be one of my highlights of the year.

There have been so many other highlights: it has been a pleasure: joining in with pupils' learning, seeing pieces of excellent work, distributing awards, reading sporting and musical achievements, and house point totals, our sports day, leading and joining in our acts of worship. If I could only pick one, I might choose the three productions we've had this year: Years 3 & 4 at Christmas, Year 5 at Easter, and Year 6 in the summer. All were superb and made a fabulous end to each term. It's so rewarding to see entire year groups working together and sharing such pleasure and success.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl have also reflected on their year. They write:

During this year, we have had the great opportunity and brilliant experience of being Head Boy and Head Girl. We were delighted and proud to be asked to do these roles and we were extremely happy to be voted by staff – it was a great surprise to be asked! We have carried out various tasks and it makes us feel very mature and proud to wear our Head Boy and Head Girl badges.

We have been involved in many events and have helped with worship and church services. We have been extremely proud to show future pupils and parents around our school and our fantastic facilities, especially the prayer garden, ICT suite and the LRC.

We are both confident and keen to take visitors around the school, who are thinking of becoming part of our Thomas Coram family. We have enjoyed talking to them and showing them all of the great things about our school.

We have demonstrated our good leadership skills by organising the prefects and showing them what to do, particularly as new prefects start every term and we have to help and support them to carry out their duties of being a prefect. We feel that these skills will help us in the future and hopefully enable us to have further opportunities with other leadership roles, such as Sports Leaders or even Head Boy or Head Girl in our new secondary schools.

Thomas Coram has given us many opportunities, such as representing our year group, being ambassadors for the school and challenging us, particularly by being part of district sports events, entering in the Year 8 Maths Challenge and other Gifted and Talented activities in English and Maths.



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Thomas Coram is an amazing school, as it is a really happy and caring place for all children, with the best equipment and facilities ever! We will always remember this experience and will miss all of the friendly and talented teachers when we leave at the end of the year. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for our outstanding time at Thomas Coram!

Finally, I must echo Talisa and Archie's thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard over the year. I am indebted to them for their sustained and significant contribution to the life of our school and especially for the impact they have made on the achievement, progress, care and happiness of so many pupils.

This school isn't just a building: it's the people. Thank you for the part you have played in 'being' our school this year. We wish Year 6, and those staff leaving us, every success in the next stage of their lives; I wish you a very happy and safe summer and look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 3 September 2015 to build yet further on these successes in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

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