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Dear parents and carers

One of our governors asked me after a recent school event how it went. I said (as I often do!) 'It was OK but...' The governor pointed out that nothing is ever good enough for me, and it's that attitude for constant improvement that helps make Thomas Coram the special place that it is.

As I reflect on this year it's inevitable to think about some of the things we'll try to do better next year, but it's also right to take time to celebrate many of the things that we should justifiably be proud of achieving.

For me, it has particularly been a pleasure to join in with pupils' learning, seeing pieces of excellent work, distributing awards, reading sporting and musical achievements, house point totals, our sports day, and leading and joining in our acts of worship. Our end of term productions have all been superb: it's so rewarding to see entire year groups working together and sharing such pleasure and success.

The Friends of Thomas Coram have also had a very successful year and would like to thank all the supporters, volunteers and outgoing chairs, Lee and Rachael, that have helped raise over £15,000 for the school this year – all to be spent on projects to enhance the experience pupils have at Thomas Coram. They have also raised £231.73, from the last two cake sales, which is being donated to The Autistic Society. Our sincerest thanks to all the Friends for their tireless efforts to support our school so brilliantly.

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

Throughout the year, we have had the great opportunity and fantastic experience of being Head Boy and Head Girl. We were extremely pleased and proud to be asked to do these roles and to carry out the different tasks. We feel very mature wearing our Head Boy and Head Girl badges and we were both very surprised to be voted by all of the staff!

We have developed our leadership and communication skills, by being good role models and organising each group of prefects to complete their tasks. We both have the skills to give clear instructions to the new group of prefects – this can be a challenge, as we have a new group to train each term. We feel that we have supported the prefects, especially if they are struggling or unsure of what to do. We think that we have made the prefects feel more confident about their role.

We are always delighted to take visitors on a tour around our amazing school. We especially enjoy showing new pupils and their families around, as they are always very interested to find out about the school. We relish the opportunities to show other visitors around, such as governors and teachers from other schools. It is great to 'show-off' our school – our ethos, friendliness and facilities.

Thomas Coram has given us both many opportunities, including helping with worship and church services and being ambassadors for the school. We felt very proud to open the Charter Day service. We have also represented the school in tournaments and district sporting events.



Thomas Coram is a brilliant school. We will remember this amazing experience and we will miss the phenomenal teachers. Finally, on behalf of all the Year 6 pupils, we would like to say a huge thank you for three unforgettable years.

I must echo Florence and Joe'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.

I am very proud to be part of this school and to serve the community that we do. Our children are bright, enthusiastic and energetic, and have a love of learning that we work hard to nurture. This is a credit to you as their parents and carers and to the whole staff team: I would like to thank you all for making this year such a wonderful one.

We look forward to welcoming you back after what I hope is a sunny, restful and safe summer break; and to our Year 6 leavers we wish every success in the next stage of their lives.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Halls
Headteacher