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Dear parents and carers

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.

You will have seen this summer's Year 6 statutory test results. They're great – and we'll continue to improve on the areas where we need to. As important as results and pupil outcomes are, it's all the other things we do that make helps make Thomas Coram the special place that it is.

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 Year group productions have all been superb: it's so rewarding to see a year group and their staff 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 committee members that have helped raise so much for the school this year – all to be spent on projects to enhance the experience pupils have at Thomas Coram. 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 amazing 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 duties. We feel very mature wearing our Head Boy and Head Girl badges. It was incredible to be elected by staff and we were ecstatic when we were told the news by Mr Halls.

We have developed our leadership and communication skills, by being inspirational role models and organising each group of prefects to complete their tasks. By having three different groups of prefects, we found it challenging, but fulfilling to lead a group of peers. 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.

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 to 'show-off' our outstanding facilities, especially the Science laboratory, Art and Food Technology rooms, ICT suite and the Library. We thoroughly enjoyed taking parents around the school, as part of the Open Mornings, especially when we were allowed to partake in the refreshments! We are both confident and keen to take other visitors around the school, who are thinking of becoming part of our Thomas Coram family, particularly teachers and governors.

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 and athletics events, being a school council representative and entering in the Year 8 Maths Challenge. Our year group are the first pupils to be at Thomas Coram for the whole four years, since changing to a junior school. We have had phenomenal teachers, who have taught and supported us through our brilliant years at Thomas Coram.



Finally, by being given the role of Head Boy and Head Girl, it has been an honour and we have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it!

Finally, I must echo Lily and Matthew'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.

Thomas Coram is not just a school: it's a family where you belong. 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 superb one.

Next year will be an exciting one: early next term, on Tuesday 5 September 2017 (afternoon), we will be welcoming Bishop Michael to formally dedicate our new collaboration. Before then, we wish our Year 6 leavers 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 Monday 4 September 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Halls  
Headteacher