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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We wrote to pupils on 13 September 2017 to ask for their help with renaming our Houses. Thank you for all the superb suggestions we received. You'll remember that the school council decided that our new House names should maintain a link with Thomas Coram, focusing on his perseverance to give others better chances.

Earlier this week we remembered the day on which Thomas Coram's Royal Charter to establish a home for abandoned children was signed by King George II, after 17 years of tireless campaigning. We are now pleased to announce our new House names – those that received the highest number of suggestions from pupils.

Martin Luther King Jr

Luther King was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs and inspired by the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.

Nelson Mandela

Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician, and philanthropist, who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalised racism and fostering racial reconciliation.

Malala Yousafzai

Malala is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. She is known for human rights advocacy, especially education of women and children in her native Swat Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northwest Pakistan, where the local Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school. Her advocacy has grown into an international movement.

Emmeline Pankhurst

Pankhurst was a British political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement who helped women win the right to vote. In 1999 Time named Pankhurst as one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century, stating "she shaped an idea of women for our time; she shook society into a new pattern from which there could be no going back".

After Christmas:

- Cook (Yellow) will become Malala
- Drake (Blue) will become Luther King



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- Frobisher (Red) will become Pankhurst
- Nelson (Green) will become Mandela

We'll be updating www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/house-system with information about our new House patrons.

Thank you again for all great suggestions and for helping us select new House names that mirror Thomas Coram's determination to give others better life chances.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cutler
Head of School