COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term Letter from the Head Teacher – December 2024

As we approach the end of another fulfilling calendar year, it is the perfect time to reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past twelve months while looking ahead to the opportunities that lie before us in the year to come. This has been a year filled with growth, accomplishments, and cherished memories for the entire Collis community.

2024: A Year of Activities and Achievements

Throughout 2024, we have celebrated a rich array of events, learning, and academic achievements that have brought our community together and enriched the lives of our pupils. Some highlights include:

- **Assemblies and Celebrations:** Birthday Assemblies, the Harvest Assembly with the Salvation Army, music at the gate, and our wonderful Christmas fair.
- **School Visits:** Visits to museums, Year 5 kayaking, post box visits for the younger children, and farms; the Year 5 and 6 visit to the O2; Pupil Parliament visit; and our Year 6 residential school journey.
- **Fundraising and Community Events:** Fireworks display, cake sales, and the Lifeboat Assembly and fundraising non-uniform days.
- **Learning and Development Opportunities:** Friday reading afternoons with parents, curriculum meetings on phonics, reading, and mathematics, the development of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), and the weekly informative newsletter published every Friday.
- **Special Events:** Rob Brydon filming for *The One Show*, World Book Day celebrations, and author visits.
- **Creative and Sporting Achievements:** The development of the new infant library and the opening of the new art studio, sports days, Year 6 cycling proficiency, and notable awards such as the BLP and Good Sport Cups.
- **Enrichment Activities:** Active participation in the London Maths Hub, the playground squad, the reading ambassadors, the school council, and Karl Nova's poetry workshops for Year 6.
- **Collis Kitchen Garden:** A year of growth and learning in our school garden.

Additionally, we celebrated the Christmas shows, with every child in every year group participating in one of the eight concerts. These were a resounding success and brought so much joy, community, and togetherness to all who attended.

Staffing News

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Patten, our Leader of Learning, on the arrival of her baby son, Rory, born on 3rd December. We are delighted for her and her family. There are no other staffing changes to announce this term.

To Our Dedicated Staff

To our incredible Collis teachers and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts. Your dedication to nurturing, supporting, and challenging our pupils in their learning has been remarkable. You continue to inspire our children and play a crucial role in shaping their futures. Your hard work and passion are deeply appreciated by the entire Collis community.

The CSA

A special thank you to Cindy, Helen, Anna, and the Collis Parents Association (CSA) for their steadfast dedication and outstanding fundraising efforts. Your contributions have been invaluable in providing exceptional opportunities for our pupils. I would also like to thank parents Jim Smith and Rob Addis for their artistic and media contributions, which have enriched our school community in many ways.

Our Parents

To you, our parents and carers, your active involvement and unwavering support have been vital to the success of our school. From attending Christmas shows and assemblies to participating in reading afternoons, parent focus group meetings, parents' evenings, and school events, your dedication has been inspiring. Thank you for being such an integral part of the Collis family and for working in partnership with us to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The year ahead promises to be an important and busy one for Collis. We still await our inspection next year, and as always, we are committed to delivering excellent teaching, fostering a love of learning, and ensuring the safety and well-being of every child. In the context of an ever-changing world, we remain dedicated to providing our pupils with the knowledge and resilience they need to thrive. It is also my hope that, both locally and nationally, education will continue to take centre stage with a clear, long-term strategy that values and supports the incredible work being done by school staff across the country.

In Conclusion

As we approach the Christmas break, together we have achieved so much in 2024, and we have worked hard to overcome challenges, both personal and collective. There is still more to do, and in 2025, we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the very best for our pupils and families. But for now, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, reconnect with loved ones, and recharge for the New Year.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and every happiness for the New Year. We break up at 1.30pm on Friday, 20th December, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 6th January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. Hogston

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Head Teacher

National Support School designated by National College for Teaching & Leadership
Ofsted Outstanding School 2014|2015
School Games Gold 2022/23
We have achieved
Travel for Life Gold
Primary Science Quality Mark Silver Award
Healthy Schools London Bronze Award