COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year Letter from the Head Teacher

As we reach the end of another rewarding academic year at Collis Primary School, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you. Your support, engagement, and dedication have been instrumental in making this year a resounding success. Reflecting on the past twelve months, the staff and I are filled with pride and joy for the numerous achievements and memorable moments we have shared in educating your children.

In my mind, there is no doubt that we are a happy and flourishing school that children love coming to. This is down to the staff who work incredibly hard to make our school a safe, special, and magical place to be. They have resiliently navigated the ongoing pressure of a looming inspection (which we still await), but despite that pressure, have been energised and passionate about Collis while ensuring our culture, teaching, and results remain at an exceptionally high standard. The Collis 5C values continue to shine brightly, so the children value and love learning, which is ultimately why we are here and what keeps us going.

Throughout the year, we have held a diverse range of events and curriculum programmes aimed at enhancing our pupils' learning experiences and fostering a strong school community. Our Parent Focus Group meetings, Class Curriculum Meetings, CSA Meetings, enhanced weekly newsletter, Birthday Assemblies, Class Assemblies, and Parents'/Children's Workshops have been vital in ensuring effective communication and engagement between school and home. We have also welcomed inspiring visitors and hosted theme days.

During this past year, we have celebrated numerous successes, including the expansion of the OPAL playground project, our class cake sales, and CSA events that have strengthened the bonds within our community. Our Parent Consultation Evenings and Sports Tournaments have showcased our pupils' talents and teamwork. Additionally, closer links with the local community police and our hosting of the weekly cadet meetings on Thursday evenings, our music lessons with Richmond Music Trust, the opening of our new music room (the new art studio to open in September), non-uniform days for fundraising, second-hand uniform sales, and parents' drop-in afternoons have further enriched our school curriculum and provision.

This year also saw the expansion of CATS, our wrap-around care, and the introduction of various school clubs. This area will continue to grow next year for our EY children plus the introduction of school holiday CATS. The creative contributions from parents in artistically decorating our school walls have added a vibrant touch to our learning spaces. The support from our safeguarding team, the health services and the school nurse drop-in sessions have been invaluable for our pupils' health and well-being.

Looking back at specific highlights from each month:

September 2023: We began the year with Class Curriculum Meetings for Years Rec to Yr6, a Year 3 visit to Butser Farm, and the introduction of Forest School for the Juniors. Our Year 6 students participated in Junior Citizen, and the volunteers in our Collis Kitchen Garden produced high-quality vegetables.

October 2023: Year 6 visited Gunnersbury Park Museum, CSA Pyjama day, Year 5 explored Winchester Science Centre, and we held a combined Harvest/Birthday assembly. The month also included flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6.

November 2023: Our CSA Fireworks Night, Year 6 Bikeability Training, Parent Consultations, Governors' Morning, and various visits and workshops, including a visit to Kingston Mosque for Year 5, were notable events. We also held a Remembrance Assembly and a Christmas Jumper Sale.

December 2023: This festive month featured a visit to Richmond Museum for Year 4, dress rehearsals at Teddington School, our Christmas Concert, Fair, and multiple carol services and singalongs, culminating in the Year 2 Production.

January 2024: We welcomed the RNLI for an assembly, participated in the Young Voices Concert at the O2, and organised a spelling workshop for parents of Years 2-6. Year 5 also visited the Globe.

February 2024: Highlights included a Tennis workshop, the CSA AGM, Borough Swimming Gala, and various parent-focused events, including a SEND Parents' Coffee Morning and a Year 6 Parents Consultation.

March 2024: Our activities ranged from Year 1's visit to Hounslow Urban Farm and Year 2's Great Fire of London sessions to World Book Day celebrations and an online visit from author Joseph Coelho. The month also featured CSA Discos and tree planting initiatives.

April 2024: Swimming sessions began, tree planting continued, and students enjoyed various educational trips, including Year 2's visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum and a choir performance for Years 3 & 4.

May 2024: This month included Year 5's visit to Hampton Court, KS2 SATs Week &SATS breakfast, a visit from poet Karl Nova, and numerous health checks and workshops.

June 2024: We focused on safety with a School Street Meeting, celebrated achievements at Borough Sports, and held various transition and curriculum meetings for new parents. Year 6 enjoyed a trip to see 'Wicked' and their school journey week.

July 2024: The final month featured sports days, transition activities, a French afternoon, and numerous end-of-year events, including Year 6's production of SING and their BBQ, alongside nursery songs and trips to Bocketts Farm Park and Bushy Park.

Thank Yous: I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the members of the Collis Parents Association (CSA) for their unwavering support and dedication. A special thank you goes to Cindy, Helen, Ana, Anna, Carole, Jenny, Nicola, Liv, Sally, Rebecca, Ricky, and the entire committee. The efforts of the CSA have raised vital funds that enable us to offer exceptional opportunities to our pupils. From cake sales, the wonderful Fireworks from Liv and the team, and the Christmas fair to the enjoyable Junior and Infant Discos, their commitment has truly made a difference.

We must also extend our gratitude to Jim Smith, Matt Thomas, and Rob Addis for their exceptional art, photography, and technical contributions to Collis. Their expertise, design, and creativity have gone above and beyond, and we are incredibly thankful for their generosity. Thanks also to Collis Gardeners led by Carrie and the team, and to Lee Addis, who kindly arranges the baking each month for our beloved birthday assemblies.

As we bid farewell and share our thanks to some staff members who will be leaving us at the end of the year, I extend a warm welcome to the new additions to our Collis team.

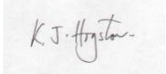
Staff Leavers:
Mrs Anthea Cooper will be leaving Collis after an amazing 36 years of service to the school. Anthea joined the school in September 1988 and has led the music and the legendary birthday assemblies for many years. We wish her all the best for her retirement.
Mrs Cherryll Williams will be leaving Collis after an amazing 37 years of service to the school. Cherryll joined the school in September 1987 and has worked in the school office/HR, supporting the clerking arrangements.
Anya Wallington-Lardi is leaving the school after four successful years in Year 2. Anya is taking up a new post in Richmond.
Nicola Welch, who has worked in Year 1 over the last year on a maternity supply contract, is also leaving.
Miss Ella Parsons is leaving the school to train as a teacher. Good luck Ella, you are going to be amazing.
Mrs Wright, our LSA who has supported SEN and EAL children at Collis, is relocating to Kent.
Miss Zaynab Ali, who has been supporting a child at Collis, is leaving at the end of the year.
We wish them all well and thank them for their dedication to the school.

We welcome our New Staff:
Heather Murray will be joining us in September from St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton, as a class teacher in Year 2.
Greer Duru will also be joining us as a second nursery teacher in the expanding Collis Nursery.
Bryony Fraser returns to Collis as Class Teacher Year 2 (Thurs/Fri).
Grace Perrott – EYFS Teaching Assistant.
Jenni Bostock – EYFS Teaching Assistant.
Rachael Smith – EYFS Teaching Assistant.
Ciara Steed – our new Administration Assistant joining our office team, working with Lynn at the front desk.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce my gratitude to the entire Collis staff and the governing body for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our children and the vision of our school. From our teaching assistants and support staff to the office and site team, and of course, our talented teaching staff, they have all gone above and beyond to foster the learning and personal development of our children. We have a remarkable team at Collis, and it is an absolute privilege to be the head teacher of this great school. You will see below in the table at the end of this letter that Collis has achieved an incredibly high standard in our SATS results this year exceeding national and importantly Richmond averages.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents for your unwavering goodwill and positivity; it is deeply appreciated by everyone at Collis. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday filled with relaxation, joy, and cherished moments with your loved ones. May we return rejuvenated and ready for another successful year at Collis. Have a safe, restful, and revitalising summer break. I look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year at Collis Primary School.

Best wishes,



Kevin Hogston
Head Teacher

SCHOOL SATS RESULTS (unofficial data)- Updated 18/7/24

The information below compares the attainment of our pupils with local authority and national averages. We are delighted with the excellent results across the school. They are a tribute to the children, parental support and the staff.

EYFS - % of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD)

Reception	Collis	Richmond Average	National Average
2024	**91**	77	68

Phonics Screening - % of children reaching the threshold or higher

Year One	Collis	Richmond Average	National Average
2024	**93**	88	81

The tables below show the percentage of children who achieved the nationally expected standard in the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs, compared to the local authority and national averages. Collis performance is high in all areas. *The Richmond and National results are provisional figures.*

COLLIS, LOCAL AUTHORITY AND NATIONAL COMPARISON **Year 6 SATs Results %**											
	Reading		**Writing***		**GPS**		**Maths**		**Science**	**RWM**	
	EXS	HIGH	EXS	GDS	EXS	HIGH	EXS	HIGH	EXS	EXS	HIGH
COLLIS 2024	**87/ 88****	**47**	**94**	**25**	**86**	**57**	**91**	**41**	**96**	**85**	**18**
RICHMOND 2024	86	43	82	25	85	52	86	40	90	75	17
NATIONAL 2024	74	28	72	13	72	32	73	24	81	61	8

EXS *– Expected Standard (Scaled Score of 100 and above)* ***GDS*** *– Greater Depth* *Teacher Assessment**
HIGH *– High standard (Scaled Score of 110 and above)* ***RWM*** *– Reading, Writing, Maths*
***result may change*

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SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2022/23
WE HAVE ACHIEVED
TRAVEL FOR LIFE GOLD
PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK SILVER AWARD
HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON BRONZE AWARD