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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you as we approach the end of another academic year, to mention some of this year's highlights.

As you know, since September 2021 we have been part of The Collegiate Trust. This year, the Education Team have offered ongoing support to embed reading fluency sessions across KS2 and support the development of best practice in phonics across the infant year groups. There has been collaboration with colleagues from TCT schools across Year 2 and Year 6 to support with moderation of writing in Year 6 and reading, writing and maths in Year 2. We have benefitted from The Education Team leading professional development meetings on reasoning in maths and adaptive teaching and there is programme of professional development currently being planned for the next academic year, with the continued support of the Education Team.

The school have also continued to support the local community through your harvest donations given to the Purley Food Hub for those in need.

The PTA organised a magnificent Fireworks Spectacular and Christmas Fair which raised over £4,500 for the School. The PTA have now ordered 15 new iPads with this money, for the children to use in their lessons.

Children in all year groups have benefitted from outside learning, using our lovely grounds and forest school area. This year, every class has from learning opportunities outside of lessons. All KS1 children recently visited Chessington, children in Years 3 and 4 spent a day in London at Shrek Adventure and Years 5 and 6 took part in an Activities Week, involving camping in the school grounds for one night, which was enjoyed by all.

We have welcomed parents into school with face-to-face parent consultation evenings, iRock concerts, sports days for both key stages, our outdoor learning morning and our open afternoon, which included an enterprise event. These have been very well attended and it has been great to see you in school to share in your child's learning.

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Kenley has performed exceptionally well across a wide range of inter-school sporting events. In the Croydon athletics competition, Kenley was placed 12th out of 50 schools who entered. The boys' football team came third in their league. This has been the first year that the girls football team joined a league and they came first place out of 9 schools that took part. Our netball team have played various matches against other local schools, and our Year 6 netball team came 5th in the Croydon Schools netball tournament this year.

Congratulations to all of you who have represented the school at sport this year!

We also hope you enjoyed our recent Sports Days; these were brilliant events which showed how much the children enjoy being active, being competitive and simply taking part.

As governors, we have each dedicated an immense amount of time to our roles. We do this, without hesitation, as we care very much about our school community and the children's education and wellbeing, which is and always will be of paramount concern when we make decisions for our whole school community. I would like to personally thank each of my governor colleagues for their unwavering commitment and support this year.

Our wonderful Year 6 children leave us for secondary school at the end of this term. The children have learnt so much during their time with us, and we are so very proud of each one. We wish you every success for the future as you move to your new schools - I am sure you will have an exciting time!

We are also saying goodbye to the following members of support staff: Vanessa Clarke, Sharon Deadman, Kay Diamond, Lisa Fox, Kimberley Hicklin-Mighall and Clare Parnell, some of whom have been at the school for many years. The governors would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you for your dedication and hard work over the years and wish you good luck as you move on to pastures new.

In addition, we are saying goodbye to Matt Dench, who joined Kenley as Deputy Principal, two years ago and has recently been our Acting Principal. He has decided to further his career by moving to a larger local school. The governors





would like to thank you for your service and to wish you every success in your new role.

Denise Dixon will also be leaving us this term in order to focus on her family. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the school for the last 8 years and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Jacki Keogh our new Interim Head of School, who will be joining us in September.

And finally, on behalf of myself and the other members of the local governing board, I would like to personally say a big thank you to each and every member of staff who works at Kenley for your dedication, support and hard work you have all given this year. I know it has been another busy year; you have once again done an amazing job, which is hugely appreciated.

I hope you all have a fabulous summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to the school on Wednesday 6th September.

Best wishes, Carla Hall
Chair of Governors

