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Dear Parents and carers,

Another school year comes to an end, and what an eventful year it has been.

Congratulations are due to the whole school community for all the great work achieved, in spite of COVID-19. The children have been wonderful throughout, and none of it would have been possible without your support. Our talented and dedicated staff have done a brilliant job to ensure that the children continued to make progress with the home and blended learning program.

Our new Headteacher, Liz Strong, has wasted no time in making an impact since her arrival in March. Excellent work has continued in developing the curriculum across all subject areas, and the Governors have been especially pleased with the work carried out in mathematics. Liz has introduced a totally new and simplified behaviour policy, which has been a great success, as well as a new logo, and with a refreshed website to follow in the Autumn. We are very excited about Liz's plans for next year, such as the Oracy curriculum, which I am confident will have a very positive impact on the children.

You will be aware of the tight finances under which schools operate. We continue to manage our finances prudently, with the assistance of our new School Business Manager. Our huge thanks also to all of you who have helped to raise additional funds for the school, in particular towards our membership of the PiXL Club, which is going to be of immense value next year.

Your feedback is always highly valued, and the Governors are grateful for all the responses to our recent survey. We will be analysing the results and discussing them with Liz in September. You will then receive a summary of the survey results and detail of the actions the school is taking in response to the feedback.

We currently have a vacancy for a new governor and are keen to receive applications from a parent or carer. This is a very rewarding role and if you would like to discuss it further, please contact us by email at governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

I hope you and your children have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Hyams'.

Stephen Hyams
Chair of Governors