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Dear Parent/Carer

As always, this half of term has been hectic and it is incredible how much has been fitted in. In the last few weeks, we have enjoyed an amazing performance from our Year 6's in their rendition of 'Coundon's Greatest Show.' It certainly lived up to its name with exceptional performances by all. Well done year 6! We have enjoyed a fantastic whole school beach day. EYFS turned Coundon Primary into a beach and particularly enjoyed the ice cream man! Whilst years 1 to 6 had great fun at Weston-super-Mare, burying classmates in the sand, riding the donkeys, eating their fish & chips and chasing pesky seagulls off with our rhythmic ribbons! Action packed sports days, with some very close sprints. We have some very fast runners at Coundon. Horse space-hoppers were cantering down the field too! We also celebrated the diversity of our school with an impressive culture week.

Thank you for all your support for these events. I am particularly grateful for the parents who give up their time to help us, ensuring our pupils can experience these enrichment activities.

We say goodbye to our Year 6's and wish them every success as they embark on their next adventure at their chosen secondary schools.

We also bid a fond farewell to the following teachers and support staff, who have enriched the lives of pupils at Coundon over varying lengths of time:

Miss Deborah Woodroffe who will begin teaching at Clifford Bridge Academy from September. Miss Woodroffe has been a Year 3 teacher at Coundon for 6 years and will be remembered for her kind and caring approach. We wish her every success in her new role.

Mrs Hazel Roberts, Office Manager will be retiring, hopefully enjoying a few holidays! Hazel has been at Coundon Primary for 22 years and has seen many children come and go during her time here. We would like to wish Hazel all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Livsey will also be leaving us this term. Mrs Livsey began volunteering in Nursery many years ago, before starting with us as a lunch time supervisor in 2012. In that time, she has supported many children over the lunchtime break and will be missed greatly at Coundon. We wish Mrs Livsey all the best for the future.

I would also like to thank Mrs Charlotte Frost-Townsend who has supported us this year, teaching in Year 1. She has made an excellent contribution to teaching and learning whilst with us.





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We thank them all for their hard work and loyalty to our school community and wish them happiness and good health in retirement or new adventures.

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Plimmer who will be joining the senior leadership team next academic year as Assistant Head Teacher responsible for 'Inclusion'. Mrs Vicky Pegley has also secured promotion, taking on the role of Office Manager. Congratulations!

For next academic year September 2024 our school priorities are:

Priority 1 - To raise standards in attainment of Writing.

Priority 2 - To develop and embed the teaching for mastery in Mathematics.

Priority 3 – To embed a book talk approach to Guided Reading from years 2 to 6.

Priority 4 - To explore AI and develop opportunities for AI to enhance our Curriculum.

Analysis of our results show 'Writing' as our weakest area. This supports the national picture and will continue to be a focus for us as a school. We have fully implemented the 'Write Stuff' across the school providing clear pathways for children to improve their writing skills. Where children have not achieved ARE in Writing the main reasons are due to 'Spelling' and 'Cohesion.' We will be targeting these two writing skills in more focus next academic year. We will also be offering an after school 'Writing Club' for children to explore their creativity in developing their own written style.

Our second priority will address the teaching of mastery in Mathematics. The phrase 'teaching for mastery' describes the elements of classroom practice and school organisation which combine to give pupils the best chances of mastering maths. Achieving mastery means acquiring a solid enough understanding of the maths that's been taught to enable pupils to move on to more advanced material. Last year we signed up to the Maths Hub and will continue to be part of a working party focussed on embedding and reaching this goal.

Our third priority will address reading, with a particular focus on 'talk' helping pupils to articulate comprehensive answers, which reveal a deeper understanding of the text, author's intentions, technical vocabulary to describe features within a book and personal opinion vocabulary to describe author effects. If children can articulate their understanding verbally this will lead to a marked improvement in the accuracy and depth of reading comprehension.

Finally our last priority addresses a brave new AI world. What does this mean for school, and how best can we prepare our pupils for the changes to come? For this generation of pupils AI is accelerating at a rapid pace and we want to ensure we are ready. We will be taking a proactive approach, involving our pupils and staff in exploring opportunities to enhance our





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curriculum. It is this generation who have the skill set in a range of digital competencies and we are excited to explore and develop this further.

So as another year draws to an end I would like to thank you too, for being fully supportive and working in partnership with school, ensuring our pupils uphold our school values of kindness, respect, responsibility and resilience whilst aspiring to achieve their full potential across the curriculum.

I wish you and your families a happy and restful summer, and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind Regards
Natasha Maude

Headteacher

