



Summer Term Newsletter - July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is almost here! Time to say goodbye and good luck to those children who are preparing to start attending primary School in September. We hope that you take many happy memories of your time at Columbia Market with you.

We have some goodbyes to say. **Tonje Pettersen** has been on the governing body for 14 years and Chair of Governors for many years. We would like to thank her very much for her many years of voluntary support, sharing her expertise and great dedication to the school.

Hannah our lovely senior administrator officer, who has been at Columbia Market for 34 has also decided to semi retire. Next term she will reducing her working days to 1 day per week and enjoying her retirement on the remaining days. Throughout her time at Columbia Market Nursery School there have been many changes to the systems used and Hannah has excelled in her knowledge of them all. We would like to thank Hannah for the incredible job that she has done and will continue to do.

After a great deal of thought I have decided that I will be retiring from my role as executive headteacher of Alice Model and Columbia Market Nursery Schools at the end of the Summer Term, after more than 40 years of teaching. Both schools have been incredible places to work in. During my time at both schools Alice Model has achieved 1 good followed by four Outstanding Ofsted reports and Columbia Market 2 Outstanding Ofsted reports. It has been a privilege to have worked over those years with such incredible children, families, staff and governors. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the years to make this time at Columbia Market so special for your children. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make this time at Columbia Market so special for your children.

Please give all of your support to Kim Waters who has been appointed as Head of Schools and will be taking my place. She will be ably supported by Sam-Sam and Julie-ann who will be sharing the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher in the Autumn Term and will be working closely with Kim as will the whole staff team.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17th July - Whole School Outing to Greenwich

Tuesday 18th July - **Last day for all children.** School will close at the usual time for part timers. Full timers finish school at 1pm

Tuesday 18th July - **Graduation** The Graduation for children who are leaving Columbia Market and going to their Reception Class will take place at 9:30. If your child is starting reception in September please stay for the graduation.

Wednesday 19th July - Parent conference day

We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Lynn and all of the team at Columbia Market Nursery School