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Dear Parents and Carers,

Midsummer

*'Summer was also the time of these
Of sudden plenty, of slow hours and
Actions, of diamond haze and
Dust on the eyes'*

Laurie Lee

As we embrace midsummer, I'd like to thank you for your unerring trust. This last month has afforded veritable riches in regard to pupils' learning and the many incidentals that have arisen. Despite their relative inexperience, our basketball team are now borough champions, having defeated all opposition in the league since the start of term. Attendance is 97%. Younger pupils in the Nursery have shone so brightly and are ready for the challenge of moving to Reception in September.

*'With hope in our hearts and
Wings on our heels'*

From the Oscar winning 1982 film Chariots of Fire

Wednesday's Key Stage 2 Sports Day was one of the most joyous, inclusive and heart-warming events I can recall. There was an authentic frisson of camaraderie and esprit de corps from the outset. With a large number of families at St Mark's Park, smiling and encouraging all children to do their best, at such gatherings the Thomas Jones' community really does excel.

Evaluation

'Life must be lived forwards'

Soren Kierkegaard

On a number of levels, what we set out to achieve is the antithesis of myopic. Held up as an exemplar in some quarters, it would be all too easy to take for granted what has been established. From Monday, all families will have the opportunity to complete a simple evaluation questionnaire. On this occasion, this important venture will be curated by Ms Abigail Kantoch.

Splendidly Talented Fellow

This time last week, award-winning actor of stage and screen Mr Ralph Fiennes spent the afternoon meeting the Year 6 scholars. Answering questions and affording his wise counsel, Ralph recited Philip Larkin's The Whitsun Weddings. He listened to some of the children rehearse their lines for the forthcoming staging of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and afforded some marvellous advice in regard to the value of modulation and enunciation. It is no exaggeration to describe the visit as humbling.

Yours sincerely,



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