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Dear Parents and Carers,

September

'Those long, uneven lines'

The autumn term commences on Tuesday 5th September. It is crucial that all pupils attend on this first day.

Restorative and Gentle

'The sunny, slow lulling afternoon yawns through the city'

Staff have been disarmed by your kindness and words of encouragement. The last year has been hugely successful and in no small part this can be attributed to the trust that exists between us. Please see below a list of just a few of the many highlights. I hope the forthcoming holiday is restorative and gentle. Please ensure your child reads as widely as possible.

- Year 6's SATs outcomes – within the top 2% nationally.
- 97% attendance – evidencing in real terms the simple fact that pupils value learning above all else and want to come to school.
- Sporting success – League Cup Winners - Girls Football, and Mixed Hockey Champions.
- We are significantly oversubscribed with long waiting lists and 200+ applications to Reception in January 2023.
- Sustaining the overtly positive ethos, culture and overwhelming calmness of the school – effusively commented upon by our many visitors, including Minister of State for Schools Nick Gibb (November 2022).
- The views of a large and diverse number of individuals – contained within our most recent 'What They Say' folder.
- The school's appearance in the Sunday Times list of 'Top Schools' for a tenth consecutive year (December 2022).
- Our Nursery and Reception classes - harmonious and sublimely engaging.
- Both Christmas Concerts and Peter Pan – Year 6's superlative July 2023 staging.
- The high quality-learning environment that continues to impress - maintained on a modest budget.
- The staff team – despite being forever spread thinly, collegiate, magnanimous and cheerful.
- The Patron's venture – ensuring that the school is able to purchase quality books and other necessary resources.
- The choir's disarming performances.

Yours sincerely,



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