

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Onward**

*'Come were but the spring'*

Christina Rossetti

The last few weeks have been hugely rewarding. The after school ballet class and recently launched 'Young Historians Society', led with aplomb by Humanities Leader, Melissa Kiley, are just two of the many highlights. On-going success with the patron's initiative means that by the summer we will, once more, be in a position to welcome a colony of honey bees to Thomas Jones.

## **Summer Uniform**

As is our tradition, the Year 6 scholars will be dressed in Thomas Jones' summer uniform from Monday. This has, in recent years benefitted everybody, and especially those of you are still relatively new to the school. From the start of next term, all pupils are expected to wear the above, including the midnight blue bucket hat. This item of uniform in particular has become something of an 'emblem' and an integral component of pupils' attire. We are not unique, but the above is a valid strand that sets us apart - a bold sartorial statement and, on an entirely practical level, something that affords protection from the sun's harmful rays and spring showers.

## **Daffodils and Grape Hyacinth**

*'Yet, March's awakening breath will woo the earth'*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

There is an undoubted nod to spring in the weather. Here and there, in clusters, grape hyacinth and daffodils carpet our grounds. I hope the weather is fine over the weekend, so you can venture outside and perhaps even visit one of London's many parks or gardens, all of which are exquisite at this time of year.

## **Exceptional Attendance**

The manner in which most pupils have so effusively committed this term is humbling. With children as young as four years of age demonstrating a desire to immerse themselves in learning, there are a contextually large number who have not missed a single day of school. The 'best attenders' by far are Reception, with an astonishing 98%, followed by Year 6 and Year 2, both with 97%.

## **Hockey, Romans and Enrichment**

Our hockey team are, officially, borough champions for a second year in row. We will celebrate this remarkable achievement in a special assembly. This week, Year 1 visited the Tower of London and Year 2 the British Museum. Yesterday, Year 4 immersed themselves in an interactive Roman workshop.

## **Ramadan Mubarak**

On behalf of all staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families from a Muslim background 'Ramadan Mubarak'.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens, OBE