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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sad Farewell

'To have made a difference, to have lived and lived well'

Ralph Emerson

Our Queen was a veritable giant in many ways, the like of which I doubt we will see again. From the moment she ascended the throne in 1952, Elizabeth II devoted herself to a life of public service. She was selfless, steely and unerringly pragmatic. Her dedication was exacting. Two years ago, the current Year 6 had the enormous pleasure of meeting Her Majesty as part of a science symposium. Like a lot of people, they found her to be gracious and seemingly without a hint of vanity. She was, in her interactions with the children, amusing and genuinely keen to hear what they had to say.

Onward and Autumn Attire

Clubs and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities will shortly resume. The quality of cello, violin and piano tuition at the school is exacting, as evidenced by the deft touch of our musicians, performing with such brio and sensitivity. Peripatetic lessons re-commence next week. Later this month, the Year 6 scholars will model the midnight beret and cable knit bobble hat, both of which are now an integral element of our autumn and winter uniform. The popular straw boaters will continue to make an appearance but mainly for special occasions. As the weather turns, Thomas Jones scarves, mittens and Barbour-style jackets can be purchased from our uniform shop via email.

Effusive Return

*'See, they return; ah, see the tentative
Movement, and slow feet'*

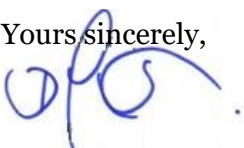
Ezra Pound

The manner in which pupils have so effusively settled this week is humbling. This resonates especially in regard to the Nursery and Reception, with children as young as three years of age demonstrating such ardent endeavour and immersing themselves in the learning opportunities that are afforded. Attendance across the school is an impressive 97%. This bodes well. The correlation between remarkable achievement and individuals who are so rarely absent is irrefutable.

Reading Together

Please visit the library whenever possible or a bookshop with your child. Ensure older pupils read a portion of the 'I' newspaper, Sunday Observer or the National Geographic magazine. It is crucial that all pupils quickly recalibrate and commit in real terms to being an active partner in the process of becoming a bold and independent reader.

Yours sincerely,



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