

# THOMAS JONES

*an Ofsted outstanding school*

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **September 4<sup>th</sup>**

*'Those long, uneven lines'*

The autumn term commences on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. It is crucial that all pupils attend on this first day.

## **To Bid Farewell**

*'Off to see the world, there's such a lot of world to see'*

Today, we bid farewell to the Year 6 scholars. Their sense of wonder, juxtaposed with an assiduous learning ethic, is impressive. The proportion excelling beyond the norm is remarkable but far more important, is their benign and generous spirit. We will miss them greatly. I'd like to take this opportunity to single out those colleagues who have championed and cajoled this cohort over the last eight years, in particular Deputy Head Lindsay Johnson, and Rachel McCombe, who has been their class teacher in this important final year of primary education.

## **2023/2024 Highlights**

- This summer's remarkably accomplished staging of 'Oliver'.
- An 'Ofsted Outstanding' school – awarded outstanding in all categories in November 2023.
- Astonishing academic outcomes – within the top 1% of schools nationally.
- 97% attendance – evidencing in real terms that pupils value learning and want to come to school.
- Number-on-roll – the school continues to be significantly oversubscribed with long waiting lists in all classes and over 200 applications to Reception in January 2024.
- Sustaining the overtly positive ethos, culture and overwhelming calmness of the school – effusively commented upon by our many visitors 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.
- The high quality-learning environment that continues to impress - maintained on a modest budget.
- The staff team – despite being forever thinly spread, collegiate, resilient, loyal, magnanimous and cheerful.
- Our Patrons – ensuring that the school is able to purchase quality books and other resources.
- So many initiatives and ventures, including choir and the superlative History Club.
- Continued involvement of the Grenfell Wellbeing Team has supported pupils in focussing on their emotional health.
- Sporting success – continuing to compete and challenge with aplomb.

Yours sincerely,



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