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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning and Joy

*'From autumn through to winter,
From spring to summertime,
Keep waiting and you'll find again,
The sun will start to shine'*

The above lines from poet and illustrator Freddie McKeown could well have been written with our pupils in mind, the notion that learning and reward are synonymous with joy and optimism and that the sun is always shining at Thomas Jones. Certainly, that is the impression that was made on the large number of prospective parents and carers who visited this morning, all seemingly eager to apply for places at the school.

A Bumper Harvest

Yesterday's assembly was sublime. Year 2 performed to a packed hall. Their parred-back staging of 'The Little Red Hen' was disarming and hugely well received. Every syllable was enunciated with brio. The costumes, evocations of farmers, sheaves of wheat, a cat, a rat and a bull, were exquisite, and the choreography, affording all children an opportunity to excel, was inventive. Much praise is due to the staff who teach this cohort and especially Melissa Kiley, who directed the play with such aplomb. As is our tradition, donations of non-perishable foods for the residents of Thomas Darby Court were delivered by our class councillors. I think it fair to say that due to your incredible generosity, 2023 will be remembered as a 'Bumper Harvest'.

Winning Streak

Our mixed football team have had a superlative start to the season, not losing a single point so far. On Wednesday they won their match, scoring nine goals against formidable opposition. The team are emphatic, 'it's a long season, we're delighted with the progress made but there is still much to do in terms of consolidating our efforts'. Onward I say.

Choir and Cake

*'And sings a joyous strain,
Oh, listen!'*

Choirs across the country continue to flourish. Thomas Jones is no exception, with large numbers of pupils eager to audition for any initiative that involves singing. Next week, Music Leader Rachel McCombe will begin the process of auditioning for our Christmas Concert. Despite being a designated 'Gold Award Healthy School', we have decided to host a cake sale, on Friday 17th November at 3.20. Key Stage 2 leader Scott Gourley has kindly agreed to curate this important fundraising event. In the current climate, it is crucial that we are altogether more proactive in ensuring that sufficient sums are made available to purchase quality books and resources.

Yours sincerely,



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