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Dear Parents and Carers,

Away from the Hustle and Bustle

*'Now watch this autumn that arrives,
All looks like summer still,
Colours are quite unchanged'*

Elizabeth Jennings

Venturing Forth

Given the sunny days we are currently enjoying, this weekend do consider venturing forth to one of London's many parks. Kensington Gardens, with its exquisite grounds, always feels a world away from the hustle and bustle of a large city.

Becoming a Bold Reader

Over the next few weeks, please visit the library or a bookshop with your child. In regard to older pupils, encourage them to read a portion of the 'I' newspaper, Sunday Observer or the National Geographic magazine. This is especially important for more capable readers. 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.

An Effusive Return

Early Years Education expert, Ms Natasha Peurois returned from maternity leave earlier this week. Everybody is delighted to see Natasha again. The manner in which all pupils have so effusively settled is humbling. This resonates especially in regard to Reception, demonstrating such ardent endeavour and immersing themselves in the learning opportunities that Ms Molly Johnson has afforded. New pupils Lola, Leela, Matthew and Sade have shone.

Incongruous Expectation

Extra-curricular enrichment opportunities will resume shortly. 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. Peripatetic lessons re-commence next week. It sounds incongruous, with the weather the way it is, but towards the end of September, the expectation is that pupils will wear the midnight beret or cable knit bobble hat, both of which are now an integral element of our autumn and winter uniform. The Year 6 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.

Thank you for your Kindness

I'd like to thank you for your kindness, both towards the end of last term, and indeed this week. It is no exaggeration to say that there exists an abundance of trust between the school and the community we serve. This bodes well. Long may it last.

Yours sincerely,



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