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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring

'Tis spring; come out to ramble'

There is an undoubted nod to spring in the weather. Here and there, in clusters, grape hyacinth and daffodils carpet our grounds. Despite the gloomy forecast, I do hope you can venture outside and perhaps even visit one of London's many parks or gardens during the forthcoming holiday period, all of which are exquisite at this time of year. Please ensure that sufficient time is put aside for you and your child to read together.

Summer Uniform

As is our tradition, the Year 6 scholars have been attired in Thomas Jones' summer uniform. This benefits everybody, especially those of you who 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 has become an 'emblem'. 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.

So Long, Farewell and Congratulations

Yesterday we said a sad final farewell to Teaching Assistant Doua Bakkal, who is shortly to marry and to move to Manchester. It is no exaggeration to say that Doua has shone, we will all miss her greatly.

London Zoo, Romans and Enrichment

Year 2 and Year 3 have just visited London Zoo. Year 1 were stimulated and intrigued in equal measure on an educational trip to the Tower of London. Year 4 have immersed themselves in an interactive Roman workshop here at Thomas Jones. Such enrichment opportunities are crucial.

Affirmation to See Every Pupil Excel

Earlier this month, Minister for Schools Damian Hinds MP, wrote to pupils and staff to highlight the fact that we continue to be one of the top 2% of schools in the country. When considering the above, a few simple truths resonate. The powerful tri-partite relationship that exists remains paramount and there is no denying the huge impact insightful and inventive teaching can have, juxtaposed with an uncompromising affirmation to see every pupil shine.

Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Christian families Happy Easter and, looking ahead to the start of next month, those of you from a Muslim background, Eid Mubarak. I look forward to seeing all pupils again on Monday 15th April.

Yours sincerely,



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