

# Thomas Jones

## Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Farewell**

*'Don't you forget about me'*

Not all children in the Nursery were offered places in our Reception, in part because we remain so oversubscribed. Some of you may recall there were an astonishing 200+ applications in January for 30 school places. Last week, our youngest pupils gathered for a special farewell Teddy Bear's picnic. It was a magical, snatched moment - one I hope the children will remember fondly. Today we say goodbye to Learning Support Assistant, Nicky Mokrzycki. Nicky has worked hard, affording tutelage and a level of patience and kindness that is humbling over the last eight years. We will miss her.

### **Final Hurrah**

*'What we call the beginning is often the end,  
To make an end is to make a beginning'*

Attendance is 97%. This should be celebrated. Many of our most accomplished learners are pupils who have not missed a single lesson all year. Today is important, in that it is the final hurrah before the summer holiday, and for our Year 6 scholars this will hugely resonate, it being their last ever day at Thomas Jones. Standing at the main entrance this morning was humbling, seeing pupils arriving promptly, resplendent in smart non-uniform attire, full of joie and eagerness and ambitions that belies their tender years.

### **Impressive Staging**

Year 6's staging of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was impressive. There was a poignant moment, earlier in the week, when the full magnitude of imminent departure became too overwhelming for some. Many thanks to all staff, past and present, for championing and cajoling this class and in particular Scott Gourley, Lindsay Johnson, Emma Jones and Stella Cant, who have overseen their development in this important transition year.

### **Reading, Reading, Reading**

Reading is one of our cornerstones. This summer, please read with your child. The more this happens, the stronger your child will become as a reader. This in turn will impact positively regarding learning per se.

### **Thank you**

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of everybody at the school, for everything over the last year. Your kindness, words of encouragement and support are much appreciated. By way of a gentle reminder, pupils return after the summer holiday on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens