

# THOMAS JONES

*an Ofsted outstanding school*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Ofsted**

*'It is a calm oasis where children thrive'*

The above quotation is taken from the recent Ofsted inspection report for Thomas Jones. Published last week, it is exceptionally positive and goes some way towards capturing the many qualities of the school. We were judged 'outstanding' across the board in October, a remarkable achievement, in the current climate especially. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unerring trust, for working in partnership, for your cheerfulness and kind words of encouragement. The success of the inspection is as much yours as ours, governors and pupils.

## **As We Rapidly Approach the Endpoint**

*'The small wind whispers through the leafless hedge,  
Most sharp and chill while the light snowy flakes,  
Rest on each twig and spike of withered sedge'*

John Clare

From Monday, there are thirteen and a half school days remaining of 2023. As we rapidly approach the end point, I'd be grateful for your support in ensuring that all pupils continue to go to bed early on a Sunday evening and every night during the week. I'd also like to see all pupils arriving before the bell is rung at 9.00am. Learning will be absolute right up to and including Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Being Sustainable**

As some of you are aware, we were one of the first schools in the country to introduce healthy and, where possible, organic and predominantly plant-based lunches for children. Certainly things have come a long way, with the quality of provision transformed over the last 20 years. Today, new chef Roberta Vincenzo joins us. Expert interim cook, Jose Reyes will induct Roberta showing her the ropes before properly taking over in January.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens