

Thomas Jones

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Dear Thomas Jones Families,

Belonging

Pupils have once more embraced the themes of belonging and diversity. In recent weeks, I have played music in assembly that affords insight in regard to the history and cultural heritage of the Windrush generation. Thomas Jones has, over the years, benefitted enormously from the expertise and first-hand experiences of members of our wider community in the form of recollections and anecdotes. This is something we are keen not to lose. It is, I feel, only through understanding the past that we can begin to comprehend the present and indeed to forge a path that promotes inclusivity and aspiration for all.

Autumn Enrichment

Exceptionally rewarding, and culminating in a number of recent successes in sport and academic outcomes, as we rapidly approach another 'end point' of sorts, it is apt to briefly mention a few important elements. Large numbers of pupils have made progress, some remarkable. The breadth of the curriculum is humbling, with beekeeping and choir and educational visits here, there and everywhere, seemingly the norm rather than the exception. Attendance is an exceptional 98%. The fact that every class is full should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective Reception parents, keen to enrol their children in September 2027 has been overwhelming. Professional development has been of an exacting nature. Year 2's Harvest assembly was sublime, with a capacity audience of family members.

More Baby News

I am delighted to share the splendid news that Year 4 teacher, Polly Duarte is expecting her first child. Everybody wishes Polly and her husband, Josh every happiness.

Fundraising Cake and Bake Sale

Vanilla clusters, strawberry meringue, eclairs, panettone, tarte au citron, oat flapjacks, tiramisu and Victoria sponge – you name it, it will be on sale at our Cake and Bake Sale at 3.20 on Friday 6th November in the school hall. The objective is to raise as much money as possible towards our book and learning resources fund.

Generosity of Spirit

The leadership team have been disarmed by the unerring generosity of spirit amongst our families in recent weeks. On behalf of the staff team, I'd like to thank you for your encouragement and trust. We look forward to seeing all pupils again on Monday 2nd November.

Warmest Wishes,



David Sellens