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Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

See, They Return

*'See, they return; ah, see the eager
faces'*

The second half of the summer term begins on Monday 3rd June. During the half term holiday, please ensure your child reads as widely as possible. Reading with aplomb is one of the cornerstones of being a successful scholar.

Volunteers still Needed

We are still in need of more practical support with the 'Safer St Mark's Road' venture. If you do have capacity and are willing to volunteer, at 8.45am or 3.00pm, for about 30 minutes, see Key Stage 2 Leader, Scott Gourley.

Oliver Twist and More

'Please, Sir, I want some more'

Auditions will begin as soon as pupils return after the half term holiday for Year 6's staging of 'Oliver'. Such is the quality of their acting and singing, it is likely to prove to be a challenge to cast the roles of The Artful Dodger, Fagin and Nancy, amongst others. I have faith that each and every one of this talented cohort will shine. The manner in which they tackled the End of Key Stage 2 SATs was humbling. From the grammar, punctuation and spelling test, to the reading paper, and mathematics exams, the children embraced the challenge with a cheerful pragmatism that belies their tender years.


Exacting Attendance and 'In Demand'

Attendance from September 2023 to May 2024 was 97%. Some pupils have not missed a single lesson all year, a remarkable achievement. Last Friday a contextually large number of families met with our Admissions Co-ordinator, Emma Jones. All were eager to apply for places in 2025.

Evaluation and Enrichment

Families will shortly be sent an annual evaluation to complete. I would be most grateful for your support concerning this questionnaire. We are full to capacity. There are long waiting lists for every class. Academic outcomes are within the top 1% nationally. Most important by far, there continues to exist a near-magical ambience. Everything is gentle, certainly most of the time. Exactitude is paramount and pupils are celebrated at every opportunity. I appreciate that some families value our post-3.20 provision, in the form of clubs and enrichment initiatives highly, but for the majority it is still that which is afforded in regard to learning that resonates most profoundly.

Yours sincerely,



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