

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Eid Mubarak**

In advance of Eid, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim families the very warmest of wishes.

## **Summer Uniform**

As is our tradition, the Year 6 scholars will be attired in Thomas Jones' summer uniform next week. This benefits everybody, especially those of you who are still relatively new to the school. From Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, all pupils are expected to wear the above, including the midnight blue bucket hat. This item of uniform has become an 'emblem', 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.

## **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. I do hope you can venture outside and perhaps even visit one of London's many parks or gardens this weekend, 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.

## **Visceral Teaching and Exacting Attendance**

Looking ahead, our focus is to sustain the quality of what is afforded and to further improve. The school's professional development programme continues to be defined by rigour and an uncompromising set of standards. Visceral teaching is the most influential factor. Attendance from September to the end of this term, when rounded up, is 97%. This remarkable achievement is further testimony to the fact that pupils want to learn, with many not missing a single lesson.

## **Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of support with the 'Safer Streets' initiative, which we are keen to re-launch. If you have capacity and are willing to volunteer, either at 8.45am or 3.00pm, for about 30 minutes, please see Mr Scott Gourley.

Yours sincerely,

  
DM Sellens