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Dear Parents and Carers,

Venturing Forth

*'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease'*

The above lines appear in John Keats Ode to Autumn, capturing the uniqueness of this special time of the year. It is supposed to be dry and sunny on Saturday. By Sunday, more rain is forecast. Given this, I strongly urge you to venture forth to one of London's many parks and gardens tomorrow and embrace the majesty of the season.

Enrichment

Recent educational visits to the National Portrait Gallery, the Royal College of Music and the perennially popular Science Museum, have been hugely rewarding, affording opportunities for plenty of discussion. Such enrichment is to be encouraged whenever possible. Next week the Year 6 scholars will immerse themselves in the Victorian era, spending a day at The William Morris Gallery. Then, on Friday the class are being treated to a 'behind the scenes' look at Chelsea FC's football ground, Stamford Bridge.

Eager Anticipation

Thomas Jones' annual Harvest Festival assembly will take place on Thursday 10th October. As is our tradition, donations of non-perishable foods for the elderly residents of Thomas Darby Court will be much appreciated. These will be delivered by our class councillors.

Perfect Start to the Season

Both of our football teams have had a remarkable start to the term, not losing a single point so far. On Wednesday they won yet another match, scoring eleven goals. Despite such early success, the team remained grounded, acknowledging the fact that there is always room for further improvement.

Superlative Rendition and Cake

Last week Year 4 teacher Leo Faulks performed a remarkable rendition of a classical jazz anthem in assembly. It is no exaggeration to say that the audience were spellbound. Music leader Rachel McCombe has kindly agreed to sing for us towards the end of term.

Despite being a designated 'Gold Award Healthy School', we have decided to host a cake sale in November. In the current climate, it is crucial that we are altogether more proactive in ensuring that sufficient sums are made available to purchase quality books and resources.

Yours sincerely,



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