

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Effusive Return**

*'See, they return'*

The manner in which pupils have so effusively settled this week is humbling. This resonates especially in regard to the Nursery and Reception, with children as young as three years of age demonstrating such ardent endeavour and immersing themselves in the learning opportunities that are afforded. Older pupils, including those who have just joined the school have shone. I'd go so far as to describe it as being rather 'otherworldly' in terms of positivity and eagerness. Attendance across the school is an impressive 97%. This bodes well. The correlation between remarkable achievement and individuals who are so rarely absent is irrefutable.

## **Reading Together**

*'Our Summer made her light escape'*

According to the Met Office, weather for the weekend is not ideal. Grey skies and the odd shower are forecast. Turning this on its head, one could be forgiven for arguing that these are indeed perfect conditions to find a comfortable spot and immerse oneself in a book. This month, please visit the library whenever possible or a bookshop with your child. Ensure older pupils read a portion of the 'I' newspaper, Sunday Observer or the National Geographic magazine. It is crucial that all pupils quickly recalibrate and commit in real terms to being an active partner in the process of becoming a bold and independent reader.

## **Onward and Autumn Attire**

Clubs and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities will shortly resume. Later this month, the Year 6 scholars will be attired in the midnight beret and cable knit bobble hat, both of which are, by now, an important element of our autumn and winter uniform. The popular straw boaters will continue to make an appearance but mainly for special occasions. As the weather turns, Thomas Jones scarves, mittens and rain jackets can be purchased from our uniform shop.

Yours sincerely,



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