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Dear Parents and Carers,

Effusive Return

*'No summer beauty hath such grace,
As I have seen in one autumn face'*

The manner in which pupils have so effusively settled this week is humbling. This resonates especially in regard to Reception and Year 1, with children as young as four years of age demonstrating such ardent endeavour and immersing themselves in the learning opportunities that are afforded. Attendance across the school is an impressive 98%. This bodes well. The correlation between remarkable achievement and individuals who are so rarely absent is irrefutable.

Onward and Upward

From the start of next half term, the long-established 8.00 to 8.45 breakfast initiative and 3.20 to 5.45 Play Plus venture will be expanded, with provision from Monday to Friday inclusive. Clubs and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities will gradually resume from the start of October. The quality of cello, violin and piano tuition at the school is exacting, as evidenced by the deft touch of our musicians, performing with such brio and sensitivity. Peripatetic lessons re-commence next week.

Autumn Attire

Later this month, the Year 6 scholars will model the midnight beret and cable knit bobble hat, both of which are now an integral 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 Barbour-style jackets can be purchased from our uniform shop, via email.

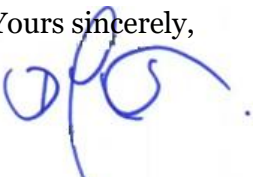
Reading Together

Please visit the library whenever possible or a bookshop with your child. Ensure older pupils read a portion of the 'T' newspaper, Sunday Observer or the National Geographic magazine. After so much disruption earlier this year, 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.

Honey Bees and Butterflies

Plans are once more afoot to develop the planters outside the Year 2 classroom. Thistles, Snowdrop Galanthus, Honeysuckle and Rose Hellebores are just some of the wild flowers that we are keen to cultivate to attract bees and butterflies. Then, in the spring, our junior horticulturalists will grow carrots, onions and marrows in anticipation of a bumper harvest this time next year.

Yours sincerely,



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