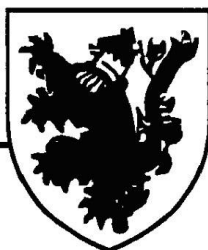


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Dear Parent / Guardian

We come once again to the end of a very busy year at Sir Thomas Picton School and I welcome the opportunity to update you with our news. Pupils have enjoyed successes in so many areas this year and we continue to be very proud of all that they do. I know that, as parents, you share this pride and we appreciate your continued support of our school.

When I wrote to you this time last year we were preparing for the Estyn Inspection. As a school we were delighted with the outcome of that visit and to be deemed to be 'outstanding' in so many areas is most encouraging. It is worthy recognition of all that the staff contribute in order to offer the best possible provision for your children and we continue to strive towards this end.

The emphasis we place on achieving and maintaining high standards is certainly one to which the pupils respond. They share with us our desire to 'Include, Inspire and Improve' and in embracing this philosophy they develop as individuals. An outstanding number of pupils – too many to list here by name though they have been individually acknowledged in school assemblies - have again this year gained national honours in their various sporting disciplines. The current success of the school production of 'We Will Rock You' gives us additional occasion for celebration. The school has also gained Silver Awards in the Eco Schools and Sustainable Schools initiatives and we are already working towards the Gold. It is indeed true that the benefits of school life are to be gained as much outside the classroom as within.

At the end of this year we say farewell to three long established members of staff. Mrs Kenward, Mr Stone and Mr Yabsley are all retiring, and as we give many thanks to each for their years of service to the school, we wish them individually a long, happy and healthy retirement

I attach for your information the school calendar for next year. Please take note of the Parents' Evenings that are of particular relevance to you and of the INSET days and school holidays, remembering that any family time out during the term has to be arranged in advance with the school. I would once again urge parents who are eligible for free school meals (worth over £300 per annum) to take up this entitlement on behalf of their children, encouraging them to make use of our excellent canteen facilities.

I would also like to give a general reminder regarding school uniform; if parents and pupils abide by the guidelines in our prospectus, it reduces the need for any potential dispute about style, colour and accessories. If there is any doubt about where our approved uniform can be bought, please contact the school for a list of suppliers, or check the details on our school website: [www.stp.pembrokeshire.sch.uk](http://www.stp.pembrokeshire.sch.uk). This will also keep you up to date with all school news.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school, for the interest you take in all that we do and for working with us in ensuring that pupils receive the best possible support and encouragement at all times.

Yours faithfully

S J Bessant  
Headteacher

