

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Restorative and Gentle**

*'When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,  
And hide in cooling trees'*

John Keats

Not for the first time in recent weeks, staff have been disarmed by your kindness and words of encouragement. Despite the pandemic, the last twelve months have been hugely successful and in no small part, this can be attributed to the exceptional trust that exists between us. I hope the forthcoming holiday is restorative and gentle. Please ensure your child reads as widely as possible. I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## **To Bid Farewell**

*'Off to see the world,  
There's such a lot of world to see'*

Johnny Mercer

Yesterday, we bid farewell to the Year 6 scholars. Their sense of wonder, juxtaposed with an assiduous learning ethic, is so impressive. The proportion of children excelling beyond the norm is remarkable. Far more important, is their benign and generous spirit. There was a poignant moment, earlier in the week, when the full magnitude of imminent departure became too overwhelming for some. We will miss them greatly. I'd like to take this opportunity to single out those colleagues who have championed and cajoled this cohort over the last eight years, in particular Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson, who taught them in the Nursery, and Mr Jason Dass, who has been their class teacher in this difficult transition year.

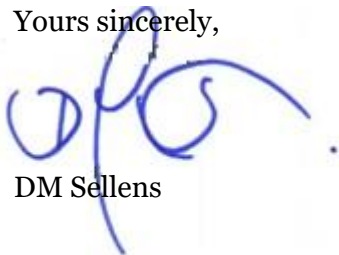
## **Thriving Colony**

*'The pedigree of honey  
Does not concern the bee,  
Clover, anytime, to him  
Is aristocracy'*

Emily Dickinson

Beekeeper Ms Camilla Goddard visited on Wednesday and effusively shared the splendid news that both Thomas Jones colonies continue to flourish. We eagerly anticipate a bumper harvest with over a hundred jars of honey expected in August. In the words of our youngest pupils, 'hurrah'. Hurrah indeed.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens