

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Summer was the Time**

*'Summer was the time of these,  
Of sudden plenty,  
Diamond haze and dust on the eyes'*

As we embrace midsummer, I'd like to thank you for your unerring trust. This last month has afforded veritable riches in regard to pupils' learning and the many incidentals that have arisen. Despite their relative inexperience, our girls' football team are now borough champions, having defeated all opposition in the league since the start of term. Next week, the mixed handball team venture to Fox School for the final match of the season. Attendance continues to be an impressive 97%. Younger pupils in the Nursery have shone brightly and are ready for the challenge of moving to Reception in September. Yesterday's Sports Day was attended by a large number of families. It was joyful, inclusive and full of special moments.

## **Eid Mubarak**

The date may vary according to moon sightings in different parts of the world, but Eid-al-Adha 2023, is predicted to begin in Britain on Wednesday 28th June. On behalf of everybody at Thomas Jones, I'd like to send our warmest wishes to all Muslim families in advance of this special day.

## **Better Never Stops**

The notion that 'better never stops' is something that resonates powerfully. We are, after all, our own harshest critics. However, I do feel there is sometimes a place for celebrating our many qualities. All families were sent an evaluation questionnaire on Monday. I'd be most grateful for your support.

## **Honeybees**

Earlier this week, the Year 2 scholars tended our honeybee colony. Wearing the now familiar beekeeper suits, they were inducted with such insight by apiary specialist Ali Alzein. Ms Verity Handyside effused about the children's' sense of wonder as they methodically inspected the hive. I'd like to thank the school's patrons for their generosity in funding this important initiative and Ms Melissa Kiley for her unerring tenacity in ensuring that the bees returned to us before the end of term.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens