

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Close to the End**

*'What we call the beginning is often the end,  
And to make an end is to make a beginning'*

The summer term finishes at 1.30 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Attendance is currently 97%. Many of our most accomplished learners are pupils who have not missed a single lesson. The ending of any term is as important as the beginning. Please ensure your child attends right up to and including the final morning of the 2022/2023 school year.

## **Teddy-Bear's Picnic, Kayaking, Sutton Hoo and Hyde Park's The Lookout**

It is terribly sad that not all children in the Nursery were offered places in our Reception, simply because they do not live close enough. Next week, this cohort will gather for a special farewell Teddy-Bear's picnic. Earlier this week, in near perfect weather, Year 5 immersed themselves in kayaking at the Canal Centre. One particular highlight of recent weeks has involved the History Society presenting to an invited audience - an impressive overview of Notting Barnes over the last hundred years. Their grasp of societal and technological change, and their appreciation of the nuances of the local area in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was disarming. Last week, Year 5 immersed themselves in an interactive workshop at the British Museum, the focus of which was the Anglo-Saxon ship burial at Sutton Hoo. Year 2 returned from Hyde Park's ecological 'The Lookout' on Tuesday, eager to share their enthusiasm about this wonderful resource.

## **You are Marvellous**

*'You are Marvellous,  
The Gods wait to delight  
In You'*

Yesterday's final rehearsal of Year 6's Peter Pan was superlative. This particular cohorts' sense of wonder, juxtaposed with an assiduous learning ethic is impressive. Far more important, is their generous spirit. There was a poignant moment, earlier in the week, when the full magnitude of imminent departure became too overwhelming for some. Everybody will miss them greatly. Many thanks to all staff at Thomas Jones, past and present, for championing and cajoling this class over the last eight years and especially Ms Rachel McCombe, who has overseen their development in this important transition year.

## **Sporting Success**

Some of you will recall we were crowned borough hockey champions in May. Our handball team have shone against formidable opposition in recent weeks and finished the season at the top of the league. We will celebrate this success in a special assembly in the final week of term.

Yours sincerely,



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