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Dear Parents and Carers,

To Wrap Up and Venture Forth

*'There, in the broad, within whose booky house,
Half England's scholars nibble books or browse,*

John Masefield

With the exception of tomorrow it is, I gather, supposed to be damp and rainy for much of the half term holiday. Despite this, please consider wrapping up and venturing forth to Kensington Palace Gardens or Holland Park or another outside space. Being active will positively affect the quality of your child's sleep and developmental growth. Please read with your son or daughter as much as possible. Reading is, there is no denying, the single most important element in any pupil's primary education. The more opportunities there are to discuss a book, to browse or enjoy sharing a story or poem together, the better.

Spring is on its Way

*'The speculating rooks at their nests cawed,
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass,
What we below could not see, Winter beginning to pass'*

Emily Dickinson

As we embrace the halfway point of the school year, I'd like to thank you for your unerring trust. These last few weeks have afforded veritable riches in regard to pupils' progress and the many rewarding incidentals that have arisen. Attendance has been an impressive 97%. One particular highlight has been the astonishing performances by our girls' football team, winning their last five matches with aplomb.

Ardent Scholars

'Life must be lived forwards'

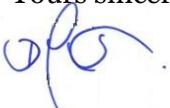
Soren Kierkegaard

At its most impressive, Thomas Jones is the antithesis of myopic, and a genuine seat of learning that is held up as an exemplar in some quarters. It would be all too easy to take for granted what has been established. Going forward, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every individual achieves. Those who struggle will be supported, and the capable challenged to become more accomplished.

Lent, Ramadan and Chinese New Year

This year the Christian season of Lent and the Islamic holy month of Ramadan begin on the same day, Wednesday 18th February. Deputy head, Lindsay Johnson and I would like to acknowledge this special time for many families in our community and to wish everyone observing Lent or Ramadan a meaningful and peaceful season. We would also like to extend our warmest wishes to those families celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday 17th February, and hope the year ahead brings happiness, prosperity and good health. We look forward to seeing all parents and carers and pupils again on Monday 23rd February.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens