

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Sublime Staging and Remarkable Writing**

*'At length the stir of labour's still,  
And industry her care awhile forgoes'*

The many successes of the last seven weeks include Harvest Festival and Year 2's sublime staging of The Enormous Turnip. The staff team responsible for organising the above deserve much praise and in particular Ms Zoe Byrne. I'd like to briefly focus on a personal highlight, one that has not been linear, namely, the remarkable transcendence of some of our Year 6 scholars as writers. The quality of their personal responses, juxtaposed with inventiveness, is humbling.

## **Robust Competitors**

The swimming team continue to shine and it is anticipated that Thomas Jones will enter the Royal Borough's 2020 Gala. Despite excelling in hockey and netball, the school has not until recently been in a strong enough position to field a sufficiently robust swimming squad. I've every faith this relatively new venture will prove to be fruitful.

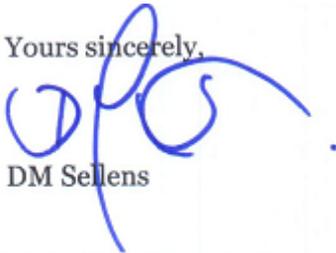
## **Museums, Galleries and Libraries**

It is worth noting that a number of museums and galleries are entirely free of charge and sometimes offer special interactive workshops for children. If one factors in an inexpensive bus fare and simple packed lunch, there really isn't an excuse not to venture into town over this forthcoming break. Over the next week please ensure that time is put aside to read with your child. It is crucial that all children are reading daily. Older scholars will benefit enormously from reading extracts from quality broadsheets such as the Guardian or Observer. In regard to younger pupils, visits to the library or if fortunate, local bookshops Lutyens and Rubinstein, Daunts or Waterstones can reap huge rewards. Crudely, the more a child reads certain kinds of literature, the stronger he or she will become and, in turn, more self-assured.

## **Wholly Remiss**

It would be wholly remiss not to, once again, thank you for your trust, warmth and encouragement. The Latin phrase 'Fiducia, Sine Timore' ('trust without fear') continues to resonate hugely.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens