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Dear Parents and Carers,

Venturing Out Once More

*Loveliest of trees, the cherry now,
Is hung with bloom,
And stands about the woodland ride,
Awaiting Eastertide'*

A.E. Housman

Venturing to one of London's parks or gardens over Easter can be incredibly restorative, weather permitting. At this time of the year, Hyde Park and Kensington Palace Gardens are at their most sublime. Please also make time to read with and to your child. I cannot sufficiently emphasise the value of these shared experiences. The latest edition of The National Geographic magazine is now on sale. Contained within are some marvellous features about ancient history that I think older pupils will find intriguing.

Bucket Hats and Boaters

From the 20th April all pupils are expected to wear summer uniform. This includes the Thomas Jones bucket hat or straw boater. In recent years, these items of uniform have become something of an 'emblem' and an integral component of pupils' attire. We are not unique, but the above are valid strands that set us apart. They are bold sartorial statements and on an entirely practical level afford protection from the sun's harmful rays and spring showers.

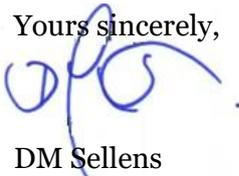
Ardent Endeavour

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all members of staff for such ardent endeavour and a refusal to compromise in regard to anything that may even slightly undermine children's learning. This resonates especially given the parameters imposed by the pandemic. Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson deserves huge praise for the deft manner in which the school's revised risk assessment has been executed. Site Manager Mr Bill Wharmby too should be applauded for his exacting support.

Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak

It would be wholly remiss not to wish those of you from a Christian background a Happy Easter and, looking ahead to the second week of the holiday, Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim families. Here's to a gentle, ideally sunny April.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens