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Dear Parents and Carers,

End Point

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

John Clare

It has been another incredibly rewarding half term. The many successes include last week's Harvest Festival and Year 2's sublime staging of The Little Red Hen. The staff team responsible for organising the above deserve much praise and in particular Key Stage 1 Leader, Ms Zoe Byrne. I will write at the start of next term, expanding upon this theme, but in the here and now, I'd like to briefly focus on a personal highlight, one that has not been linear, namely, the remarkable transcendence of our Year 6 scholars as writers. The quality of their personal responses, juxtaposed with inventiveness is humbling.

Venture into Town

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 during this forthcoming holiday. Please also read with your child as much as possible over the next week.

Robust Swimmers

The swimming team continue to shine. Led with aplomb by Sports Leader Mr Julius Joseph, it is anticipated that Thomas Jones will enter the Royal Borough's 2019 Gala. Despite excelling in hockey and netball, the school has not until relatively recently been in a strong enough position to field a sufficiently robust swimming squad. I've every faith this new venture will prove to be fruitful.

Fiducia Sine Timore

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') resonates hugely.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens