

Honey Letter 2008

The honey bee situation has not improved in the past year. A website, www.honeybeequiet.com reports that the problem has spread all over the globe. In November the beekeepers in England, dressed in white bee suits and carrying bee smokers “swarmed” Parliament and 10 Downing Street to ask for more funds for research into the cause of the problem which remains unknown. The honeybees fly off to gather honey and simply do not return home, leaving the queen and baby bees left in the hive to fend for themselves. A leading possibility is the use of nicotine based insecticides which cause toxicity to the nervous systems of insects. The possibility of a new virus or weakening due to the varroa mite infestations are also possibilities.

This summer we decided to send out our scouts to look for our bees. They did a lot of whooping and hollering but did not find any bees.



In the fall they went off to Kindergarten and have discovered a world of learning, fun and friends. But no bees!



**We wish you a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year !!!!**

Aubrey, Beau, Lyse and Tom

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