



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 14th October 2016

We enjoyed welcoming visitors today for our Open Morning. There was lots of positive feedback about the lessons families visited and the Town Close children they met. Our visitors were also full of praise for the Year 4 and 8 guides and the group who put together the presentation on the Town Close Way helped by Mrs Beasley. This is our new code of conduct for the whole school written by the School Council and members of Year 2 last year and was also the theme of Mr Parker's Prep assembly on Monday, with practical advice as to how we can all help these aims to be realised. On Tuesday, the Year 8 soloists concert included a range of wonderfully played pieces. 4MR gave an entertaining assembly about author Chris Riddell, and his stories. With Open Morning today, we will wait until Monday to hear our musicians and find out the winning house.



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A highlight of the week was the Year 7 leadership day, part of the ASA leadership course. Pupils led their counterparts in Year 2 in six activities that they will experience when they are older. In DT, for example, they helped the younger children build aeroplanes and demonstrated how to use some of the power tools safely. There was also chromatography in science, games in French, exciting mathematical challenges, a huge art project and gripping drama activities. Year 7 showed lots of leadership potential and Year 2 had a great time too.



Elsewhere, I saw Reception children practising their hockey skills during games and visited Year 1 children packing a bag for a survival trip. Air pressure was used to crush a can in Year 7 science, Year 4 children were writing from characters' viewpoints in English and Year 3 creating words that looked like their meaning. I spent time with Year 6 mathematicians and also saw Maple Class experimenting with different jumps in PE. Once again I heard stories of enjoyable rugby and hockey fixtures with more children having the opportunity to represent the School. Next week we also look forward to a swimming gala versus Norwich High School for a group of pupils in Years 3-5.



Excitement has been building today for those parents lucky enough to be coming to tonight's PTA Quiz Night. I will be there once again for my annual quizmaster outing and Mrs Harries will be scoring and ensuring fair play! Next week we look forward to



pupils in Years 3 and 8 trialling a smell and taste workshop in preparation for a large research project we are supporting. Author James Mayhew is visiting Pre Prep pupils on Wednesday and that morning we are also hosting the PTA coffee morning and AGM in the Pre Prep hall at 8:30am to which all parents are welcome (please note parking on site will only be available from 8:25am). On Thursday, Pre Prep pupils are invited to wear something purple in aid of Nelson's Journey (it is a normal uniform day for Prep pupils) and later on Thursday is the Year 6 parents' evening. On Friday, we are hosting a Pre Prep grandparents' coffee morning and visit to the classrooms prior to the half term break.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With all good wishes

*Nick Bevington*

