



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

NORWICH'S FINEST PREP SCHOOL · FOR GIRLS & BOYS · 3-13 YEARS

Dear Parents

Friday 21st October 2016

We have had a very successful first half of term from the glorious September sunshine of the first few weeks to the beautiful autumn colours now emerging. This morning we invited everyone from Reception through to Year 8 to an end of half term Headmaster's assembly where I read Julia Donaldson's classic story *A Squash and a Squeeze*, though we actually all fitted into the Read Hall very comfortably!

The story delighted our younger audience whilst giving a very important message to us all. Akshay Pissay also played *The Penguin Parade* by Christine Dentin beautifully on the piano. Earlier in the week, Mr Coulthart gave a lovely Prep assembly on friendship aided by Pooh Bear. We enjoyed Josephine Jeutte playing *Animal Fair Waltz* on the piano and Grace Hunter performing *Elizabethan Dance* on the flute.



Revd Dr Patrick Richmond spoke to Pre Prep children about healing and comfort in preparation for bird family meetings where this year's charity, Nelson's Journey, was introduced. Pre Prep Children dressed in purple on Thursday to raise money for this valuable cause and completed their own 'worry eaters', with Sarah Hyde from Nelson's Journey awarding prizes for the winning entries. We also welcomed James Mayhew to speak to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. He captivated everyone with his gripping story-telling and fabulous illustrations which took shape in front of our eyes. Pre Prep grandparents were also welcomed to the School this morning and seemed thoroughly to enjoy immersing themselves into classroom activities. We look forward to welcoming Year 3 and 4 Grandparents who are going to be invited to visit on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



It has been an exciting week for the PTA too, with the AGM taking place on Wednesday. Kate Evans, was duly elected as the new Chair, having organised last week's PTA quiz so brilliantly (with the teachers' team re-capturing the title this year!). Radley Fenn and Debbie Palfreyman were elected Treasurer and Secretary. We thanked the previous committee led by Sharon Da Cunha, Nina Demetriou and Sarah Millington for the outstanding work they have done over the last two years, including organising the Bollywood Ball we all enjoyed so much. The PTA is being formed as a charity in its own right and now has its own website [www.townclosepta.co.uk](http://www.townclosepta.co.uk) where you can buy tickets for the forthcoming Bonfire Night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm at Tacolneston Hall. It is always a lovely occasion and I hope as many of you as possible will book your places and come along.

Year 8 children are having an exciting day today visiting the Norwich Festival of Science and earlier in the week both they and pupils from Year 3 participated in a fascinating taste and smell workshop organised by Mr Philpott. They were trialling this ahead of a major research project and found it fascinating to discover that we can only taste five things, with every other flavour actually being down to our sense of smell. Earlier in the week I enjoyed watching the Year 3-5 swim gala versus Norwich High School and also a very entertaining hockey fixture against Framlingham Prep.



The week after half term sees more exciting sports fixtures and a Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle as part of the children's study on Egyptians. Prep pupils will have a special remembrance assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November to coincide with the national silence at 11:00am. Look out also for our new website, which goes live on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

I hope that all of our children have an enjoyable and restful two week break and really look forward to seeing everyone again after the half term holiday.

With all good wishes

*Nick Bevington*

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Year 5 studying WWII



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### PREP and PRE PREP

#### Smell and Taste Workshop

Pupils in Years 3 and 8 enjoyed a Smell and Taste Workshop on Monday. They trialed the workshop for Mr Philpott and his team who plan to run these in several schools as part of a research project he is undertaking on 'smell and taste'. It proved to be an extremely interesting and enjoyable session!



#### School Record

This week 7T counted around the class from 1 to 100 in French in 1 minute 28 seconds, beating the previous school record of 1 minute 37 seconds held since 2005! Very well done to them all.

### HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP 2016

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#### Naming School Uniform

Please can we put out a plea to parents to ensure that every item of your child's uniform is clearly named. We are getting a lot of uniform into lost property which is either unnamed or has been purchased from the second-hand uniform shop and has not had the 'old' name removed. Thank for your help.

#### Visiting Author

James Mayhew, the author of the 'Katie' series and an amazing illustrator, visited the Pre Prep this week. He told the children stories whilst he drew and painted illustrations as well as encouraging Year 2 children to have some practical experience of creating their own stormy sea scene in the style of Turner.



### PTA Bonfire Night

Friday 11th November

6.30pm for 7pm Fireworks



**Tickets on sale now!**

For information, prices  
and tickets please visit

[www.townclosepta.co.uk](http://www.townclosepta.co.uk)