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Dear Parents

Friday 19th May 2017

Exciting preparations for tomorrow's Secret Garden PTA May Ball are underway outside my window as I write! The marquee looks splendid (Nursery children have just been exploring it!) and Kate Evans and her extensive PTA team have put in an enormous amount of work for which we are truly thankful. I hope everyone coming has a wonderful time and look forward to seeing many of you there. Even if you are not able to come you are welcome to bid on items kindly donated for the auction by using the attached list of lots and emailing bids to pta@townclose.com by 3.00pm.



Today we have welcomed a large number of visitors to the School for our Open Morning. They were unanimous in their praise for the Year 3 and 7 guides and the children who presented life at Town Close to them. A number of guests described how moved they had been by the welcome they received from all the children and teachers, most of whom were in their normal lessons. We also showed guests a spectacular film Mr Woods has made about ASA, which you can watch on the Town Close YouTube Channel [here](#).



On Thursday morning, we had a whole school assembly. Emilia Meade, Summer Hughes, Lucy Webster, Joshua Duval and Imogen Cook performed a brief play about a wise old grandma who helped explain that in disputes, right and wrong is rarely black and white, but often many shades of grey. This may lead very well onto our mock General Election for Prep pupils after half term! Earlier in the week, there were some magnificent performances in the soloists' concert with a number of pupils now advancing to an impressive standard.



This week we have also had athletes competing at UEA, team photographs, cricket and rounders, with only this afternoon's fixtures falling victim to the much needed rain. Year 1 had a lovely trip to Fairhaven.



They made clay faces to place on trees, learned how to 'hedge bash', went on a boat trip, listened to birds and bats, had a bird watch on the Staithe and saw a king oak which is over 1000 years old! Nursery pupils have taken charge of one of our banana experiments, while children in Reception had a presentation about the digestive system, led by Dr Alexandre, a gastroenterologist. Year 2 pupils, meanwhile were learning how to engage the reader in the creative writing inspired by their dioramas. Year 8 pupils sat their French listening and oral exams this week and all Prep pupils took home attitude to learning grades for the first half of term.



Next week sees summer exams or assessments for pupils in Years 3-6. Taking tests is an important skill for pupils to develop as they get older, much as there are many other important qualities not measured so easily. Year 3-6 children are still at an early stage of their academic development and tests should be seen as just one part of children's growth and learning rather than as an end in themselves. Year 7&8 exams take place the week after half term, reflecting the slightly greater expectations in terms of revision by this stage and mirroring the Common



Entrance timetable.

Lastly, a reminder that half term starts next Friday, with Thursday 25th May being the last day of this half term.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

Nicholas Bevington





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The Junior Maths Challenge Results

Very well done to the following pupils who all did very well in the recent Junior Maths Challenge:

Samuel Dernie (96) and Freddie Patterson (94) have qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Paper. A score of 86+ was needed. Jonathon Cheong (84) and William Waller (82) narrowly missed out.

One step further was Arjuna Puvanachandra scoring 110. He now qualifies for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad paper. A score of 107+ was needed.

Both the JMO and Kangaroo tests are to be held on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Save the Date—Year 7 pupils

Next year's Year 8 pupils will be visiting the Salvation Army on Sunday 19th November at 10.30am. It is essential that all the children attend so we would be grateful if you could please add the date to your diary.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

1st XI Cricket Practice

There will be no extended practice for the 1st XI on Monday 22nd May due to Senior House cricket matches taking place from 2.15pm at Main Field.

Colts Cricket Club

Mr Chuter's Colts Cricket Club will not be taking place on Monday 22nd May as the sports hall will be set up for Year 5 and 6 exam week.

Team Kit

If you have any team kit, especially running vests, at home could these please be returned to Mr Woods in the Games Office as soon as possible as they are required for the next athletics meeting. Thank you.

Race for Life

Well done to Mohid (4W) and Anya (Y2) who successfully completed the 5K 'Race for Life' on Sunday at the Norfolk Show-ground in support of Cancer Research.



Hockey Success

Congratulations to Georgia Demetriou and Ella Creasy who played for the Dragons Hockey Club last weekend. They came runners up in the Under 8's tournament against 14 teams competing from all over East Anglia. Well done to them both.

This week in Pre Prep...



Nursery children baked some cakes for the builders this week!





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