



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 1st September 2017

I hope you and your families have had a lovely summer holiday and that your children are excited about the start of the Autumn Term. We are really looking forward to seeing our returning pupils and to welcoming children new to the School this year. There are induction meetings taking place for those children on Tuesday and also for every pupil starting in Reception and Year 3 as per the letters you sent by Mrs Ford.



There has been a huge amount of work going on over the summer holiday, most notably the extension of the Pre Prep building to provide enhanced nursery accommodation alongside a new entrance area, medical room, toilet facilities and cloakrooms. Newall Construction have worked amazingly hard to achieve tight deadlines and we hope that you will be excited to see the changes. Meanwhile, foundations have been dug for the new Year 2 building, which should be ready after half term. Elsewhere, there is a new covered cycle store nearing

completion behind the Dearnaley Building, which we hope will encourage more families who can to cycle into school, especially with work to enhance the cycle paths from Eaton and Cringleford now nearing completion. There has been lots of re-decoration work taking place and our grounds and maintenance team have worked hard to enhance a number of areas.



The Activate summer holiday programme took place for three weeks over the holiday, led by Mr Walker, with record numbers of pupils attending. As ever, there was a varied programme of exciting and creative activities and our front lawn played host to the traditional bouncy castles and water games. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed it as much as we did and that it also provided a useful service to families.

Over the summer there have been a few further staffing changes. After very careful consideration, Mrs Stackwood has decided to

take early retirement and will not be returning next week. She would like to send her very best wishes and gratitude to all the parents and children she has had the pleasure of meeting over the last 17 years and for making her time at Town Close so special. Mrs Prutton will be covering while we recruit her replacement. Mr France left us at the end of last term and we thank him for the expert coaching he has offered so many of our pupils during the last four terms. He will



continue to offer cricket coaching to young people including many from Town Close through his coaching company. Mr Newman will be leading Town Close cricket coaching from September and a letter from him about Saturday cricket sessions is included in today's emails. Mr King, our Head of Grounds, leaves to take up a position at Dunston Hall and Mr J Hermitage has been appointed to take over from him. Mrs Shone has left our catering team to take up a position at Parkside School and we are currently recruiting her replacement.



Year 7 pupils depart for their residential trip to the Château de la Baudonnière on Sunday morning for a week's immersion French course. Last year I saw for myself what a wonderful experience this provides as children undertake an exciting range of activities all delivered in French. Year 8 pupils depart for their geography field trip to Holt Hall on Wednesday, where they will undertake field work for the CE projects and engage in some scientific study too. School starts on Wednesday morning at the normal time unless you have had details about a staggered start for your child from Mrs Harries.



I look forward to seeing you all next week and wish you a good weekend in the meantime.

With best wishes

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