



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 29th March 2019

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a fabulous week in Northern France studying history with Mr Kendrick and have been blessed with glorious spring weather. There have been fine photos posted on the @townclosetrips Twitter feed, including children seeing bunkers on Gold Beach, visiting Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches and laying wreaths in memory of the service personnel who fought in the Royal Norfolk Regiment at the British Cemetery at Bayeux.

Here at School we were treated to a magnificent adaptation of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with the Reception children performing with amazing confidence as they brought this colourful tale to life. Silver Birch Class delivered their assembly about important people from Norfolk and beyond, including authors and our mothers. There were some very touching messages about what children loved about their mothers to go with the pictures they had produced.



3S, meanwhile performed *Odysseus and Cyclops* from the *Odyssey* for their assembly and entertained and educated us all brilliantly. The cast of *Beauty and the Beast* reprised one of their numbers in Monday's assembly on teamwork and this morning the whole school joined together for an assembly about the "special powers" we all have to help our mothers and those who care for us. Six Pre Prep pupils joined with six older Prep peers and read to everyone with great confidence.



Year 3&4 children competed valiantly in the House cross-country yesterday and lots of our children were making the most of beautiful weather playing in the grounds at lunch break today. This week, I have seen groups of Reception children coming to the main house to look at the grandfather clock, as part of their work on time. I visited a Year 4 science class using a circuit board they had wired up to revise their recent RS work, while Year 3 were busy studying hieroglyphics and working collaboratively in groups to piece the symbols together.



Year 7 children produced some fine coastal erosion animations in geography, following Year 6's animations to explain rainfall (I have posted examples on my @townclosehead Twitter feed). Year 1 swimmers were doing brilliantly swimming widths in the deep end without flotation devices and Year 2 were adding adverbs to their imaginative desert island stories. As promised last week, the results of the SATIPS national general knowledge quiz are overleaf. Congratulations to all our participants, particularly the junior team who came an impressive fourth in the country and Edward Brightwell, whose individual result was fourth nationally too.



Pre Prep staff enjoyed meeting parents for consultations yesterday evening and next week sees Red and Blue group meetings for Nursery. I saw a number of our Little Acorns enjoying playing with their bikes and trikes earlier, while another group was watching an animation about numbers. Tomorrow morning the PTA are organising the Easter Activity Morning for younger pupils from 10.00am in the Pre Prep, which we hope lots of you will come to. A group of Year 7&8 children will be helping to staff some of the activities and we are hoping to see the Easter Bunny to guide us on our Easter egg hunt!



Next week is the final week of the spring term, with all children finishing on Wednesday. Many of our Prep pupils have been preparing for the Spring Variety Performance at 10.45am on the final day, to which participants' parents are warmly invited. We regret we are unable to offer parking on site for this except for those with blue disabled badges, who may use the visitors' spaces on the front drive.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*