



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Pupils from Year 2 upwards celebrated the end of term with a fantastic Spring Variety Performance in the sports hall this morning. Over 100 children entertained us with music, gymnastics and dance, watched by their peers and an audience of friends and family. Congratulations to everyone involved. Earlier on, 3H presented their special assembly to pupils in Years 2-4, dramatising the entire Easter story brilliantly in fifteen minutes! Mr Avenal led Monday's assembly, aided by members of 3A, explaining the importance of the Green Cross Code and showing a range of videos, from the original information films of 1978 to modern-day alternatives. This afternoon, the traditional end-of-term assembly for Prep children involved sports reports, termly prizes and a range of other awards.



Mrs Laing led celebration assembly in Pre Prep this week. We enjoyed hearing about some fantastic achievements and congratulated the stars of the week, before finding out that Kingfishers had won this half term's token competition, turning the cup blue! In Bird Family meetings Reception and Year 1 discussed respecting personal space. Reception have been preparing for the holidays by representing the Easter story in a colourful pictorial display inspired by sand artists.

Year 1 finished their India topic with an Indian food tasting session, while Year 2's Easter egg hunt in the woods was all conducted using maths clues. Pupils in Years 5-7 were inspired by author Caroline Lawrence, who talked about creating her fantastic book, *The Time Travel Diaries*. I have bought a signed copy to enjoy over the holidays!



Many of our senior children competed in the Gresham's Hockey Festival over the weekend in beautiful spring sunshine. All our teams reached the knockout stages, with the girls' B team coming through a tense penalty shoot-out to win their indoor competition. For our Year 8's it was their last hockey commitment at Town Close after many years'



impressive development and we were really proud of how everyone did. Next term we move to cricket for girls and boys — I know a number of children will be practising hard over the holidays.



It has already felt like summer this week with the front lawn open and the sun shining brightly, on Monday at least! The start of the summer term is on Tuesday 23rd April, immediately after the Easter Bank Holiday, as Easter is unusually late this year. A reminder that children may wear summer uniform whenever it feels warm enough in the summer term, with summer dresses for girls and short-sleeved white shirts (Prep) or blue polo-shirts (Pre Prep) for boys. Boys in Year 5 and above are also welcome to wear grey shorts with short grey socks instead of trousers should they wish,

except for formal occasions. Please note all pupils are expected to arrive and depart school

wearing their blazers and full uniform. It is also very important to remember sun hats and sun cream for the summer term for any prolonged periods outside, for example games lessons and matches.



During the first week of term there are the intermediate and junior swimming galas, the Year 4 trip to West Stow and the Year 6 ASA camping trip, the start of the summer season!

I wish all our pupils a very enjoyable Easter holiday.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

