



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 6th September 2019

It has been lovely to welcome our new and returning pupils this week and to see everyone's enthusiasm for the new school year. Year 7 children have begun in the magnificent surroundings of the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, with great pictures and updates coming through on the @townclosetrips Twitter feed. They have been a delightful group who have really enjoyed this immersive experience in the French language and culture. Year 8, meanwhile, have been on their field trip to Holt Hall, undertaking a range of scientific and geographic activities. They have studied food webs in the river Glaven and visited Selbrigg, Letheringsett Ford and Bayfield to collect data for their geography projects.



Inspired by the news series of *Bake Off*, Mrs Harries welcomed Year 1&2 children with an assembly discussing what the recipe for success for the new school year might include. It was lovely to hear some of the children's brilliant ideas! Prep pupils started with an assembly looking back at experiences and memories from the summer, including two extraordinary England cricket matches, and explored what we can learn from them in terms of setting ourselves targets for the coming year. Mr Woods, newly appointed as Deputy Head (pastoral),

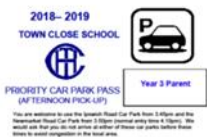
led an assembly focusing on the Town Close Way, written by the School Council in 2016, showing the children the [film](#) we have subsequently made about it.



I saw Reception children with clipboards on a treasure hunt around the School, a Year 2 group going to their first computing lesson with Mr Hughes in the main computer room and Nursery children exploring their new surroundings, prior to starting on Monday. Year 6 were busy creating thumbnail landscapes on the front lawn in their art lesson, Year 4 were learning about parts of the body in science, Year 3 were starting their new reading records and I taught 5S for their first French lesson of the year.



As ever, traffic into school was busier than usual this week for the start of term with bags to bring in and new teachers to see. A reminder that Stop and Drop operates on both sides of the School in the morning, with only a few places to park. Please also feel welcome to park outside the School and walk in or, if you can, to walk or cycle to school from home.



In the afternoons, the Pre Prep car park opens after 'Stop and Collect' at 3.45pm and the Newmarket Road at 3.50pm **for those with green permits** given to parents with at least one child in Year 3 or below. Those just with **children in Year 4 or above are asked to arrive between 4.10pm – 4.25pm**, when both car parks open for those without permits. Please let the front office know should older children have permission to leave school alone.



On Sunday a group of Year 8 children are competing in the F24 electric racing car race at Bedford Autodrome, following our fine performances in last term's races at Lotus and Ford. Next week we look forward to welcoming Prep parents to afternoon tea at 3.45pm on the front lawn (parking on site only available from 4.10pm). Your children are welcome to join you once they have finished school. Pre Prep induction meetings for different year groups take place on three evenings next week, our first sports fixture of the term is on Wednesday, individual and form photographs are being taken on Thursday and Year 8 have a history trip to Norwich Cathedral on Friday. A full calendar is available on the portal as ever.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Benington

