



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 5th July 2019

Today's Prep Department Sports Days took place in lovely July sunshine and I have enjoyed hearing about all the events and seeing the photos of children competing enthusiastically. It was great to see children trying so hard and cheering on others from their House in everything from traditional athletic disciplines to the much-loved tug-of-war. I was sorry that a family funeral meant I could not be present and hope everyone has had a lovely time.

Music has been another highlight of the week! We discovered that the future of Town Close is in fine hands at the Year 1 and Year 2 concerts, where children performed with great joy and composure on an impressive range of instruments. It was great to see accomplished performances from older pupils at the Year 6 Soloists' Concert, while our Ensembles Concert underlined the progress our older musicians are making. Well-known favourites and ambitious pieces were performed adeptly by various ensembles and the Senior Orchestra concluded in rousing style with some lovely crescendos! There is further musical entertainment to look forward to at next Friday's Prep Department Prizegiving Ceremony!



Rev Patrick visited Prep pupils to deliver a memorable assembly about friendship, while 4V entertained Years 2-4 and their parents with their Aboriginal assembly, where music, dancing and dreamtime stories were brought wonderfully to life. A group of Year 7 children visited the John Innes Centre to experience real world science and many told me how inspirational the activities had been. We enjoyed final cricket fixtures against Beeston and Langley and keenly contested house matches, as well as Year 1 rounders on the front lawn, with impressive hitting and fielding.



Tomorrow sees groups of Year 6 and Year 8 pupils competing in the Greenpower F24 and Goblin races at Ford's Dunton Technical Centre. We wish both teams good luck!



This week Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating Rock Circus workshop, enhancing children's geological understanding. We welcomed Year 4 pupils and parents for their Year 5 induction, Nursery parents for the



Reception induction and new Nursery and Reception children for their play mornings. We look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents for the Year 3 induction on Tuesday afternoon. All children joining Town Close are invited to Tuesday's "moving up day" where younger pupils will spend time with their class teacher for next year while those moving into Years 5-8 will visit their tutor and meet their new tutees. We mix classes in all year groups at the end of each year and will publish these new lists on Tuesday.



We are very excited that the Biennial Art Exhibition is opening on Monday with previews in the afternoon, the official opening for invited guests taking place at 4.30pm and general opening from Tuesday. Every pupil from Years 1-8 has produced their own masterpiece, which we hope you will come and see (and, for the modest price of the frame, buy!).



Monday also sees the traditional Prep Department Summer Fete. Children in Years 3-8 will be able to visit the stalls in the afternoon and are invited to wear home clothes all day. They will ideally need some change in small denominations, to spend at the stalls. Note Pre Prep children have a normal day and wear school uniform as usual. Year 2 have their trip to Winterton on Wednesday, Nursery have their celebration assembly and there is the senior swimming gala. Thursday sees the End of Year Service at Christ Church Eaton for Prep Pupils with a small amount of space available for those parents keen to share this lovely occasion with us. You will be most welcome. Finally, Friday sees the Prep Department Prizegiving, involving all children in Years 3-8, with arrangements as per the recent letters.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

