



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 26th June 2020

It has been such a pleasure to welcome almost all pupils back to school this week, re-united with teachers and many of their friends, alongside a handful joining us via Zoom. My visits to lessons and play times have seen lots of happy and productive activity and we have all enjoyed glorious summer weather. Our grounds have come alive with various activities and classes in the woods and gardens. With arrangements so different from normal, we really appreciate parental support too. Without early pick-ups on Prep games afternoons, a full return would not have been possible and we are extremely thankful for your understanding. Please can we also ask you to support us by ensuring Prep children always come to school with their salto wristband, which is how they gain entry to all our buildings.



We appreciate that children have missed all of their matches, trips and special events and next



Wednesday would have been a day off for the whole school for the Norfolk Show. With this year's show sadly cancelled and children at school instead, we wanted to mark the day with something special that can be done within the current "bubble" system. We therefore propose a non-uniform day, where children can wear what they might have worn to the show and lunch will include something they might have bought, were they there. It would be appreciated if children felt able to donate £1 to our school charity, Break, as many of our usual fund-raising events have not been possible. For this reason, we propose to keep Break as our School charity next year, though we will consult with the School Council about potentially supporting one or two other charity days during the year too.



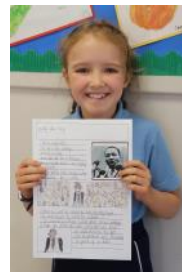
This week's [Headmaster's Assembly](#) was inspired by some fantastic computer aided design work I saw in DT, where children had been designing bridges. Year 5 children built physical bridges, using paper straws and masking tape, with Tom and George's strong enough to hold two full water bottles, a pencil case, a roll of masking tape and a Pritt Stick! The assembly challenged two Year 7 pupils to build their own structure out of spaghetti and Plasticine, before looking at Spaghetti Junction in Birmingham and exploring the idea of following different paths. Mrs Harries led [Pre Prep assembly](#), sharing the beautiful poetic story *The Crow's Tail*, about looking within rather than judging on the outside, surrounded by our Town Close birds.



This week's activities have included Year 4 rehearsing excerpts from Kaye Umansky's play *Let's go to London*. Year 4 children also showed me some of their research on London and 4R showed me their finished [Pen Challenge Video](#) with positive messages, which they thoroughly enjoyed creating. Year 1 children enjoyed an outdoor clock hunt, challenged by their teachers to crack a code by correctly identifying the



time on each face. There have been lots of energetic dance and PE sessions, including Year 2's sports hall circuit training with Mr Woods. Year 2 have also been completing fantastic work on Martin Luther King, which has precipitated valuable discussions about the global Black Lives Matter movement.



Nursery children have profited from the hot weather with lots of water play and I joined an impressively industrious session learning about letters with Miss Bruce yesterday to children moving to Reception next year. Today we have seen Year 3 work on rainforests and investigations of rock photos and Year 4 colour wheels. Our temporary ropes around the School have also been decorated with ribbons, each inscribed with messages of thanks and positivity by the children. Meanwhile, our [#SendASmile](#) gallery has been posted each day and even featured in the *EDP*.

Children send 'smile' to dad they have not seen since March

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Gary Legg in Saudi Arabia with the 'send a smile' message from his children Florence and Archie who he has not seen since March. (Picture: Town Close School)

A school project has helped children send a message to the father they have not seen since March.

Once again, it has been such a joy to see so many more children this week and I hope you all have a good weekend.

With my best wishes

*Nick Kerrington*