



Dear Parents

Friday 26th March 2021

It has been a joy to have all children back in school for the last three weeks of term and I hope that they are all now looking forward to two and a half weeks off for Easter. The School grounds are blooming back into life as we welcome spring and it was lovely yesterday to see the front lawn open for lunch break, with Year 7&8 pupils happily playing a number of games. There has been an Easter theme in Pre Prep, with the [Easter Bunny visiting](#), Nursery drawing Easter eggs, Easter egg hunts for Little Acorns, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, bunny themed stories and magnificent spring crowns. Lent and Easter were the themes of Pre Prep assembly with children enjoying the story *Mr Impossible and the Easter Egg Hunt*. The Easter Bunny also made a cameo appearance at the Junior House Cross Country, though was not up to running the course itself! It was a delight to see our Year 3&4 children, whose original race was postponed in December, having the chance to race around the course to win points for their House.



Prep children celebrated these results and all the traditional termly awards at the end of term assembly. We heard the sports reports, appointed sports captains for next term, enjoyed a fine performance by the Senior Wind Band playing *Oh What a Beautiful Morning*, awarded LAMBDA certificates, named the winners of the House Photography Competition, awarded Headmaster's Commendations and enjoyed Mihir Sanghrajka's lovely rendition of *Chanson de Matin* on the piano. Congratulations to Upton for winning the termly competition. This week we also enjoyed the Year 7 soloists' concert, which is now available to watch on [YouTube](#) alongside last week's lovely [Year 5 event](#).



A highlight of the week, which we were very sad parents were not able to watch live, was Year 4's fabulous production *Star Wars*. Never before did we realise that sauce was a contentious issue in intergalactic wars! All Prep children enjoyed a preview of the show in Monday's assembly and I joined a small group of Year 7 pupils yesterday to who formed a small audience to laugh, clap and cheer the children on. The production was wonderful, with some stellar performances and hardly a hitch. The children were then extremely patient with filming of close-ups and various angles and I hope everyone will enjoy the show when it is released on YouTube over Easter.



This week, Bird Families talked about dangers in and around the home, while Prep forms had an e-safety presentation in their classrooms. Elsewhere, we have seen the Great Fire of London recreated by Year 2 on the Pre Prep playground, following their topic earlier in the year. The New market Road playground saw some thrilling intermediate House netball matches and also Year 8 F24 club members driving our race car and developing their skills. Year 3 were busy undertaking a scavenger hunt and also produced an array of fabulous pyramids as part of their Ancient Egypt studies. We saw a range of amazing dream theatres designed by some of the children taught drama by Mrs Beasley. Year 5 were writing messages in bottles, linked to the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* and we also saw a lovely photo of pupils recreating a scene from *Castle of Camelot*. Year 6 children created Herod's temple for their RS homework, with one appetising example made from sponge fingers and chocolate.



We begin the summer term at normal time on Wednesday 14th April. From that point pupils may wear summer dresses, short-sleeved shirts, short socks and children of all ages may wear grey shorts instead of trousers if they wish. Before that, we say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Rymarz, who leaves her position as Head of LS today to become Assistant Head of the Clare School from next term. We wish her the best of luck!



I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break with your children.

Nick Scrimgeour

