

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

It is only right that I start by looking back to last Friday and the Town Close fireworks, an event that continued the wonderful tradition that the PTA has of providing a superb evening for us all to enjoy. Not only did we all marvel at the fireworks, but we also had the chance to ride a Ferris wheel, go down a helter skelter, play any number of games, all while enjoying some fine food and drink. My sincere thanks to all involved on the PTA and to the Howlett family for allowing us use of their farm for the evening.

This week, the school has been a strong supporter of anti-bullying week and the theme of 'make a noise about bullying'. As mentioned within various assemblies, this is something we talk about a great deal with the children, not just during this week, but every day, week and month of term time, to ensure that the children feel supported and support one another. Odd socks day on Monday was a great way to show backing for this cause, with the children and staff alike embracing the chance to wear bright and colourful socks.

Trips have played their part this week, with different year groups enjoying all that East Anglia has to offer. Year 5 visited How Hill on a geography trip, learning all about fresh water river ecologies, while Year 4 visited West Stow and the Anglo Saxon village, furthering their understanding of what life was like during this period of history. In addition, various members of Year 6 acted as patients for medical students at the UEA, portraying a variety of illnesses and injuries that the students needed to diagnose, allowing the students to interact with real life patients.

Last night was our future schools evening, a wonderful event which saw our former pupils talking passionately to the assembled audience about the senior schools they have moved on to. It was clear that they were all thoroughly enjoying their time, embracing all that was on offer to them. My thanks to the eight senior schools in attendance for allowing us an insight into their superb schools through the eyes of their pupils.

While sporting fixtures against other schools continued across the Prep department, there was also time for both hockey and rugby house matches. The house matches were great to see and hear about as they involved all members of the house, and are as much about the camaraderie and unity that comes from representing their house as winning.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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