

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Another busy week draws to a close and I cannot quite believe that we find ourselves at the end of the penultimate week before our half term break. I write to you today having just enjoyed a fantastic Teddy Bears Picnic and Bear Hunt in the Woodland Walk for local families, which was a lovely event to return to, having been an ISI inspector at another school this week.

Pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7 have been working very hard on their summer exams, with Year 8 taking part in their common entrance languages speaking and listening exams. I sincerely hope that the pupils are able to reflect on their efforts for these examinations with a real sense of pride at the hard work they have put into them. Being proud was something that we reflected on in assembly this morning and it was so heart warming to hear of the things that our pupils are proud of. With our pupils all having different strengths, passions, interests and journeys, it is important for them to take a step back and reflect on the progress they have personally made over the course of a busy school year, with a target to be thoroughly proud of the person who looks back at them in the mirror. One source of pride that we celebrated this morning was our U11 Colts A cricket team who became Norfolk County Champions earlier in the week – a huge well done to all who were part of the team and to all who have represented the School out 'in the middle' this term.

Last weekend saw our final ASA camping trip for Year 7 and I am sure that there was more than a few washing machines put to work after a trip that seemed to be equal measures of great fun and mud! I would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff who have been involved in these trips in recent weeks. Year 3 also enjoyed a trip to West Runton to learn about the impact of our actions on our coastal environment, and also about the habitats of the local wildlife.

Meanwhile in Pre Prep, Reception children had a visit from Dr Danino who talked to the children about her job as a dentist on Monday and it has been lovely to see The Little Green Fingers Gardening Club are beginning to reap the rewards of their hard work, harvesting radishes and lettuce. Our Year 1 classes took to the stage this week, with Lime, Maple and Willow all performing amazing assemblies to their parents linked to their topic 'Love where we live', we look forward to the Reception children's assemblies next week.

Even though the half term is but a week away, there are still lots of things that we are looking forward to as a school community starting with the PTA Ball this weekend. I am hugely appreciative of the efforts of the PTA team in organising the event and I look forward to seeing many of you there tomorrow for a fun-filled evening. Next week, alongside concerts, class assemblies and sporting fixtures, we welcome Alumni from 1932 to 1960 to the School for a reunion lunch and I look forward to hearing all about their time at Town Close. I also hope to see those who are able to join us at our Parent Consultation evening about our Co-Curricular programme.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

