

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Another busy half term draws to a close and I cannot quite believe that we will soon be starting the final half term of this academic year – the time does truly seem to have flown by. This week we had the pleasure of welcoming back 30 alumni who all attended the School in the 40s, 50s and 60s. For many of them it was their first time visiting the School in decades and it was great to hear all about their schooldays at Town Close. Many of our visitors remarked how pleased they were to see that the Town Close of today is thriving and that the pupils who showed them round were testament to what a well-rounded education they receive. They equally remarked on how time had flown by and it seemed like only yesterday they were playing out on the front lawn themselves. It reminds us of the importance of making the most out of every moment and in assembly today we certainly had a great deal to celebrate; with incredible UKMT mathematics competition success, reading challenge awards, PTA Eco Awards, a cricket shield for the girls, a cricket plate for the boys, an IAPS art award and over 20 Headmaster's Commendations, as well as a huge range of class assemblies and concerts this week; it is moments like this that our pupils cherish, not only in the present but hopefully in the future, when they look back with a sense of pride at how they grew during their time at Town Close.

I would like to extend my thanks to a number of people this week as well. Firstly, to all those who supported the PTA Ball; especially the PTA volunteers who ensured that we all had a wonderful evening. I would also like to thank those who were able to join our Parent Consultation event on our Co-Curricular and Trips programme – your thoughts and suggestions were most welcome and we will share more details of this after half term. My absolute highlight of the week was listening to pupils from Year 8 as they presented a range of ideas that they wanted me to consider to improve the School – they spoke with such confidence and passion about their ideas, and I was pleased to be able to note that a number of their ideas were already things that were in the process of becoming reality, such as a new cookery/food tech room. I would like to thank Mrs. Warren for spending time with Year 3 this week discussing renewable energy sources and careers that exist in this field and to Mrs. Turner, from Ben Burgess, for bringing their tractor and gator in for Nursery and Reception to see. Finally, I'd like to thank Chapelfield Nursery for their visit to us on Thursday afternoon, it was lovely to see them enjoying our amazing woodland spaces.

I wish both our F24 and Goblin racing teams the best of luck at Hethel on the weekend and bon voyage in advance to our Year 7 pupils who depart for France on the Sunday before we return for what I am sure will be a busy but brilliant final half term.

I hope that the children have a great break and I look forward to seeing them all when term resumes.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

