

# Perrott Hill Newsletter

*Time and space for a full education*

February 2017



## Spring Term 2017

The Spring Term has kicked off with a certain vivacity in staff and pupils alike, and with little wonder: while for some, the start of the year is a time to batten down the hatches and hide away, for us at Perrott Hill it has provided the perfect platform to look forwards with fresh eyes and a renewed vigour at everything we offer – from the excellent teaching and outstanding extra-curricular activities you all know and love, to the warm, family atmosphere that remains – and will always remain - at our core. To this end, I am delighted to announce that you will, in the coming month, be receiving our new strategy booklet (referred to at the last prizegiving) outlining the plans for the school from 2017 – 2022 and beyond.

At the same time, we have the opportunity to reflect on what has gone before – and it gives me great pleasure to say that the much-anticipated Review 2016 will be available for parents to collect from the front office after half term, with any uncollected copies being posted out in March. Needless to say, we are very much looking forward to the inevitable buzz the publication brings to everyone involved.

As always, our best wishes go to our Year 8 Scholars who are currently undertaking the exciting, but often arduous, process of competing for Scholarships at a wide range of senior schools – and to those who are busy studying for the Common Entrance exams later this year. We wish you all a happy and healthy half term.

*Tim Butcher*



# The Pre-Prep and OPH



## The Pre-Prep

The Pre-Prep has been a hive of activity this term. As well as some fantastic lessons in robotics courtesy of Mr Ringelberg, and our ever-popular Forest School sessions which continue to go from strength to strength, we also played host to an Explorer Dome with awe-inspiring shows on Forces and Space. We were super-excited to be joined by reception children from Haselbury Plucknett and Hinton St George First School's - and as you can imagine, it got the thumbs up from all involved!



## OPH News

We were thrilled to have two very special OPHs with us this term: John Grundy – whose father Bill was the founding Headmaster of the school and the Grundy Hall's namesake – and John Haddock, who arrived here in 1940 when Feltonfleet School was evacuated during the war. Both had, as always, interesting and inspiring stories to tell, and we are already looking forward to their next visit.



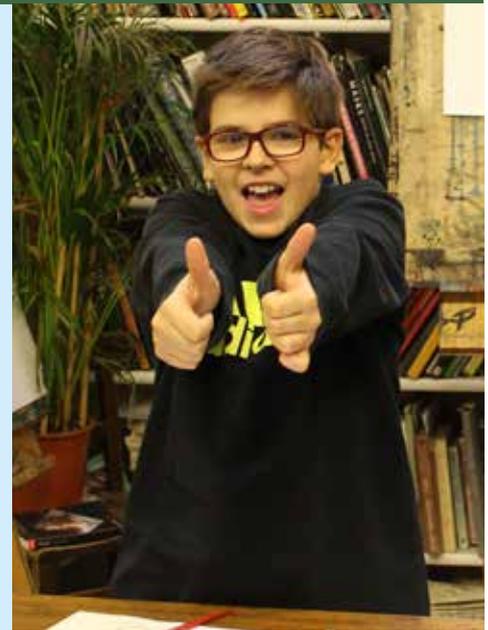
# The Prep School



January and February have been anything but sleepy in the Prep. We've been on an Eco trip to Carymoor Environmental Trust, hosted the annual Mock Trials in the theatre and held the fantastic first debate of 2017 - the Year 8 *This House Believes Social Media Does More Harm Than Good*. In addition, the Young Farmers had a very successful visit to Brookfield Farm in Hardington Mandeville, where the Brooks family run a mixed farm with Landrace pigs, Suffolk sheep and rare breed poultry. Not only did they help to feed the lambs and ewes, but they will be looking at the poultry after half term and seeing the incubator at work! Finally, we've seen some great pre-season netball and would like to say a big thank you to Jazmin and Sharon from Galmington Netball Club in Taunton, who've been helping us coach.



# Boarding at Perrott Hill



Our 'Apprentice' activity weekend was great fun for all involved. Teams were challenged to rebrand a failing chocolate bar, presenting an advert, radio jingle and poster to our panel of parent 'dragons'. A big thank you to Sarah Bradley, Rob Duval and Izzy Taylor for judging, and a big well done to the winning team: Marcus, Claire, Georgina and Alban.



## PS...

Our wonderful Head of Pre-Prep Mrs Maggs is riding the 100 mile 'Ride London Prudential' cycle ride at the end of July to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. She's set up a justgiving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-maggs2017](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-maggs2017), and would be so grateful for any sponsorship.

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