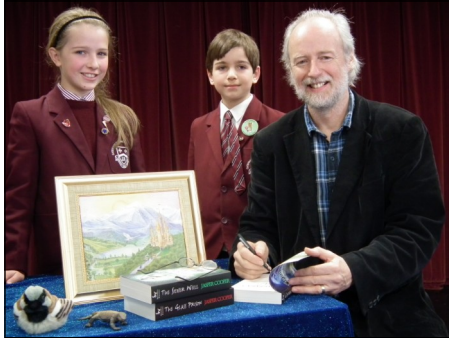




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Dear Parents



### BOOK WEEK

Children have enjoyed another fun week of activities for their Book Week.

The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford performed King Arthur in assembly before working with Years 3-6. The focus was on the writing of Michael Morpurgo and the children had a great time re-enacting scenes from Friend or Foe, The Butterfly Lion, Kensuke's Kingdom and the Mozart Question. The theatre group also worked with Year 2 on the Elves and the Shoemaker and Rumpelstiltskin.

Jasper Cooper, author of The Kingdom of Gems trilogy came to school to talk to Years 4 and 6 about his books, his writing and his illustrations.

Pupils in the Pre-prep had a variety of stories read to them by different teachers. The children in Nursery brought their favourite books in to show the class and have loved talking about them. All of Pre Prep worked with a story teller, Chris Connaughton.

There was growing excitement in Pre-Prep as to who would win the 'design a pyjama' competition. The pictures were judged today.

Today also saw 300 children coming to school dressed in pyjamas—what better way to celebrate bedtime reading?



### ROYAL VISIT

Children in Years 3 – 6 rolled out the Welcome Mat in style on Wednesday when HRH the Duke of Kent visited the Senior School. Despite freezing conditions, they all lined the Senior School drive and waved Union flags enthusiastically on his arrival.

### ABSENCE NOTES

Please may we remind parents that if their child is unwell to call the school on the first day of absence with notification of the reason. Upon your child's return to school a letter or email should be sent to your child's form teacher to confirm the reason and length of absence. Prep calls to Mrs Brown on 01883 342097 and Pre-Prep calls to Ms Noble on 01883 335046. Thank you.

### MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to ETS who took part in the performance of the Bicentenary Anthem in front of HRH the Duke of Kent on Wednesday.

Letters have gone home today with all Junior Singers regarding the Coulsdon and Purley Festival on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

ETS members have brought home details regarding the St Christopher's Choral Festival to be held in Epsom on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please return the permission slips as soon as possible.

ETS and PSB (Prep School Brass) are taking part in the Bicentenary Concert at St John's Smith Square on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All welcome to attend. More details to follow.

With best wishes

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