



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 25th November 2016

Our older pupils have been hard at work taking termly exams this week. These provide a good opportunity for pupils to test their knowledge and understanding of the work covered so far this year, as well as to develop their exam technique further.

We hope that your children have done as well as they can, though please rest assured that all exams are a small part of a much bigger picture.



Pre Prep children spent Tuesday assembly rehearsing for the Carol Service, while today there were lovely comments made about a number of children as we handed out awards and heard about our stars of the week as usual. Bird family meetings focused on the subject of bullying; what it is and what to do if you are ever worried about anything at school. Children thought about the importance of being helpful and kind. Prep children were read the story of the ten lepers from Luke's gospel, with a focus on being polite, saying thank you and treating others with courtesy and respect. We appreciate all the support that parents give in reinforcing and exemplifying these messages to children. Three musicians gave lovely performances. Rosemary Stuart Sheppard played *Recuerdos de la Bahia* on the flute, Lucy Ingram *An Evening of Romance* on the violin and Alice Marjoram *Drunken Sailor*, also on the flute.

There have been house matches and sports fixtures to enjoy this week, with last night's thrilling swim gala versus Norwich School, a highlight. Our science quiz team did us proud, narrowly missing out on first place to Ipswich Prep in the competition held at Taverham, but scoring highly enough that we still have a chance of progressing in the competition. Today there are further fixtures with Norwich School, this time in hockey and rugby. Reception children are at the Norwich



Playhouse watching *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* and earlier in the week I travelled to Epic Studios to watch Norwich School's fabulous production of *Sweeney Todd*, which featured a number of Town Close alumni.



This week Nursery have talked about bears, while Reception children received a letter from 'Big Brown Bear' and had their own hunt in the woods. I saw them looking for 3D shapes around the School too, recording their results impressively on their clipboards. Year 1 children have been measuring and experimenting with sinking and floating while Year 2 have made periscopes, which a number showed me. I also had a chance to read some of the children's creative writing connected to their First World War studies. It was wonderful to see their sophisticated use of language and neat cursive handwriting. Year 6 pupils practised mindful breathing and members of the knitting club were hard at work creating garments. I also saw Year 7 pupils tackling progressively more challenging maths problems and Year 3 undertaking a map investigation. Next week, we look forward to the Year 3 soloists' concert, 3A's class assembly, Year 4's trip to Norwich Castle and Year 2's *Around the World* Christmas production.



We received news that traffic congestion on the Newmarket Road has been heavier than usual at Prep collection time and wonder if we can remind parents with children exclusively in Year 4 and above please not to bring a car onto site until after 4:10pm. Please also try to avoid turning right out of the Newmarket Road exit if you can and avoid any dangerous parking or drop-offs outside the School.



As ever, if you are able to walk or cycle to School, we very much encourage this. Lastly, Year 3 pick-up arrangements will be modified slightly from next week, with parents invited into the Dearnaley Building at 4:00pm to collect children.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With my best wishes

Nicholas Bevington





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Christmas Fayre

This year's **Christmas Fayre** will be taking place on Friday 9th December from 4.00pm until 5.45pm on the playground outside the Dearnaley Building. All money raised will go to the School's charity, Nelson's Journey. Pupils in Years 1 to 4 will run stalls, assisted by Year 8 pupils, and will be selling various Christmas items which they have made in class. Please do come along!

R.S. Common Entrance Projects

Year 8 pupils visited the Salvation Army Citadel on 22nd November to attend one of their Sunday meetings and, once again, we were all given a particularly warm welcome by members of the corps.



The children are in the middle of working on their R.S. Common Entrance projects which are submitted as part of their exam. They are investigating the Salvation Army and used their visit on Sunday to question local Salvationists on a wide range of contemporary issues. The children wrote down the key points from their interviews and will then weave these answers into their projects.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Team photographs will be taken for the following teams next Monday 28th November. Please ensure that your child has their clean games kit in school on the Monday morning.



Monday 28th November: U13A&B, U12A&B rugby, U13ABCD hockey, U9ABC rugby.

Change to Year 3 Collection Arrangements

From Monday, Year 3 parents are welcome to come into the Dearnaley Building to collect their children from the Year 3 classrooms where their teachers will be to sign them out. The end door opposite the sports hall will be opened from 4.00pm.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLES CONCERT You are all very welcome to come and support our spectacular Christmas Concert in the Read Hall on Tuesday 6th December at 6.00pm. Tickets will be available from Wednesday 30th November (maximum of 3 per family) and can be ordered via the Parent Information Centre on the School's website. The following ensembles will be playing: Senior and String Orchestras, Senior and Junior Wind Bands, Single Reeds, Senior and Intermediate Flute Groups, Animate Strings, Brass Group and Guitar Ensemble.

Christmas Jumpers

On Friday 9th December pupils in both the Prep and Pre Prep are invited to swap their School jumper for a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1 to the School's charity, Nelson's Journey.



Toys and Tins Appeal

Once again we will be supporting the Toys and Tins Appeal this year. Before Christmas packs

of food and toys are distributed by the Salvation Army to those families in need who live in Norfolk. The school community has always generously supported this appeal and we hope you will be able to send in new toys, toiletries and tins of food to help make a family's Christmas that bit more enjoyable.

If toys and tins are brought to the Prep Department they should be taken to the Deputies' Meeting Room. Pre-Prep Department parents are asked to give their donations to their child's class teacher.

The deadline for contributions is **Monday 12th December**.

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January Sale

Up to 1/3rd Off Selected Lines*

Begin 20th December *While stocks last Online Only

Ends 31st January

Schoolblazer Sale

The Schoolblazer's January Sale will start on the 28th December and finish at midnight on the 31st January 2017.

They are offering 30% off selected lines, while stocks last, and for new online orders only.

We were very proud to receive this!

This week the Pre Prep received a [lovely letter](#) from James Mayhew, the author and illustrator who visited them earlier in the term. He wrote to say what a wonderful day he had had at Town Close and how impressed he had been with the engagement and delightfulness of the children.

This week in Pre Prep...



Puppet Show