



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

NORWICH'S FINEST PREP SCHOOL · FOR GIRLS & BOYS · 3-13 YEARS

Dear Parents

Friday 21st April 2017

We enjoyed welcoming everyone back for the summer term on Tuesday, refreshed from what I hope was a good Easter holiday. Nursery children returned to a brand new home in the Pre Prep hall which had been beautifully laid out with all their things. Meanwhile, the Pre Prep extension has caused much interest amongst our pupils. Lots was achieved over the two week Easter break and this week foundations have been dug and concrete poured in using a huge crane. The site is fully enclosed but the perimeter is transparent so that children can see what is going on. On Monday, project manager, Stuart Hawkes, is leading assembly to teach children about everyone's roles and to reinforce the safety rules.



Prep assembly on Tuesday was about the Easter story, aided by a number of Year 8 pupils, while Pre Prep had a special assembly to congratulate all those who took part in the Easter bonnet competition and to give the results. There were many splendid entries! Pupils from

Reception to Year 8 combined for hymn practice and today's Headmaster's assembly and it was lovely to have so many of our children together. We heard Zara Hunter play *Rumba du Soir* beautifully on the clarinet, congratulated pupils who have won awards and, with a new general election announced this week, learned about Simon de Montfort, founder of the first British parliament following the Battle of Lewes in 1264.



Today the School has been full of Vikings, with Thorulf Hamrson helping Year 4 to enjoy an immersive experience as part of their invaders topic. The resourcefulness of families in creating period costumes has been most impressive once again. This week, I have also enjoyed visiting a fabulous Year 1 literacy lesson where children were describing foods they tasted; a Year 8 group hosted me for a maths lesson exploring dependent and independent probability; I spent Reception maths with Chestnut class counting and estimating; I joined Silver Birch for their art lesson, creating the backdrop for their habitat dioramas; lastly I watched Year 2 swimming groups gliding underwater and practising their front crawl.

Yesterday we enjoyed the Junior House Swimming Gala, which was brilliantly supported by parents. It was lovely to see all the children competing for the House in such good spirit, with a very close final result. Last night, a number of our Year 8 children were lucky enough to see *Woman in Black* at the Theatre Royal and there are many excited Year 5 children looking forward to tonight's ASA camping trip. It appears they have been lucky with the weather! Next week, we also look forward to our first sports fixtures of the term, 4W's assembly, the optional Year 5 and 6 trip to see *Running Wild*, the UKMT maths challenge for selected pupils in Years 7 & 8 and the Intermediate House Swimming Gala.



On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, we warmly invite parents of children in Years 3-5 and Years 6-8 respectively for afternoon tea at collection time in the Prep dining room. Please feel very welcome to arrive any time after 3.45pm with children welcome to join you from 4.00pm. May we ask, though, that anyone parking on site waits until 4.10pm when I promise there will still be lots of tea and cake left! On the subject of parking, a reminder please not to arrive at the Newmarket Road entrance before 3.50pm (parents with a child in Year 3 and below) or 4:10pm (if your youngest child is Year 4 or above). Please also refrain from parking at the Eagle Pub unless you are having tea there.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### PREP and PRE PREP

#### Year 8 Theatre Trip

Year 8 pupils had a close encounter with *The Woman in Black* on Thursday evening where the small cast and brilliantly effective lighting and sound effects sent them shrinking into their seats as the book they studied last term was brought to spine-chilling life.



#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

##### Senior Choir

There will be extra rehearsals for Senior Choir on Thursday 27th April and Thursday 4th May from 4.00pm until 5.00pm in the Music Room in preparation for a concert on Thursday 11th May. All Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to attend.

#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

##### Colts 'Open' Cricket Practice

Mr Newman will be taking a Colts A squad practice on Mondays this term and information about the arrangements for this will have been sent to parents. Mr Chuter is also running an 'open' cricket club on Mondays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm for this first half of term for any keen cricketers in Years 5 and 6 - **all welcome**. The practice will be held at Town Close.

##### Art Department

The Art Department would be very grateful if you could bring in any glossy magazines you no longer require at home for use in Year 5 collage work this term. Please place the magazines in the box in the art room. Many thanks for your help.



##### Nelson's Journey Fundraising

Very well done to Sophie (Year 4) and Julian (Year 3) who busked in Norwich City Centre on the Saturday before Easter as members of the Norwich Suzuki Group. On Sophie and Julian's suggestion, the group chose Nelson's Journey as the beneficiary for the event and the amazing amount of £227.89 was collected on the day.



##### Walter at his first ever one-day event!

Congratulations to Walter (4ER), and his pony Jack, for an amazing clear round of show jumping, a super dressage test score and a fabulous cross country round at his first ever one-day event. Walter won 'Best Dressage' and came sixth in his class. Very well done!

##### The Secret Garden Ball

The deadline for purchasing tickets to the PTA's Secret Garden Ball is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. In order to avoid disappointment please ensure you place your order before this date as there will be no opportunity to purchase tickets once the closing date has passed. Please visit [townclosepta.co.uk](http://townclosepta.co.uk) for further details and to purchase tickets.



##### Boundary Lane

Leaflets have been delivered to residents in the Newmarket Road area inviting attendance at an 'outdoor art event' on the corner of Newmarket Road and Town Close Road on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The organisers wish to protest about the gates installed, with planning permission, at either side of the private drive providing access to the rear of properties on Town Close Road and bordering the School. The residents and School, who together own all this lane, installed these new gates last year due to concerns about anti-social and unlawful behaviour by unauthorised persons using the drive. The leaflet that has been sent out wrongly claims that a public right of way has been closed when in fact the drive has not been a right of way since the land was given over to housing in the 1800's and incorrectly asserts that the School acted unilaterally.

##### CSR / Sponsorship Opportunity

This June we are helping to organise Norfolk's first Formula Goblin event. Elsewhere, the project has a proven track record in sparking children's interest in science, technology, engineering and maths. It offers firms an opportunity to help inspire hundreds of pupils from throughout Norfolk as they build and race electric kit cars. In order to secure the event and sustain the potential for growth, we are seeking partners to sponsor or part-back the event. For more information please contact Mr Buck at [mbuck@townclose.com](mailto:mbuck@townclose.com).



Bookings for the Summer Activate weeks can now be made online by visiting our new website at [activatenorwich.co.uk](http://activatenorwich.co.uk).

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

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