



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 13th October 2017

We had our first whole school assembly of the year today. Children from Reception upwards enjoyed 18th century flute duets performed by Alice Marjoram and Pallavi Shastri, bird family and house point totals were announced and awards were presented. The theme of the assembly was food, following Reception and Year 1's harvest assembly earlier in the week. Three children presented a scene depicting parents encouraging a reluctant child to eat the food they had lovingly prepared (possibly familiar to some of us!) and another four pupils performed a poem encouraging children not to waste food that they are so lucky to have.



3A gave a wonderful performance of the poem *Heard it in the Playground* to Years 2-4 on Wednesday. Monday's Headmaster's assembly encouraged children to think about the process of learning and taught them how some 'wrong' answers can be better than others that are 'right'. There were also fine musical performances from Eve Kelleway playing *Minuet in G* by Beethoven on the cello and Oliver Howard performing *Morris Dance* on the violin.



I was delighted to receive letters from visitors to last week's Open Morning thanking children who had been such good guides, complimenting pupils they had met in classes and praising the pupil presentation. We also received a letter from a local police inspector commending our traffic management in and out of the Newmarket Road entrance, which was certainly welcome. I hope this inspires us to continue arriving after 3.50pm (Year 3 and below permit holders) or after 4.10pm (Year 4 and above parents) for afternoon pick-up at this entrance.



We received a fabulous certificate and memory jar from Nelson's Journey on Monday to thank everyone for last year's amazing fundraising. They are currently on display in the Pre Prep entrance. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fabulous soloists' concert from Year 8 pupils. I first saw most of these children performing when they were in Year 4 and it was a joy to see how they have developed since then, thanks to their dedication. There were also lots of exciting Under 9 hockey and rugby fixtures on Tuesday, followed by senior matches on Wednesday. Yesterday, Year 2 children made



puppets in the Puppet Theatre workshop and I really enjoyed seeing some of the results when I visited Year 2 this morning. We welcomed Pre Prep parents for consultations with teachers this week and it was also lovely to chat to Year 6 parents last night.



Tonight we are looking forward to the PTA Quiz and Chips evening. Teachers and parents lucky enough to have tickets will compete for first prize whilst trying to avoid our Town Close wooden spoons! I am shortly going to see the questions to find out what you are in for. The PTA AGM is on Monday after drop-off in the Pre Prep hall and all parents are welcome. Hopefully many of you will wish to get involved in running future events.



This week I talked about circles with Little Acorns, shapes with Year 2 and numbers with Year 1. Year 7 maths groups were busy with simplifications and translations, Year 4 were working on subtraction methods while Year 3 were studying stone age weaponry in humanities. I visited a Year 5 RS class studying Islam and a Year 3 computing class

looking at the evolution of games consoles. Next week, we are looking forward to the Prep House Singing Competition, 4W's class assembly, a Year 8 history tour of Norwich, a small group going to EngFest and the Pre Prep Grandparents' Afternoon. There is also the Senior Schools Information Evening on Thursday, from 6.00pm, where former pupils will share their experience of the schools they transferred to after graduating Year 8. All parents and older Prep pupils are warmly invited.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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House Music Competition

On Monday 16th October it will be our annual House Music competition. All song lyrics for the contest can be found on Firefly in the music pages. Happy singing!



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Colts and Senior Rugby

Please note that there will not be a Year 5 and 6 or senior rugby practice on Monday after school. These practices have finished for this term as we will unfortunately lose the daylight for training when we return after half term!



Half Term Cricket Coaching

A reminder that half term cricket coaching for pupils in Years 2 to 8 is taking place from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th October between 10.00am-3.00pm in the sports hall. Coaching is also continuing on Saturday mornings from 11am-1.00pm until Christmas and private coaching sessions are available at certain times. Please click [here](#) for half term details or contact Paul Newman at judge@acle32.plus.com or on 07960 126652 for information on any of the coaching initiatives available.



Swimming Success

Congratulation to Lucy Hutchinson and Olivier Vedrenne (Year 8s), who led their swimming team, City of Norwich, to victory in the finals of the Junior East Region League. Well done also to Olivier for his 100 Metres Breaststroke, in which he is ranked first in Britain in his age group. Congratulations!

Individual and Class Photographs

If you still wish to order individual and class photographs please note that the deadline for orders to be delivered free of charge to the School is today (13th October). To order please visit www.bentleypics.com.



Please find below the dates for Activate 2018:

- Monday 23rd July – Friday 27th July
- Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August
- Monday 6th August – Friday 10th August

The booking system will go live in January.

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This week in Pre Prep...

Very well done to the Reception pupils for winning the scare-crow competition at Norfolk HarFest at Norwich Cathedral last weekend with Mrs Lavender!



Enjoying making and tasting fruit smoothies in Nursery!



Year 1s busy making perfume this week.

