



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 24th November 2017

On Monday, we were notified of an Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) regulatory compliance inspection, which took place this Wednesday and Thursday. We appreciate so many of you filling out the parent questionnaire at such short notice and I think the inspection team really enjoyed their visit, meeting lots of your children and seeing a number of lessons and activities as well as checking compliance in other areas. The report will not be published for some weeks and will be very different from an educational quality inspection (EQI) report in that there are no judgements or grades, just comment on whether regulations are met or not. We will have an EQI inspection within the next three years and until then the report from 2011 still applies. We are not allowed to share any of the feedback inspectors gave until the report is published but are permitted to say that we were very pleased with how it went.



Pupils in Year 4 and above have been sitting various exams and assessments this week and I hope that everyone feels that they gave these their best. We had a slightly changed routine

to the week because of this with Headmaster's Assembly for Prep pupils on Wednesday. We heard a lovely performance of a traditional Bulgarian dance by Katerina di Maria, playing her violin, and then had an assembly about 'knots and nots' and how we can overcome both. Pre Prep learned about saying 'sorry' through the story of *The Lost Son* and Bird Families talked about smiling and presented their new Top Birds with their badges. With the glorious weather, we have managed to keep the front lawn open much further into autumn than normal and it has been lovely to see children enjoying playing in the grounds.



The new Year 2 building started to take shape this week as the tarmac was laid around it. Children were able to go up and look through the windows on one elevation this morning and it was very exciting to peek through with a group of Year 2's who will be moving in after Christmas, with Year 8 form rooms moving into the Dearnaley Building in the space vacated. A number of finishing touches have also been added to the new Nursery and welcome area and our new sick bay is looking lovely, much as we hope your children will never need it!

Amidst all the exams, I have visited a number of lessons this week. Year 2 children showed me some fantastic letters as if written by a soldier in World War I, Reception showed me the 3D shapes they had made with sticks and clay and Nursery children told me where they had found their missing penguin. A large number of Prep children came to collect Headmaster's Commendations for history having completed excellent work on the Maginot Line and Peasants' Revolt and it was really exciting to hear their passion for this subject. Year 4 have been hard at work rehearsing next term's play, while Pre Prep children have been getting ready for their Christmas productions in the coming weeks. This week has once again seen exciting sports fixtures, with further hockey matches this afternoon and a group of Year 7 girls competing in the U12 finals at Ipswich.



Next week we have our first matches in our short football season. There is the Year 3 soloists' concert on Tuesday, Year 4's Roman Day on Wednesday, a swimming gala for Years 3-6 on Thursday and the Christmas Fayre on Friday. There will be stalls selling lovingly crafted

Christmas gifts made by pupils in Years 1-4 alongside a PTA stall and other stalls selling hot food and drink. We are honoured that Father Christmas has also agreed to join us again this year!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

Nicholas Bevington





TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

BULLETIN BOARD

PREP and PRE PREP

Toys and Tins Appeal

Once again we will be supporting the Toys and Tins Appeal this year ready for Christmas



packs of food and toys to be 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 11th December**.

Christmas Jumpers

On Wednesday 13th 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 Special Olympics Norfolk.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Choir

There will be an extra senior choir rehearsal for the Carol Service on Thursday 30th November from 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the music room. All are welcome!

SWIMMING NEWS

General Swim

Please note that there is no General Swim next week, Thursday 30th November, due to the swimming gala we are hosting.

Congratulations to Ilir Gjoka for achieving Top Boy at the City of Norwich Swim Meet last weekend. After competing in multiple races he came away with 8 Golds, 4 Silvers and 1 Bronze. A Superb achievement!



Hockey Success

Well done to Mattie Roy, Krishna Patel, Harry Ford, Josie Miller and Lucas Hay who were all part of the gold medal winning team for the Norwich City Under 12s at a Magpies tournament recently.



Follow us on Twitter! @townclose @townclosehead @townclosepupils @SportTownClose



Christmas Fayre

with

Santa's Grotto

Friday 1st December 2017

From 4.00 pm on the playground

Christmas crafts and gifts:

- Owl stones
- Mosaic coasters
- Elf houses
- Christmas pudding pom-poms
- Door hangers
- Tree decorations
- Snowmen

Enjoy hot drinks from 'Cafe2U' fresh pizza from 'The Wood Kitchen' and delicious mince pies from the TCH catering team
PTA Cake Sale

Visit **Santa's Grotto** and receive a present and a certificate from Santa's Elves
£6.00

PTA Cake Stall

The PTA will be holding a cake sale during the Christmas Fayre next Friday 1st December, with all profits going to Special Olympics Norfolk. We would like to ask all bakers amongst you for any baked cakes, cupcakes, cookies etc. (no nuts please) to sell. Please deliver your creations to the Prep playground at drop-off next Friday morning or deliver to the stall just before 4.00pm. Pre Prep parents please deliver to the Pre Prep reception and we will collect them from there. With thanks from The PTA committee.



WANTED

Lightweight fabrics of all kinds are needed for costumes for the Year 4 production. They will not be returned unfortunately, but will be used in an original way! Fabric colours needed are: white, cream, red, black, light pink, light blue, light grey. Any fabrics considered. Please could you bring any donations to Miss Goddard on the Junior Corridor in the Dearnaley building.