



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 8th December 2017

This week we have enjoyed four fantastic nativity performances by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, each bringing the Christmas story to life in different ways. The children have performed amazingly well, speaking, singing and dancing with



great joy and impressing us all with how polished a show they are able to deliver considering their tender ages. As ever, we are indebted to our teachers and TA's and to Miss Skinner for her fine musical direction.



Older musicians treated us to an equally festive Christmas Ensembles Concert last night with a number of lovely pieces performed by different ensembles and a rousing climax delivered by the Senior Orchestra. Earlier in the day, the Senior Wind Band also entertained passengers travelling from Norwich Airport. We thank Mrs Koczur and our visiting music teachers for their hard work.



This morning's Headmaster's assembly covered the origins of Christmas trees and also included an impressive performance of J B Vanhal's *Allegretto* by Oscar Hing on the piano. On Wednesday, 3H summarised the Old Testament in 15 minutes as we travelled from the creation story to the birth of Jesus while, on Monday, Mr Hewett challenged children to think about when something is "good enough" through three stories.



We enjoyed a number of exciting House matches this week as well as swimming trials for Year 3-8 swim squad members and hockey and rugby fixtures. Our Christmas trees are now gracing various areas around the School and many children were putting up decorations in their classrooms with teachers today. Year 5 created an impressive paper chain which they brought to the playground to show how long it was, displaying great teamwork.



Earlier in the week I saw Little Acorns busy with bikes, trikes, trolleys and chalk on the new area outside the extension and visited a Year 6 maths set busy setting mathematical riddles to music as well as revising the properties of shapes. I came across one of the Reception swimming groups learning to swim on their backs and a Year 8 group in the middle of a life-saving exercise in the pool. Meanwhile one Year



7 group was reading a play script of *Great Expectations* with much enjoyment in English.

Next week is the last week of term. Our choirs and readers have been busy practising for the Prep Carol Service at St Peter Mancroft, which starts at 10.30am on Friday. We hope many Prep parents will be able to join us for this lovely occasion. We also warmly invite Year 1 & 2 parents to the Pre Prep Carol Service at Christ Church Eaton on Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm. Before that, we have an opportunity for all children to wear a Christmas Jumper in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk, the School Charity, on Wednesday, for a suggested donation of £1.



Toys, tins and toiletries have been flooding in for the annual Toys and Tins appeal and we thank everyone for their generosity. The deadline to bring in donations is Monday. Thank you again to those of you who attended last week's Christmas Fayre, which raised over £1600 for Special Olympics Norfolk.



Lastly, a reminder that term finishes at 4.00pm next Friday and that After School Care does not take place on this day.

I hope that you all have a good weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

Nicholas Bevington



Year Two's Christmas Production



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### PREP and PRE PREP

#### French Dictionary

A reminder to parents that all pupils in Years 6-8 should have a French-English dictionary. The French teachers have classroom sets, but dictionaries are often essential for homework. We recommend the Oxford Learner's French Dictionary, which is easily obtained at bookshops or via Amazon.

#### Toys and Tins Appeal

A final reminder to bring any toys and tins into school in support of this Appeal. Prep Department pupils should take their donations to the Deputies' Meeting Room and Pre Prep parents are asked to give them to their child's class teacher. The deadline for contributions is **Monday 11th December**.



#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

#### Senior Orchestra

Please note that there is **no** Senior Orchestra next Tuesday 12th December.

#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

#### Rugby Team Shirts

Could any rugby team shirts please be handed in to the PE Office or to Mr Chuter's classroom before the end of term.

#### General Swim

Please note that there is no more general swim this term. A new sign up sheet will go up on the activities board in January.

#### E-safety News

We would like to make you aware that there is an indecent video involving young children being spread via social media nationally. Police have asked that parents check their children's phones for "a film containing very explicit sexual imagery involving children". If you receive this, our advice from the Police is to follow these steps:

1. Click to report to the service provider –Snapchat, Instagram, etc. (not the local Police as they are aware)
2. Delete it
3. Do not forward it
4. Do not accept friend requests from people that you do not know (this is how it is being spread)

If you need support, please contact:

Mr Parker at [kparker@townclose.com](mailto:kparker@townclose.com), or  
Mr Hughes at [thughes@townclose.com](mailto:thughes@townclose.com).

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#### Nursery Nativity—Room for a Little One



#### Reception Production—Strictly the Nativity



#### Year One's Production—A King is Born

