



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 21st September 2018

We were blessed with sun and warmth for Tuesday's Year 6-8 parent and children's tea on the front lawn and hope you all found it useful and enjoyable. It was also lovely to welcome parents to the PTA meeting on Wednesday morning. This was not the official AGM in the end, due to accounts not returning from the auditors in time. The formal AGM will now take place on Friday 12th October at 6.30pm before the Quiz Night, to be announced and go on sale soon. Current Chair, Kate Evans, presented the enormous achievements of the last two years (click [here](#) for her presentation), including raising funds for exciting play equipment on an extended woodland trail to be installed later this term, and Chair Elect, Catherine Spokes, outlined this year's fantastic forthcoming events. Please do get in touch with the PTA (ptachair@townclose.com) if you would like to be involved in any capacity – it is great fun and you will be warmly welcomed.



It was encouraging to see so many parents and children at last week's "meet the instrument" event. This year an impressive 61% of pupils are already taking extra music lessons, up from 57% last year, and it is lovely to see so many taking advantage of the plethora of musical opportunities at our School.



Mrs Harries shared the story *Ruby's Worry* with Pre Prep children this week, which showed how worries get smaller when we share them. The children listened and sang beautifully and today congratulated the stars of the week and those celebrating birthdays in our usual celebration assembly, as well as the Peregrines who won this week's token count. Bird families talked about paying each other compliments and friendship and the Top Birds received their badges. Headmaster's assembly for Prep children was about Yom Kippur and how the themes of this holiday apply to all of us, whatever our faith. We enjoyed listening to Hannah Possener playing *Farewell for a Fox* by Aubrey Beswick beautifully on her saxophone and congratulated our first weekly house point winners, Headmaster's Commendation recipients and the winning house – Filby, who averaged 8.4 stickers per pupil this week.



This week saw our first sports fixtures of the term against Gresham's, Norwich High School, Orwell Park, Norwich School and Langley this week and I very much enjoyed going to see the Colts B rugby game, which was a thrilling and close-fought contest. Year 6 pupils went on their RS trip to Walsingham and worked really well in their groups, asking interesting questions. I visited two groups enjoying reading in their library lessons and visited Beech Tree class as they continued to work on phonics. Following her tour of the Nursery, I took a two-year-old visitor to see her older brother in Year 7 as he participated in his first Spanish lesson with Mr Hewitt, where a lot of progress had already been made. This year I am teaching 5K for French and we were working hard on numbers and time. Elsewhere, a brilliant poster of Australia was created by one Year 3 pupil set the task of creating a poster about a chosen continent.



The value of learning languages was one of the themes of last night's Common Entrance information evening, where Year 7 parents had the chance to learn more about the fantastic breadth and preparation for future learning this curriculum offers. We enjoyed a series of charismatic presentations from Heads of Department talking passionately about their subjects.

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on the Town Close site, beyond the end of the front drive. They may be tied to the railings there or alternatively tied away from the entrance near the Newmarket Road pedestrian gate.

Next week we look forward to more sports fixtures, Year 8's history tour of Norwich (part 2) and the Year 3&4 meetings with form teachers on Thursday. Mr Hall, Director of Studies, is kindly substituting for me as I shall be away at the IAPS Conference next Wednesday to Friday. I will therefore be writing the newsletter next week on the train back from Wales!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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Walsingham Visit

Year 6 visited the Christian village of Walsingham yesterday to learn more about different denominations. They were expertly guided around the Methodist, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches by Maureen and Pauline, where time was spent learning about these denominations and looking for the differences in their holy buildings. After a trip to the gift shop and a tasty packed lunch the children spent time in the Anglican Shrine, where they were able to light candles in the Holy House and drink holy water drawn from the well.



This week in Pre Prep...

Nursery



Reception



Year One



Year 2 making goats cheese



Unnamed Lost Property

Please can we make a plea to all parents to please name ALL your child's clothing. We already have a large pile of unnamed items in lost property and it is very difficult for us to return these to their rightful owners when the clothing is not named. Thank you very much for your help with this and please do have a look in lost property in the sports hall if your child as lost any items this term.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

On Tuesday 2nd October from 4.15pm to 5.00pm you are invited to attend a massed concert of musicians from many visiting schools as the culmination of an afternoon workshop. Town Close School's Senior Orchestra will be part of the ensemble. The concert will take place in the Read Hall and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Under 11 Hockey Club

Please note that the Under 11 hockey practice after school will not take place next Monday 24th September. The Under 13 practice will take place on Monday as normal.



Saturday Cricket Coaching

A final reminder about the specialist cricket coaching taking place on a Saturday mornings for all pupils in Years 2-8. Currently 58 children have signed up so why not join your friends and learn more about this fantastic game. For more information please click the



[link](#) or contact Paul Newman at judge@acle32.plus.com or on 07960 126652.



PTA

If there are any parents who have graphic design expertise who would be happy to help the PTA put together their posters and mailing they would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email Maeve Fox at pta@townclose.com. Thank you.

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