



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 12th October 2018

There was an excellent turnout for this morning's Open Day and it was lovely to see our Year 4 & 8 pupil guides showing prospective parents and children around the School so enthusiastically. A separate group put together an informative presentation about life at Town Close and we also showed everyone Mr Wood's [ASA](#) film from last year and the Prep Prizegiving [film](#) of the year, made by last year's film club. Following last Friday's extremely successful results in the F24 international finals, Saturday's races also went really well with Town Close winning the coveted best newcomer award. The car was on display outside the DT lab this morning and drew lots of attention.



This week Prep children had a thought-provoking assembly from Mr Parker and pupil volunteers, who shared questions we might ask ourselves and some things to think about when it comes to being a good friend. These are now on display on the Dearnaley Building staircase. Revd. Patrick Richmond led Pre Prep assembly with a delightful telling of the story of *Jonah and the Whale* and what we can learn from this.



A highlight of this week was most certainly the maths evening for parents. Fuelled by tea and biscuits, we were given a guide to how children are taught some of the fundamental concepts and skills in KS1 and KS2 and had great fun tackling some of the questions and trying some of the methods ourselves. I know many parents enjoyed

experiencing the enthusiasm and skill of our maths teachers first hand and we are very grateful to our Head of Maths, Mr Lawry, for organising the event, notes for which are also being shared today.



Monday morning saw Year 7's leading their Year 2 counterparts in a fantastic morning of Prep Department lessons and activities. The children enjoyed language learning, practical science, an art activity, a music workshop and Adventure and Skills Academy. Lots of Year 2 children told me how much they had enjoyed being in the Prep Department for the morning and Year 7 were brilliant as teachers and chaperones. It was very amusing to hear how tiring some of the children found teaching five lessons in a row, which gave many a new found admiration for their own teachers!



This week Year 4 enjoyed visiting author Jessica Townsend on Monday, thanks to the High School's kind hospitality, and undertook geography fieldwork in Hethersett on Tuesday on a most gloriously sunny autumn day. We enjoyed meeting Pre Prep parents last night for what I hope were useful meetings to find out how children are settling in to new classes. It was lovely to look through the plentiful work children have already undertaken this term. A group of U11's played in a hockey tournament on Monday, we had a swimming fixture on Tuesday and numerous rugby matches also



took place. I really enjoyed watching our 1st team on Wednesday and was lucky to see them in a particularly strong passage of play.



You will already have noticed the science theme for the last two weeks of this half term as you enter the Pre Prep and next week sees a number of other events such as Years 5 – 7 each going to a different session at Norwich Science Festival and Year 1 visiting Banham Zoo. Reception are also looking forward to their trip to High Lodge in Thetford. There are parent meetings in Nursery and Year 6, many more sports fixtures, 3A's class assembly on Wednesday (to which 3A parents are warmly invited) Pre Prep Grandparents' Afternoon on Friday and a Year 2 Bakes and Books Sale on



Thursday. Lastly, we look forward to Year 5's soloists' concert, also on Thursday night.

I look forward to seeing those of you lucky enough to have tickets to tonight's PTA *Quiz and Curry* and wish everyone a good weekend.



With my best wishes

Nick Bevington



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Adventure and Skills Academy (ASA)

With the unseasonable weather it has been the perfect time for the children attending ASA on a Friday afternoon to learn how to use the Trangias. Last Friday they made a green Thai curry which they then enjoyed eating. They will continue to use them over the next few weeks and will cook their supper on them when they go camping in the summer term.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Year 5 Soloists' Concert

You, your family and friends are very welcome to come along to the Year 5 Soloists' Concert taking place next Thursday 18th October starting at 4.15pm in the Read Hall.

Rugby Success

Well done to, George, Sam, Lewis, Leo and Samuel, Year 3 boys, who were playing for Wymondham Rugby Club under 8's at Twickenham Stadium last Saturday. Amidst the rain and cold weather, they played very well and won all their matches against various clubs.



Former Pupil News

Further to last week's news of a former pupil heading to Cambridge University, Henry Mallinson, Head Boy 2012-13 and recipient of the Year 8 Modern Languages Prize in 2013, is also off to Cambridge (Robinson College) to read Modern and Medieval Languages (joint Spanish and French). Very well done to him!

Congratulations also go to Adam Possener, Head Boy 2012-14, whose new chamber work '*And there is nothing new beneath the sun*' will be premiered at the [Liverpool Philharmonic Hall](#) early next month.

Book Sale

Norfolk Children's Book Centre will be holding a book sale in the Library on Tuesday 16th October
9am – 5pm

Parents are welcome
4pm – 5pm



This week in Pre Prep...



Activate 2019 Dates

The Activate 2019 dates have just been released and are as follows:

Weeks commencing: Monday 22nd July
Monday 29th July
Monday 5th August

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