



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 16th November 2018

Tuesday was World Kindness Day and Mrs Harries led a Pre Prep assembly showing how acts of kindness multiply and colour people's lives. This was also the theme of our joint Bird Family meeting. Years 2-4 enjoyed the 3S assembly about poetry on Wednesday, while Monday's Prep assembly by the eco-committee inspired us to try to use fewer resources and waste less. This theme was followed up in today's Headmaster's assembly for Prep pupils, where they learnt about a new smaller, lighter, more powerful and less wasteful design of electric motor that is being developed by *Equipmake* here in Norfolk. Daisy Clabburn sang *Whistle Down the Wind* with great confidence and Emily Mason and Katerina di Maria performed *Edelweiss* as a lovely violin duet.



The Year 8 soloists' concert contained many accomplished performances and it was thrilling to see the progress our senior musicians have made over the years. I shared a brief video of one of the performances on my @townclosehead Twitter feed earlier in the week. We have celebrated success on the sports field too, with our U10A boys' rugby team receiving their winners' medals from

last week's Norwich School tournament and our U11 and U13 girls' hockey teams each receiving their silver medals following the Norfolk In2Hockey Finals.

This afternoon Year 2 parents are enjoying the Big Swim and seeing the fine progress these children have already made with their swimming. Meanwhile, team members from Years 3-6 competed against Norwich School and Norwich High School in what I gather was a very enjoyable gala last night. It was also lovely to see Year 8 children in this morning's swimming lesson, which was teaching them important life-saving skills.



This week Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Vue Cinema to watch *Mary and the Witch's Flower*, part of the Norwich Schools' Film Festival. This will be used as inspiration for a creative writing project next week. The second half of Year 2 had their trip to Norwich to make pizzas at Pizza Express and had an interesting educational walk into the City on what was a lovely day. I joined Year 4 in DT for their packaging project, visited Year 3 pupils who explained their study of light in science and saw Year 5 children enjoying reading in their library lesson.

It was lovely to see so many of you at last week's PTA Fireworks Party, with particular thanks to Catherine Spokes and her team of volunteers for their hard work, which made the evening so enjoyable. We are very grateful to the PTA for funding two projects where work has started this week. The structure of the new amphitheatre style shelter in the Pre Prep has been erected, though there are still a number of snagging issues to resolve before it can open. Meanwhile, work has been in full swing on the new PTA-funded extensions to the woodland walk, which involves four new low level adventure play areas and two new paths to extend children's all year round play options.



On Sunday Year 8 pupils have their visit to the Salvation Army meeting as part of their RS project studies and on Monday Year 3 will be spending the day as Victorians. Year 4 are visiting the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth on the same day. We look forward to Tuesday's Lake District trip meeting for Year 8 pupils and parents, 3H's assembly on Wednesday and the Year 7 parents' evening on Thursday.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



#### Team Coats

The Under 11 girls competing at Redbridge this week where they played in the East Region In2Hockey Championships. The girls were very proud to wear the new team coats for the first time, and a big thank you to the PTA who helped to buy them.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



#### House Music Competition

The House Music 2018 Song Lyrics are now on Firefly and can be found in the Subjects – Music section.

Please do have fun learning the words with your children for their big day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Year 8 Soloists' Concert



#### Cyclists

We heard from a parent using the cycle path that runs along the Newmarket Road past Main Field that there was a cycle accident this week at the point where the path narrows on the approach to the roundabout. They were keen to urge all cyclists to be very cautious at this point.



#### This week in Pre Prep...



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