



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 23rd November 2018

Work has just finished on our extended woodland walk. It includes five new adventure play areas, in addition to the existing playground with the hut, and opens on Monday! Photos will follow next week. It has been designed to be suitable for all ages and to provide a number of alternative routes, though the cross-country course has been carefully preserved! Younger pupils will be able to use it



accompanied by their teachers and it will be open for older children to use in their lunch breaks. I have just walked around it and it looks terrific – we are most grateful to everyone who has supported the PTA over the last few years and made this possible.

This morning, the whole school came together for Headmaster's assembly. Henry Aldous performed a lively rendition of *Bow-Chicka-Wow-Wow* on the piano, while the Single Reeds group shared their mellow arrangement of *Summertime*, which we all enjoyed. Nine pupil volunteers and our teacher volunteer, Mr Hall, helped nine teddy bears and a white rabbit act out a story where bears learnt that we *can* have fun including someone who seems different. Earlier in the week, Rev Patrick Richmond spoke to Prep pupils about self-worth and gave an assembly to Pre Prep pupils about angels, which ties in with the Festival of Angels at Christ Church Eaton. Year 2 have created some beautiful angels that will be on public display there. Bird families talked about smiles, while Year 2-4 children enjoyed 3H's assembly all about books, which included their [video Books, Glorious Books](#).



On Monday morning we were greeted by a year group of Victorian Children as Year 3 and their teachers immersed themselves in history, taking part in a Victorian lesson and learning just how different expectations were then than today. Year 4 were also treated to a day of living history with costumed characters at the Time and Tide Museum teaching them about Roman slaves and centurions and how to do an Icenian war cry.



Last Sunday Year 8 pupils had an interesting morning interviewing members of the Salvation

Army. I saw Mr Smith's Year 6 history group studying 1066, while Mr Lawry's Year 5 maths set were working hard on equivalent fractions. It was lovely to see Year 8's work researching Cezanne in art and great to see Year 5 soldering the



circuits for their fan-powered cars in DT. Year 2 were writing magical stories inspired by *Mary and the Witch's Hand*, Year 1 were working on directional language for their algorithms and Reception have been inspired today by their visit to see *The Snail and the Whale* at the Norwich Playhouse. I was at the Playhouse myself last weekend for Norwich School's fantastic performance of *Chicago* and was very pleased to see a number of our former Year 8's playing their roles so well.



Once again, we had some thrilling sports fixtures this week in much colder conditions than we have been used to and we also enjoyed U9 House hockey. The teachers enjoyed meeting Year 7 parents for their consultations yesterday evening and I hope these were useful. Next week our Year 5-8 pupils have their autumn term exams and Prep pupils receive their latest Attitude to Learning Grades. We have a busy week of fixtures again and look forward to welcoming grandparents of Year 3&4 children next Friday for an afternoon in the classroom!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington





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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Christmas Ensembles Concert

The Christmas Ensembles Concert, taking place on Tuesday 4th December, showcases music at Town Close and will include performances by the Senior and String Orchestras, Senior and Junior Wind Bands, and the flute, wind, brass and guitar groups. To get tickets please visit the parent portal on the School's website. The Concert will start at 6.00pm and takes place in the Read Hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Fixture Cancellation

The Under 13 rugby match against Glebe on Wednesday 28th November will not now take place. Unfortunately, Glebe have had to cancel this fixture at short notice.

Hockey Practice

Please note that there will be no Under 13 girls' after school hockey practice on Monday due to the exams.

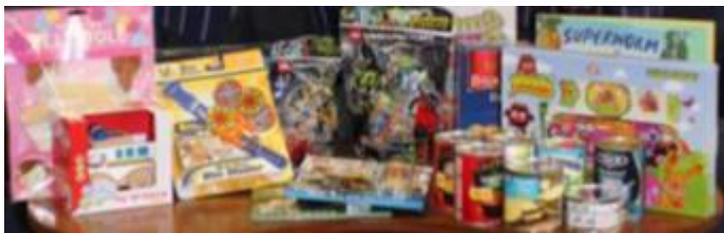
Hats and Gloves

Please can you ensure that your children have a TCH hat and pair of suitable gloves to wear when at the Astro, now that it has turned colder.



Christmas Jumpers

On Friday 7th December pupils in both the Prep and Pre Prep are invited to swap their School jumper for a Christmas jumper in return for a donation of £1 towards the School's charity, The Wherry School.



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 10th December**.

This week in Pre Prep...



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