



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 9th November 2018

It was lovely to welcome children back after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We enjoyed hearing what everyone had done and reading the written accounts our Year 2 children produced.



Today the whole school marked Remembrance with the centenary of Armistice Day falling on Sunday. Nursery children watched a simple animation and the rest of Pre Prep marked the two minutes' silence, having learnt about the significance of the day in Bird Family meetings earlier in the week. Mr Kendrick led a very moving Remembrance assembly for Prep pupils, which included the sad coincidence that the first and last British losses of the First World War occurred within 100m of each other in the Belgium town, Mons. Our Heads of School, Rosie Wharton and Krishna Patel, read the names of victims from our parish, Maddy Greenly read a poem by Vera Brittain, Krishna Dhatriya shared a prayer in Hindi and Ava Gulliver-Jary sang *We'll Meet Again* beautifully.



Fireworks have been a big theme of the week across various year groups as we talked about Bonfire Night and Diwali. A number of pupils made Diwali diyas and Year

2 were busy writing poems about bonfire night that included all five senses. It is fantastic that so many of you have booked tickets for tonight's PTA bonfire night at Tacolneston Hall, with gates opening at 6.00pm, the bonfire at 6.30pm and the fireworks at 7.00pm. We are hugely grateful to Catherine Spokes and her team who have been hard at work all week. Please note that the event is fully sold out and tickets are therefore not available on the gate.



Elsewhere this week, Nursery have been enjoying their new bear cave role-play area, linked to this week's text, and children throughout Pre Prep have been working on their Nativity plays. Reception have been busy learning about capacity, while Year 8 scientists were involved in an interactive chemical reactions quiz when I visited them earlier. Work has been continuing on the Year 7 mazes, while Year 4 have been learning about the enormity of our universe. I visited Year 3 enjoying a gripping story about a narcissistic rabbit earlier and was invited into Mr Hall's tutor group as they discussed the third UN sustainable development goal. Mr Hall led an important assembly about failure as a route to success for Prep pupils and we discovered just how many times Sir James Dyson failed with his cyclone vacuum cleaner design before he made it work. In Pre Prep, our new 'Top Birds' were elected in Bird Family meetings and are pictured overleaf.



The first half of Year 2 enjoyed a stimulating visit to Pizza Express this week as part of their *From Farm to Fork* topic, with the second half going next week. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Nursery parents for Tuesday's coffee morning and Year 5 parents for last night's consultations with teachers. We have enjoyed a range of galas, tournaments and fixtures with a number of children competing in hockey and rugby tournaments today.

Next week there are flu immunisations for Reception to Year 5 children whose parents have signed them up, a Year 2 trip to see *Mary and the Witch's Flower* at Vue cinema and there are numerous further sports fixtures including a home swimming gala on Thursday for team members from Years 3-6. We are also looking forward to 3S' assembly on Wednesday and to the Year 8 soloists' concert on Tuesday at 4.15pm. All parents and friends



are welcome to come and enjoy performances from our most senior musicians in the Read Hall – you do not need children in Year 8 to attend!



I look forward to seeing many of you this evening and wish you a good weekend.

With best wishes

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Rugby Success

Well done to our Under 10A rugby team who went five matches unbeaten to win the Norwich School Rugby Festival this afternoon.

Year 5 producing fan-powered cars in DT



The New Top Birds...



Kingfisher: Tilek McQuillin and Sophie Ruddy



Avocets: Poppy Payne and Ruby Taylor

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Orchestra

There will be no Senior Orchestra on Tuesday 13th November due to the Year 8 Soloists' Concert.



Year 8 Soloists' Concert

You and your family are most welcome to enjoy the Year 8 Soloists' concert on Tuesday 13th November starting at 4.15pm in the Read Hall.

Musical Instrument Lessons



If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument at Town Close School please email the Head of Music at skoczur@townclose.com for more information.



Barn Owls: Florence Stone, Harriet Rush & Darcey Dillon



Peregrines: Bonnie Turnbull & Edward Hawkes



Charity Fundraising

Isobel (Year 4) and Sam (Year 1) Adams sold many of their old toys at a car boot sale over half term and raised an amazing £60 for this year's School Charity, The Wherry School. Well done to them and a big thank you!

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Year 2 Bakes and Books Sale

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to Year 2's Bakes and Books sale before half term. We raised an amazing £265 for The Wherry School.

