



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 30th November 2018

This morning's Headmaster's Assembly for Prep pupils was led by our F24 electric car racing team, who recently won "best newcomer" in the international finals. The team gave a presentation about the race, demonstrated a pit stop to the audience (timed at 10.6 seconds!) and showed everyone the fantastic [film](#) they made on the day. We awarded them their trophy alongside a host of other awards won by pupils, including runners-up medals for our U11 hockey players from the Langley tournament. Our musical performances will be on Monday next week, when we will also be welcoming Louise North, Deputy Head of Oakham and the newly appointed Head of Framlingham College, to lead our assembly.



Pre Prep children focused on Advent for their assembly, with Mrs Harries demonstrating a wonderful alternative to the chocolate Advent calendar, a series of envelopes for each day giving inspiration for acts of kindness, which is also the theme for a campaign by the British Red Cross this December. A tree has been put up on Ms McCloy's desk and is already festooned with baubles containing some of the children's ideas. We would also like to remind everyone about the Toys and Tins appeal, which I hope lots of you will support.

Year 5-8 pupils have been undertaking their termly exams this week, a result sheet for which will be included in parents' end-of-term envelopes, as interim reports for these year groups come in February. Year 1 – 4 interim reports arrive at the end of this term, with EYFS profiles for younger children completed towards the end of the year. We also shared Prep pupils' latest attitude-to-learning assessments this week.



This afternoon the junior corridor has been filled with the buzz of Year 3 & 4 grandparents hard at work with their grandchildren. They have been labouring industriously to produce some of the crafts you will be able to buy next week at our annual Christmas Fayre from 4.00pm. Alongside your Christmas shopping needs, catered for by all the stalls created by children in Years 1-4, there will be the opportunity to buy food and drink and, once again, Father Christmas is kindly taking time from his busy schedule to join us! To get further into the Christmas spirit, we are also very excited about the various Pre Prep nativities and Christmas productions taking place next week. I spent a few moments in Year 1's rehearsal this morning and heard a delightful solo and chorus singing performance.



This week I joined Year 6 revising room names in French, Year 3 mapping out the Dearnaley Building in geography, Year 5 analysing *The Firework Maker's Daughter* in English, Year 8 practising fully clothed life-saving skills in swimming, Reception going over their letter sounds and practising counting and Year 2 writing Father Christmas' job description! A group of Little Acorns visited my study to test all my toys and they were enjoying the sunshine earlier on their bikes and trikes.



Next week, in addition to the Christmas Fayre and productions mentioned earlier, we have the Christmas Ensembles Concert on Tuesday evening, team photographs, the last of our regular sports fixtures and the first of our house football competitions for boys. Friday is also Christmas jumper day, when pupils are invited to exchange their school blazer and pullover for a festive sweater, in exchange for a £1 donation to this year's school charity, Friends of the Wherry School (please note that the rest of their school uniform is worn as usual). I am sure we will all look magnificent.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend in the meantime.

With my best wishes

Nicholas Bevington





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## BULLETIN BOARD

### PREP and PRE PREP

#### Norfolk Children's Book Centre Christmas Book Sale

N.C.B.C. will be holding a book sale in the Library on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be able to visit the sale during lunchtime, whilst family and friends are welcome to come and have a look around from 4.00pm until 5.00pm. There will be a good selection of books on offer including picture books, fiction and non-fiction. Everyone is welcome and it's an ideal opportunity to buy a Christmas present or two!



#### Books for Schools Campaign

Please do bring any Books for Schools tokens that you have been collecting.

These can be found in the following newspapers until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December: EDP, Norwich Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, The Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Dereham Times, Fakenham & Wells Times and the North Norfolk News. Thank you for your support.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

#### Christmas Ensembles Concert

Please do come along to the Christmas Ensembles Concert next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.00pm in the Read Hall. To get tickets please visit the parent portal on the School's website. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

#### Team Photographs

These will be taken next week as follows:

**Monday 3rd December:** All Year 7 and 8 teams for rugby and hockey; all Under 9 hockey and rugby teams (children in Years 3 & 4 who have played in a school team)

**Friday 7th December:** All Year 5 and 6 hockey and rugby teams

Team sheets are on display in your child's form room and please ensure that they have their games kit in school on the appropriate day.

#### House Football

A reminder that the Year 4 House Football is now scheduled to take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm at 'Goals'.



#### Team Rugby Shirts

Please could you ensure that all TCH rugby match shirts are returned to Mr Chuter or Mr Woods in the Sports Hall Office as soon as possible. Thank you.



#### Toys and Tins Appeal

Please remember to bring in new toys, toiletries and tins of food to support the Salvation Army's Toys and Tins Appeal. Please bring your contribution to either the Prep Department, where they should be taken to the Deputies' Meeting Room, or to your child's class teacher in the Pre Prep Department. The deadline for contributions is **Monday 10th December**.

#### Christmas Jumpers

Please remember that all pupils across the School can wear a Christmas jumper to School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December in return for a donation of £1 to our charity, The Wherry School.



## Christmas Fayre

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## Santa's Grotto

Friday 7th December 2018

From 4.00 pm on the playground

Enjoy hot drinks, fresh pizza from 'The Wood Kitchen' and delicious mince pies. The PTA will be selling Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate

Christmas crafts and gifts:  
Christmas Eve Boxes  
Christmas Tree Key Rings  
Decorated Flower Pots  
Rag Wreaths  
Hot Snowman Mugs  
Split Pin Santas

Visit **Santa's Grotto** and receive a present and a certificate from Santa's Elves  
£5.00



Activate will be running again for three weeks next summer as follows:

w/c Monday 22nd July  
w/c Monday 29th July  
w/c Monday 5th August

The booking system will go live on Monday 14th January 2019 at 4pm. There will be a 25% discount for bookings received by the 13th May 2019.

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