



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 7th December 2018

We have enjoyed four fabulous Pre Prep productions this week, telling the nativity story and sharing how Christmas is celebrated around the world. It was lovely to see how children's confidence grows as they progress through the Pre Prep and it was amazing to see how polished performances become by time they reach Year 2. We are indebted to all the staff for directing so proficiently and to Miss Skinner for her fabulous musical tuition and accompaniment. The skills of our older musicians were also on display in Tuesday evening's Christmas Ensembles Concert, with some fantastic performances and a particularly memorable finale where every instrument in the room was played



simultaneously! This morning Eve Kelleway gave a wonderful solo performance of Bach's *Arioso* on her Cello and on Monday we were treated to Josephine Juette singing *Guter mond, du gehst so stille* and Rosemary Stuart Sheppard performing *Wouldn't It Be Lovely* on the piano.



Advent was the theme of this morning's Prep assembly, with children thinking about things they wait for in life and how they might prepare for Christmas. Pre Prep pupils learnt about Christingles and we discovered that the Children's Society are celebrating 50 years of Christingle services this year. On Monday, we welcomed Louise North, the Head Elect of Framlingham College, to lead our assembly. She shared one of her passions, Lego, and we found out just how much we can learn from playing with it. In just two minutes, the audience, each of whom were given a solitary piece of Lego on the way in, created some wonderful models from scratch, using some of the skills she talked about.



This afternoon sees the much-anticipated Town Close Christmas Fayre, and it has been lovely to see so many Christmas jumpers worn today to support our school charity. Despite heavy rain at time of writing, we have every confidence that the weather will clear and this will be able to take place outside, with parking kindly provided by City College in their staff car park. Alongside stalls full of gifts you simply cannot buy elsewhere, you will find delicious food and drink and Father Christmas himself is paying us a visit – we have cleared space for his sleigh on the sports hall roof!



In addition to all these exciting events, it has been good to visit children in their lessons this week. Years 1 were completing maths assessments and Mr Walker's Year 5 French group were describing clothing. I spent time enjoying polygon geometry with Year 8, saw excellent batik work by Year 5, listened to a brilliant explanation of sound from Year 6 and saw ball bearing mazes nearing completion in DT.



Next week, we look forward to the Year 1 & 2 Carol Service at Christ Church Eaton on Thursday at 2.00pm and the Prep Service at St Peter Mancroft (opposite the Forum in the city centre) at 10.30am on Friday, with parents warmly invited to both. There are also the House Singing Competition and senior House hockey and football to look forward to.

I look forward to seeing many of you later and wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington



Follow us on Twitter! @townclose @townclosehead @townclosepupils @SportTownClose



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

BULLETIN BOARD

PREP and PRE PREP

Festival of Angels

The Pre Prep children have been awarded a special certificate of commendation for their 'Varied and Imaginative Entries' in the Festival of Angels at Christ Church.

Revd Dr Patrick Richmond will award the certificate at the Year 1 and 2 Carol Service on the 13th December. Huge congratulations to all children and staff involved!



Pre Prep Nativity Productions



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Orchestra

Please note that there will be no senior orchestra next Tuesday 11th December.

Beauty and the Beast Senior Production

There will be no Beauty and the Beast rehearsal on Thursday 13th December. Rehearsals resume on Thursday 10th January 2019.



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

SPECIALIST CRICKET COACHING 2019

Why not join those 60+ Town Close pupils currently enjoying their build up to the cricket season! Specialist cricket coaching sessions on a Saturday morning in the sports hall continue from the 12th January 2019 with another 10 weeks of excellent coaching by Mr Newman and his team of highly qualified coaches.

Session times are as follows: **Years 2 - 4: 10.00am - 11.00am, Years 4 - 6: 11.00am - 12.00pm and Years 6 - 8: 12.00pm - 1.00pm.** For further details please open this [link](#) or contact Mr Newman on 07960 126652 or at judge@acle32.plus.com.



Karate Success

Congratulations to Lucas Berney (3SP) who was graded for his brown belt last Saturday. At 7 years old he is the youngest in the group but received the second highest score. Very well done to him!



activate 2019 Activate Holiday Activity Programme

A reminder that the booking system for Activate 2019 will go live on Monday 14th January at 4.00pm. As usual, there will be a 25% discount for bookings received by the 13th May 2019.

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

