



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 10th December 2018

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy week making and creating for the festive holiday. The children have explored different media for their projects including clay, paint, Binca for sewing, glue and glitter and a range of self-chosen art and craft materials.

We have been impressed by the children's enthusiasm to write their names and names of their friends or family as many chose to make and write cards. The children have listened to Christmas themed stories, which have prompted interesting discussions about their own experiences and expectations at this time of year. This has provided us with the opportunity to talk about being grateful and to develop an understanding that not all children are as fortunate as they are.

In maths we have continued to practise counting and have been counting the days down to Christmas as we look at and talk about advent calendars.

We were invited to join Nursery on Wednesday and we enjoyed the cosy atmosphere in the Robin room as we snacked on popcorn and enjoyed a film. The entertainment continued when we watched some very talented Year 2 friends as they performed in their variety show today.

Over the holidays

We encourage you to share a range of stories with your children, reading to them, and listening to them read appropriate books for their reading ability. Norfolk Libraries have a vast range of appealing books and if you are not already a member of the Millennium Library, or your local one, we would recommend joining over the holidays. Writing thank you letters will give plenty of opportunity for practising letter formation and using phonic knowledge to identify sounds in words.

If your child has an advent calendar they will enjoy searching for numbers and counting down the days to Christmas, if not they might like to work out many sleeps left until the special day and count down every morning.

Staff news

As you may well be aware, Mrs Slater is expecting a baby in January, and is starting her maternity leave now. We will look forward to meeting Mrs Slater's new arrival in due

course. During Mrs Slater's absence, Mrs Alexandre will be ably supported by Mrs Louise Guymer, who joins the Town Close team after Christmas. Mrs Guymer is an experienced teaching assistant who has visited the School recently and has met many of the Reception children. She is very much looking forward to joining us and we look forward to welcoming her.

Alongside this, we have the lovely news that Mrs Alexandre is also expecting a baby, due in April. Mrs Alexandre will continue in her role in the coming term, teaching Beech Tree Class up to Easter. Mrs Nikki Parker, a teacher well-known to Town Close and the Pre Prep, will take over from Mrs Alexandre for the summer term. Mrs Parker has also been into school recently to meet the children and will be coming into school in the first week of next term, when you will be able to meet her, and will also spend time in the classroom getting to know the children, particularly after half-term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Alexandre on her exciting news.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th January – 9.00am: Tour of the Prep Department for Pre Prep parents – please contact Mrs Ford to book a place on admissions@townclose.com, further details to follow

Friday 18th January – 9.00am – 3.00pm: Reception to 'Bear Hunt' at Norwich Castle

Friday 1st March: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

Tuesday 26th March – 2.15pm: Reception Easter Production in the Read Hall, with coffee for parents after the performance

Thursday 28th March: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – booking details to follow

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries