



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 14th December 2018



It has been lovely to enjoy the run-up to the Christmas holidays complete with our traditional celebrations of the season. Last week's Christmas Fayre, organised by Mr Parker and the Year 1-4 teachers, was a lovely occasion and we are extremely grateful for all your support. We raised an impressive £2,184.27 for the Friends of Wherry School. A small sum of money that someone had lost was handed to me on the night. Please do get in touch if it is yours or your child's.



Yesterday we enjoyed a beautiful Year 1&2 Carol Service at Christ Church Eaton, hosted by our local vicar, Revd Dr Patrick Richmond. It was lovely to see every child holding their Christingles as we

celebrated 50 years of the Children's Society bringing Christingle services to Britain. It was also extremely impressive to hear how well Year 2 children read to the entire congregation over the microphone. This morning, we enjoyed the traditional Prep Carol Service at St Peter Mancroft, with the service led by Revd Canon Edward Carter. It was a privilege to be part of the choir once again and to hear the children's beautiful singing at close quarters, including for the first performance of Mrs Koczur's carol, *Shining Bright*.



Earlier in the week, we celebrated a major milestone: the end of Mr Parker's 100th term at Town Close. He was asked to wait outside with Mr Woods,



believing that Mr Coulthart's Prep assembly was a football quiz for them both, a slight departure from Mr Coulthart's usual repertoire! Instead, it was actually a quiz about Mr Parker's time at the School, complete with photos taken over the years. We discovered that Mr Parker had once rescued a boy from choking, though he was also responsible for wedging the school minibus into a multi-story car park! We are incredibly grateful for Mr Parker's enduring contribution to the School and hope that, after the initial shock, he



enjoyed Monday's special assembly.

This week we also enjoyed House Singing in the Prep Department, with a closely fought contest won by Barton. Reception and Nursery enjoyed watching a film and eating popcorn in the robin room, while Year 1 enjoyed



Christmas games in the Pre Prep hall. Year 2 wrote some lovely letters to Father Christmas explaining what they had done to be good. I also saw Year 2 developing their coding skills in computing, spent time learning about the importance of endings in Latin with Year 8, enjoyed maths puzzles with Year 5 in Mr Lawry's set and saw some beautiful Year 6 chalk pictures nearing completion in art. In the corridor, some Year 8 pupils shared a very well delivered French joke with some guests and me.



Today we have enjoyed Christmas lunch cooked by our fabulous catering team and this afternoon Pre

Prep have taken part in the traditional carols around the Christmas tree in the Pre Prep hall, while Prep pupils have had their final house meetings prior to the end-of-term assembly, where sports reports are read and awards for the term given. We also said goodbye to our fencing coach Andrew Sowerby, who has coached at the School for an amazing 30 years.

Today's end-of-term envelopes for Years 1-4 contain interim reports, with reports for Years 5-8 due in February and EYFS profiles later in the year. Years 5-8 have a results sheet from this term's exams. Next term begins on Tuesday 8th January as Monday 7th is a staff training day.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable Christmas

Nick Benington





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They are offering up to a 1/3rd off selected lines, while stocks last, for new online orders only.



Toys and Tins Appeal

Thank you so much for all the toys and tins so generously donated for this year's Salvation Army Toys and Tins Appeal. We made a special delivery to the Forum on Thursday and we are sure they will be much appreciated.



Books for Schools Tokens

Thank you to everyone, especially Oscar and Max Murphy, for helping us collect 651 tokens. We are going to give them to The Wherry School to help them collect more books for their library.

This week in Pre Prep...



Thank you to local author Victoria Haddon who visited Town Close on Monday, with her two dogs Hector and Reggie, to talk to Year 3 & 4 pupils about her new book *Hector's Wheels*.



Former Pupil News

Many congratulations to ex-pupil Ezara-Mai Downes who was nominated by culture works east to receive the Diana award in July for her charitable endeavours for Great Ormond Street Hospital and her contribution towards the 100,000 Genomes sequencing project. Since receiving her award she was asked to co-host an event at Downing Street for the Diana Award's 19th Anniversary event on the 5th December 2018 and she is now hoping to get involved in more projects with the Diana Award and continue with her charity work. She is trying to raise £100,000 for GOSH by the time she is 21!



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