



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 18th January 2019

Mr Parker and his tutor group started the week for Prep pupils with an assembly about the positive things we can all do to make a difference, including smiling! Headmaster's Assembly today was about teamwork with groups of volunteers accomplishing tasks by cooperating and working together. We also had a preview of Year 4's opening number in next week's production, *Rock Bottom*, which all families are very welcome to book tickets to see. Pre Prep children focused on the *Town Close Way* and how following this pupil written code helps us all. Bird families, meanwhile, focused on healthy eating. Our celebration assembly saw the first fabulous pieces of work for the Wonder Wall being chosen.

Reception children had an exciting week as they continued their Polar Regions topic. The children used clues in an email I sent them to create maps and then followed these around the grounds, in their very own 'bear hunt'. Their subsequent visit to Norwich Castle included seeing



a preserved example of a real polar bear. Year 2 were working hard on applying known facts to help solve mathematical problems and writing 'eye-witness' diary accounts of the Great Fire of London. I played memory games with some of our Little Acorns and saw some brilliant paintings being produced with Mrs Bloom. Meanwhile, Year 1 children were learning about Van Gogh in their art lessons.



Year 5 were starting a new topic in computing, learning to code a two-dimensional gravity based platform game, while Year 4 shared opinions about school subjects in French and

Year 3 explained their RS learning about special places. I visited each of our Year 6 maths sets and heard two very confident explanations about improper fractions and mixed numbers from members of Mr Chuter's group. Mr Parker's pupils discovered that two seventeenths, when turned into a decimal, have 16 decimal places that then recur. Year 8 pupils were working hard on their new project, learning to cut and fold a single sheet of acrylic to create an effective phone stand, and it was great to see some early prototypes and tests. They also really enjoyed guiding Pre Prep parents around the Prep Department on Tuesday and sharing their learning experiences with them. Thank you to all who supported and for the positive feedback too.



On Wednesday, we played our first matches of the term against Framlingham Prep. It was good to see both sides trying determinedly and playing in good spirit, despite very wet conditions. Next week sees many more matches against a range of our other traditional opponents as well as the first tournaments of the new season. Cross-country training has been continuing apace from Year 1 upwards and we look forward to the Prep House competitions later in the term.



As well as the Year 4 production, we look forward next week to a Year 5 art workshop with acclaimed local artist and Town Close parent Fred Ingrams. Two weeks today sees the PTA pizza and movie night with a flyer from the PTA being sent today and booking opening on the PTA website. This year there is a 12A film, *Mean*



Girls, being offered to Year 7&8 only, *The Greatest Showman* available to children in Year 3 and above and Walt Disney's *Pixar Short Films Collection* being offered to children in Reception and above.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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Year 4 Production – Rock Bottom

If you haven't already done so, please do book your tickets for the Year 4 Production of Rock Bottom on Thursday 24th January at 4.30pm and Friday 25th January at 6.00pm.

Tickets can be booked (free-of-charge) via the Parent Information Centre of the school website <https://townclose.com/parents/> click on the parents' booking system and enter the details you use for after school care/parents evening etc. You will find the tickets in the performance ticket area. The show is suitable for all ages although please bear in mind the running time is approximately 70-80 minutes without an interval so it may not be ideal for very young children.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Year 4 Soloists' Concert

The year 4 Soloists' Concert will now take place on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 4.15pm in the Read Hall. This is to allow pupils more time to prepare following their production 'Rock Bottom'.



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Cricket Coaching

The remaining coaching sessions will take place between 4.00pm - 5.15pm on a TUESDAY in the sports hall:



Years 7 & 8

29th January
26th February
12th March
26th March

Years 5 & 6

5th February
5th March
19th March
2nd April

These sessions are open to all senior boys and all Colts. For more details please see Mr Newman or Mr Chuter.

Newmarket Road Parking

We have been advised by a local resident that parents are pulling off the Newmarket Road onto the footpath/cycle path at the entrance to the School at both drop-off and pick-up times. They are concerned that there will be a potentially serious injury to a member of the public using this path/cycle way so could we ask that parents use the Newmarket Road carpark or drop their children off on Town Close Road and do not pull up on this very busy road.



Stop Press

We have just heard that former Head Boy, Adam Possener, has been offered a place at Oxford University for next year. Congratulations to him.

Street Child Charity Event

Our former School charity, Street Child, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year! They are holding a party on Saturday 26th January at Norwich Castle's historic keep and would like to extend an invitation to Town Close parents. All profits raised are currently being doubled by the UK Government so now is a good time to support them. If you would like to attend the event, please click [here](#) for details of how to purchase tickets.



East Anglian Game & Country Fair

The promoters of the above event, taking place on the 27th and 28th April at the Euston Estate in Thetford, have sent schools a poster offering discounted entrance for parents if they book before the 22nd April. Please visit ukgamefair.co.uk if you would like to book discounted tickets.



This week in Pre Prep...



The booking system for Activate 2019 is now open! Bookings can be made at activatenorwich.co.uk and the dates are as follows:

w/c: Monday 22nd July

w/c: Monday 29th July

w/c: Monday 5th August

Please book before the 13th May 2019 to take advantage of the 25% discount.