



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 6th December 2019

We are very excited about this afternoon's Christmas Fayre, which features crafts made by Years 1-4 (and grandparents!), cakes kindly made by PTA volunteers, delicious food and drink and Father Christmas himself! We look forward to seeing many of you there. Prep children had an assembly about Advent delivered by Rev'd Patrick on Monday and Prep musicians delivered a festive ensembles concert on Tuesday evening. Meanwhile, we thoroughly enjoyed three spectacular Nativity performances from Reception, Year 1 and Little Acorns throughout the week, with the Christmas story told beautifully, and differently, in each. We really appreciated parental support for all of the performances and hope you enjoyed the many special moments that arose.



This week has also seen the arrival of Bella, our new school dog. Mrs Rymarz has never had so much attention and I have also enjoyed having Bella join me at lunch breaks to congratulate winners of Headmaster's Commendations and meet more new faces. She has done amazingly well and is already proving her worth as a good listener and encourager.



This morning in Headmaster's Assembly for Prep pupils, we enjoyed the hustings ahead of our mock election to coincide with the General Election next Thursday. I think the party leaders would have been very interested to hear the speeches, which included lots of rhetorical flourishes as well as policy explanations and big promises! We enjoyed hearing musical performances from Thea playing *Dublin Dan* with great accomplishment on her clarinet and from Sushant, who performed *El Nio de la Mare* beautifully on his guitar.



This week, I came across Little Acorns having a fantastic time playing with various equipment in the sports hall, visited 4R as they baked artisan bread for this afternoon, saw Year 5 practising Arabic calligraphy in RS and encountered Year 7 who had been looking at changes to melting points caused by impurities in science. Yesterday I joined Year 2 for a visit to a local care home where they sang beautifully to residents, who certainly seemed to appreciate their energy and joined in enthusiastically too. We had a number of exciting house matches, including a gripping intermediate House Football contest, while today a group of U9 girls are competing at Beeston in a hockey tournament.



We heard recently that Miss Bryant is leaving us at the end of next term to pursue a very exciting opportunity in New Zealand for which we will wish her the best of luck when the time comes. She will be a hard act to follow, of course, and we are interviewing various candidates for her position next week, which will involve some children in extra swimming lessons.



Our choirs have been working hard for next week's Prep Department Carol Service at St Peter Mancroft at 10.30am. Year 1&2 have their Carol Service at Christ Church Eaton on Thursday at 2.00pm. Parents are warmly invited to both services and those of you who came to Town Close yourselves are also warmly invited to join other alumni after the Prep service in the Octagon room of the church. We are excited to see the Year 2 production on Monday at 2.00pm in the



Read Hall, while Tuesday sees the Prep House Music Competition, which will be judged by the Head and a senior pupil from The Wherry School, which we supported as our charity last year.



Term ends at 4.00pm next Friday, with a reminder that After School Care does not run on the last day of term.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes



Nick Bevington