



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 13th December 2019

We have ended the autumn term in traditional style! The Year 1&2 Carol Service in Christ Church Eaton was a joyful occasion, with fantastic reading by a group of Year 2 pupils, lovely congregational singing and a confident performance by the Choir. Thank you to the large number of parents and guests who supported us. This afternoon Pre Prep children have been gathering



around the tree in the Pre Prep Hall for our traditional carols. Earlier in the week, Year 2 dazzled us with their lovely nativity, which was full of confidently delivered lines. Links to our home videos of all the performances have now been emailed to the parents concerned.



Meanwhile it was lovely to welcome friends, family and alumni to the Prep Carol Service in St Peter Mancroft this morning. The children sang and read beautifully and the descants of the traditional carols were made all the more special thanks to Daniel Possener, who graduated from Year 8 in 2015 and returned for the occasion. He and other alumni joined Barnaby, Georgina and Amalie afterwards in the Octagon Room and it was lovely to hear former pupils reminiscing about their time with us. Many said what a special part the Carol Service played in their memories.



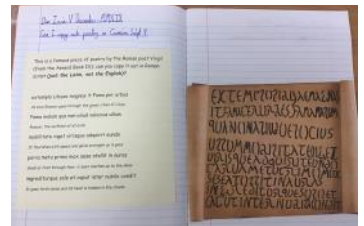
On Monday, Mr Walker's tutor group led Prep assembly, with gratitude as the theme. Tuesday then saw the traditional House music, judged this year by Head of the Wherry School, Miss Quick, and GCSE student JJ. There was a fantastic atmosphere, as seen on the clip we shared on social media, and we congratulate Upton for winning. Those in Filby disappointed with last place had consolation on Thursday as they won the House games, an afternoon of seasonal competition. I saw great strategic skill by Miles and Harry in the carrot and sprout spoon relay!



Our mock election was organised by the School Council yesterday and mirrored the national result with Conservatives winning on 44%, though Labour only scored 5% in our poll. Amidst the festive preparations, it has been lovely to see a range of interesting lessons too this week. Year 4 were being maths detectives, Reception wrote impressive sentences about the Nativity, Year 1 produced some very ambitious writing about the Christmas story, Year 7&8 completed their Satips General Knowledge quiz and Year 5 were copying Roman poetry in Roman cursive script with Mr Hewitt. In his last year before retirement, it was great to hear Mr Hewitt's fine reading in the Church today and his lovely solo verse in the plainchant *Qui Creavit Caelum*.



Nursery Learning Journals, Interim academic reports for Years 1-4 and exam result sheets for Years 5-8 all went live on the portal at 4.00pm. These can be viewed on most devices as well as be downloaded as a PDF. In our continued effort to reduce our environmental impact, we try to avoid printing where possible. However, if you would like a printed version for posterity, please do contact the relevant office at the beginning of next term. Our main office is also open for part of the Christmas holidays for any enquiries, though please note that we are completely closed from 25th December – 1st Jan inclusive.



School returns on Tuesday 7th January at normal time and we will look forward to seeing children then. In the meantime, on behalf of everyone at Town Close, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With my best wishes

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