

WEEK 11, DECEMBER 1ST, 2023

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

The last week has brought with it a wintry feel with cold mornings, frosts and even a small scattering of snow heralding the arrival of winter in all its glory. While today marks the beginning of Advent and the countdown to Christmas, with many of you no doubt opening Advent calendars, it also brings to a conclusion a busy week at Town Close.

The primary focus across the top end of the Prep Department has been the exams that Year 5-8 have sat. I am always impressed by the maturity and considered approach that the children take, both in the build-up and during the week, and this year has been no different. I have spent time in both the Read Hall and Sports Hall while exams have been taking place, seeing first-hand the focus, concentration, engagement and diligence of the children. I have no doubt their hard work will pay off and look forward to celebrating with them their results over the course of next week.

In amongst all this hard work, there has still been time for lots of other events to take place. Pre Prep contributed some stunning fish they made from recycled materials to Christ Church, Eaton, in celebration of their 150th birthday. The fish formed part of a display within the church that was very impressive to see.

Earlier this week it was great to see the Year 5 and 6 girls swim squads in competitive action again, in preparation for the Spring term when the significant swimming galas take place. Throughout the week there have also been a number of smaller events taking place, all focused on upcoming Christmas celebrations. There have been decorations made in the library in support of our charity Friend in Deed while Nursery have been busy baking and icing Christmas cakes and gingerbread people to take home. There have also been an increasing number of nativity rehearsals across Pre Prep, which we will have the joy of seeing over the final two weeks of term. Earlier today Pre Prep went to Christ Church Eaton for their Advent service which was a real joy, providing a wonderful conclusion to exam week and the beginning of those Christmas events we all look forward to and enjoy at this time of year.

In celebration of our 90th birthday, we handed out trees to all families within the School community towards the end of last term. We also gave trees to families who have continued to have a long association with the school, as well as those senior schools that we send pupils to. Today the Heads of School and I attended the planting of the tree at Norwich School, at their Redmayne site, in recognition of those former pupils of Town Close who moved on to Norwich.

After a busy week for us all, I hope you manage some time to unwind and relax over the weekend

With best wishes

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