



PTA

Our sincere apologies to those of you who applied for tickets for the Wine Tasting evening. Sadly, this event had to be cancelled.

Thank you to all who supported the Quiz and Chips Night and the Bonfire Evening. Profit from these events came to £1651.19, a good start to the year.

The next PTA events will be in March, when we look forward to seeing you at the Family Bingo Night on Friday 12 March and at our Easter Activity Morning for Pre-Prep, which will be on Saturday 20 March.

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Year 7 Trip to France

The annual visit to the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy took place from Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 November.

Once again, the children took part in a range of activities and lessons, with all the instruction in French. They also visited the market at Dinan and the Mont Saint Michel. Despite some really dreadful weather, we all had a marvellous week; the children were a delight to take on the trip, and they made superb progress.

To read a full review of the trip, please visit the School's website and follow the links Prep - French - French Trip, or type the following address into your browser.

http://www.townclose.com/prep_pages/curriculum/french/frenchtrip.html

SH

This IS Rocket Science

A great thank you to the Mummy of Ethan (1S) and Corey (Nursery) for giving up a morning and an afternoon all for the sake of Science. We were learning about 3D shape and Mrs Rushden volunteered to work with the children to make real launchable rockets.

With the aid of a compressor, each and every rocket was launched, much to the delight of all the children. This was a wonderful and exciting afternoon's learning which we will never forget.

KS

Pre-Prep News

Thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs McLaren for donating books and toys to the Nursery; to Mrs Lim for the bumble bee outfit and spare clothes for Nursery; to Mrs Snook for spare clothes and toys for the Nursery; to Mrs Birch for games, child's sewing machine and tape recorder for the Foundation Stage and to Mrs Knight for donating all the lovely toys which are being shared by Nursery/Reception and After School Care.

Birthday books have been received from James Cross, Pieter de Lange, Joseph Byrne, Atiya Bussey, Victoria Garson, Lucy Hutchinson, Joe Beadman, Joseph Rutterford, Daniel Wright, Mia Bartram, Sam Chuter, Millie Hay, Henry Ingram and Lucy Ingram.

Happy Birthday to you all and thank you.

RJW

Term Dates 2010-2011

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Training Day	Mon 6 September
Classroom Preparation Day	Tues 7 September
Term Starts	Weds 8 September 2010
Staff Training Day	Thurs 21 October (School closed)
Half Term	Thurs 21 October - Fri 29 October inclusive
Term Ends	Fri 17 December 2010

SPRING TERM

Staff Training Day	Mon 10 January
Term Starts	Tues 11 January 2011
Half Term	Mon 21 February - Fri 25 February inclusive
Term Ends	Fri 1 April 2011

SUMMER TERM

Term Starts	Tues 26 April 2011
Bank Holiday	Mon 2 May
Staff Training Day	Fri 27 May (School closed)
Half Term	Fri 27 May - Fri 3 June inclusive
Common Entrance	Mon 6 June - Thurs 9 June
Royal Norfolk Show	Weds 29 June
Term Ends - Prize Day	Fri 15 July 2011

Last Day of Term

A reminder that there will be no After School Care on the last day of term. Please ensure that all children are collected from school by 4.00pm.

EC/JS



Prep Department Carol Service

The Prep Department Carol Service will take place at 10.30 am on Friday 18 December, the last day of term, at St Peter Mancroft Church. Parents are warmly encouraged to attend and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

JH

Seat Sponsorship

If you were intending to sponsor a seat in our new Read Hall and have a plaque with a name on it, now is the time to do it. We have had a very pleasing initial response to our appeal and are about to send all the copy to the engravers.

If you don't have your form any longer, then please phone the School to be sent one. This wonderful new facility, which incorporates state of the art technology, will be in immediate use next term and will be opened officially early in the new year.

GRL

Second Hand Book Sale

A second hand book sale will take place in the Library on Tuesday 8 December 1pm - 1.45 pm. Books will be priced between 20p and £1.00.

JW

Traffic around the School

We receive regular complaints from members of the general public about the volume of traffic that we generate at dropping off and collecting times.

This is a reminder please to have consideration for our neighbours and try not to impede them as they go about their daily lives. Lengthy queues on the main roads are a particular cause for concern.

Please do not arrive unreasonably early just to get to the front of the queue, don't linger in the dropping off areas if you can avoid it, and think about arriving just a little bit later when the traffic has cleared.

ALL cars coming to the Prep Department between 4.00 and 6.00 pm should go to the Newmarket Road playground and NOT try to come down the gravel drive.

GRL

Pre-Prep After School Care

The After School Care has been very active this term with numbers increasing weekly. As well as providing the children with a healthy tea, they are offered a range of stimulating activities, including art and craft, outdoor games, construction, table football, games, puzzles and computer activities.

We have been given some excellent new toys and games and would especially like to thank Mr and Mrs Chuter and Sam for the Duplo, Brio and farm. My son Stewart has given the table football, Star Wars Lego and Knex. Many thanks to everyone who has donated toys.

Don't forget to book your child in via the Pre-Prep office before midday, and to let us know as soon as possible if you don't need a booked place. Numbers are limited!

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Art Department

The Art Department is beginning to build up its supply of collage materials. Please could you help to swell resources by bringing in any unwanted buttons, beads, wool, threads (including raffia), coloured foil (sweet wrappers), small pieces of lace or ribbon or small pieces of fabric either self-coloured or with small repeating patterns.

It would be helpful if materials could be sorted for ease of processing. Small plastic take-away cartons with lids would also make a welcome contribution and would ensure that the resource is well organised and easier to use effectively.

Please bring any contributions directly to Mrs Harman's classroom in Year 3.

Thank you

MH

Morrisons Vouchers

Members of the School Gardening Club are collecting Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers.

We would be very pleased to receive any that family and friends may have spare.

Thank you

JM