



PTA Midsummer Ball

Saturday 18th June

This promises to be a very enjoyable evening, with dancing to Scratch the Cat, a delicious choice of menu and an independent choice of wine. It is not necessary to arrange a whole table, as we welcome individuals as well. Don't miss your chance to buy tickets and please apply before Monday 23rd May. A copy of the application form will be in your child's book bag today. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Notification of Absence

If your child is unwell please let us know as early in the morning as possible.

You can either telephone and leave a message on the absence line (dial 01603 620180, then select option 1, option 2 for Prep or option 2, option 2 for Pre-Prep) or you can email: prepsec@townclose.com or preprepsec@townclose.com

As each period of absence needs to be documented, please send in a note when your child returns. (If your contact with the School was by email no further paperwork is necessary). Many thanks.

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Pre-Prep News

Birthday books have been received from:

Asli Erdogan	Jasmine Haylett
Watty Riley	Friedrich Morris
Agnes Riley	Georgie Evans
Lara King	Sophie Bush
Elizabeth Davies	Jago Taylor
Rufus Sargent	Rohan Chauhan
Edward Leary	Annabel Coller
Rupert Spall	Reuben Hollis
Molly-Ann Roberts	Rosie Wharton
Amy Beadman	

Happy Birthday to you all and thank you.

The Pre-Prep children raised £221.72 on Thursday 28th April taking part in a Royal Fun Run around the school grounds. Everybody had a great time taking part in the run and would like to thank you very much for all the donations for Childreach International.

RJW

Cricket

Our cricket season got underway on the first Wednesday of the new term with the 1st XI beating Norwich School by 5 wickets. This was a real confidence booster for the team as they headed towards the opening round of the national JET Cup where they entertained Old Buckenham Hall from Suffolk. OBH scored 106 for 8 from their allotted 25 overs, with Cameron Greenhall taking 4 wickets for 19 runs. Town Close reached the target with an over to spare thanks to some stylish batting from Will Hunt and Cameron Greenhall, with Joe Hill hitting some late boundaries to see the team home by 6 wickets. The next round was played the following day at Beeston Hall, and yet again the match went to the wire. Beeston scored 123 for 4, with Martin Matthews the pick of our bowlers taking 3 wickets for 29. A solid opening partnership from Will Kidner (15) and Arran Dhesi (43) set the platform for our captain Alex Levinson to hit 48 not out and secure a victory by 7 wickets. Congratulations to the team on such a successful start to the season and we now await a home tie against strong opposition from the south-east region.

RC

Rounders

Our rounders season has just got underway and, not to be outdone by the boys, our Under 13 girls beat their opponents from Norwich High School in two matches. The 'A' team won convincingly 24 - 4 while the 'B' team won 21½ - 14½. The girls are already looking forward to their next match versus Brandeston.

JW

Cricket shirts & cricket caps

Mr Chuter still has some Duncan Fearnley TCH cricket shirts and blue cricket caps available for purchase. The shirts cost £16.50 and the caps £7. Please see Mr Chuter for further details.

RC

Activate 2011

Week 1 25 - 29 July

Week 2 01 - 05 August

Activate will take place on the above dates and many applications have already been received.

As always, places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. The 25% discount deadline is 9.30 a.m on Monday 16th May.

Many thanks.

RW



Matches affected by poor weather

Please use our Newline service if you wish to know whether weather has caused a match to be cancelled. Calls should not be made until after midday. Dial 01603 620180, then follow the instructions.

GRL

Congratulations

Congratulations to Adam Possener who has been selected to perform with the internationally renowned Chinese pianist Lang Lang at the Royal Festival Hall. Adam is one of 100 young pianists nationwide who have been picked to take part in this prestigious Concert on Sunday 22nd May. Adam won his place in the concert after sending in a DVD of him playing one of his grade five exam pieces - Giga by Richard Jones.

Well done, Adam.

JH

Boys' Games

Extra fixture for Colts cricket and U11 rounders – Saturday 11th June

Kent College will be bringing their Colts A and B cricket teams and U11 rounders teams on a short tour of the region and we have arranged to play them on Saturday 11th June. Matches will start at 9.30 a.m and finish shortly after lunch. A 'tea' will be served at Main Field for players and spectators at approximately 11 a.m.

RC

Change of Date

The swimming gala on the Blue Card dated Thursday 26th May has changed.

It will be on Thursday 16th June at 16:10 (H) v Glebe.

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Summer Dresses

As summer dresses are in short supply we are happy for Year 5 to wear their sailor collar dresses if they so wish. Alternatively short sleeved blouses & kilts are perfectly acceptable.

JH

National School Sports Week

27th June - 1st July

This year our schools sports day will take place during National School Sports week and we are proud to be part of this national programme. Through the week we are going to encourage the children to follow the theme of the week and "achieve their personal best".

All pupils will be invited to complete a pledge card indicating what they would like to achieve during the week and sports day (similar to target setting). There will be some prizes for the pledges that incorporate Olympic values such as excellence, respect and support.

As parents you can pledge your support for your children and school sports by logging on to www.lloydstsb.com/london2012 and going to the support your local school link. Please be assured that no money is involved, simply your support.

The more pledges we receive, the greater chance we have of winning some great prizes such as tickets to the Olympics.

MW

Tesco & Sainsbury Schools Vouchers

If you have any vouchers which you wish to pass on to the School, please send them in via the form teachers.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent vouchers in. Mr Ruffell will again be co-ordinating the collection of these vouchers for school equipment.

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Chess Success

Congratulations to Ryan Chan who won the Norfolk Megafinal of the UK Chess Challenge 2011. He has the title of U9 Supremo and will be competing next in Ipswich. We wish him every success.

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