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Dear Parents

What a week!

I would like to begin by thanking all the parents who responded, at such short notice, to the ISI's request to fill in the parents' questionnaire in preparation for this week's inspection.

The findings of the inspection will be sent to all parents once it has been finalised by ISI and although I am unable to comment further at this point, Wednesday's de-brief was a very enjoyable experience!

Friday's Quiz and Chips is a sell out and I would like to thank Mike Jolly and Sally Barter and the rest of the Friends' team for their organisation of the event. Mike steps down this Friday after his second stint as Chairman and I would like to recognise in this newsletter just how much he has done for the school in those two terms of office. Mike is a 'can do' character whose infectious attitude has ensured the Friends' Society has gone from strength to strength with Mike at the helm.

PREP

The children have been hard at work in their exams in the early part of this week and with parents' evening on Thursday and reports just around the corner, the pace is certainly hotting up.

Year 7 treated us to an 'African' themed musical assembly this week where rhythm was very much in evidence and Year 6 headed out to a local mosque on Thursday which I am reliably informed was 'fantastic' and certainly enriched this area of their RS curriculum.

CAROL SERVICE

This year's readers should all have their various readings to practise over the weekend and it would be greatly appreciated if parents could find the time to listen to these pupils before school practices take place next week. Parents are obviously very welcome to attend either or both of Thursday's services.

SPORT

The mighty Under 9A rugby side continued their unbeaten season by defeating Beeston Hall on Wednesday with Matthew Austin grabbing five tries. The Under 13 girls had a thrilling 2-2 draw against St Felix and the Under 11A boys also won 21-0 in a blizzard! More details can be found of all Wednesday's fixtures on the website.

BOARDING

This week the boarders have started their Christmas Paper Chain competition. Each year the dorms challenge each other to see which can make the longest paper chain. We are being environmentally friendly this year, using obsolete but colourful, book catalogues to make chains with and the results are very good. We also introduced "Taverdon" a kind of indoor Wimbledon contest using ping pong balls and large plastic rackets over a volley ball net – we all enjoyed the fast moving games, ably managed by Miss Jones with rather dubious scoring by the Matrons! Last Thursday we had a cinema style showing of "UP" in Big School, with popcorn! The film will be finished this week in the cosier atmosphere of the dorm common room.

NURSERY

The Nursery children donned fancy dress for the day last Friday, for Children in Need. The Nursery staff also joined in the fun to raise money for this worthy cause. £42 was collected on the day.

GENERAL

Ceilidh Dancing Evening - Friday 10 December

We received quite a number of reservation slips from parents for the Ceilidh Dancing evening. However, the number of participants was not high enough to make the format of the evening a success and unfortunately we have decided to cancel the evening.

All parents who completed a reservation slip and payment, will be reimbursed accordingly.

Wow Wonderful Xmas Fair – Saturday 7 December @ 1900

This event will be held at Norwich Family Life Centre, Mason Road. Tickets are £10.00 and there will be a xmas market, buffet and pamper zone. For further information please speak to parent Mrs Mary Hamilton.

Also donations for the Hebron Trust of toiletries, slippers, letter writing sets, sweets chocolates would be appreciated to help women rebuild their lives.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	29 Nov	AM	ABRSM Music Exams – Norwich
Wednesday	1 Dec	1430	1 st XI & Colts A v Culford (h)
		1430	Colts B v Culford (a)
		1430	U13A&B, U11A&B & U9 girls v Gresham's (a)
		1615	Pre-Prep After School Fun Dance Display
Thursday	2 Dec	1345	Y3 – 5 Carol Service – St Edmund's Church
		1445	Y6 – 8 Carol Service – St Edmund's Church
Sunday	5 Dec	1315	Family Christmas Party
Tuesday	7 Dec	1430	Pre-Prep Christmas Play
Wednesday	8 Dec		Y8 Girls HPV Vaccinations
		1430	Pre-Prep Christmas Play
		PM	Boarders Christmas Party
Thursday	9 Dec	1830	Y5-6 Pantomime
Friday	10 Dec	1430	Colts A&B v Norwich School (h)
Tuesday	14 Dec	1100	Nursery Christmas Play
Wednesday	15 Dec	1100	Nursery Christmas Play
Thursday	16 Dec	1400	Pre-Prep Christmas Party
Friday	17 Dec	1200	Pre-Prep School TERM ENDS
		1230	Prep School TERM ENDS
			<u>(Nursery will remain open all day as usual)</u>