



3 December 2010

Dear Parents

This week has obviously been dominated by the weather and I suspect the fact that all the staff and the vast majority of the pupils have managed to make it into school reflects so well on the school and the decision to remain open.

Going forward, website updates and messages on the school answerphone will inform you as to when we are able to extend beyond 1530 as a pick up time. Travelling in the dark on icy roads is obviously to be avoided but the school are also able to accommodate those pupils who cannot be picked up at 1530. Please ensure the school office is made aware of any adjustments to your intended or normal routine.

Weather permitting, I will be in North Yorkshire for the first three days of next week as an Inspector of schools and Mr Worrall will deputise in my absence.

### **PREP**

#### **Egg Landing Day Results**

Judged by the 'scientists' from the Norwich Research Park.

#### ***A Competition Y3, 5 & 7:***

##### **Lightest Egg Pod – 85g:**

Pippa Crabtree  
Maya Conway  
Jack Beckett

##### **Best Poster:**

Louisa Crabtree  
Madeleine Clements  
Ben Blowers

#### ***B Competition Y4, Y6 & Y8:***

##### **Lightest Egg Pod – 85g:**

James Spratt  
Miriam Whadcoat  
Matthew Austin

##### **Best Poster:**

Annabel Kennard  
Eddie Darley  
Charlie Sizer

Thursday's Advent Carol Services were very special events at which I felt the Senior Choir in particular sang beautifully with the soloists giving standout performances. The readers were also very strong and both services were well attended and enjoyed by all.

### **SPORT & MUSIC**

With no sports fixtures taking place it made for a quiet midweek in some respects but we were still treated to a fantastic musical assembly on Thursday by Year 8. Their theme was 'blues' and having composed their own songs they sang powerfully and passionately to the younger pupils who loved every minute!

Due to the inevitable disruption caused by the snow there have been few opportunities for pantomime rehearsals. Therefore the decision has been to postpone the pantomime performance until Tuesday 14 December at 1830 in Big School.

### **PRE-PREP**

This week Pre-Prep children have been putting in the final week of rehearsals for their Christmas performance, culminating in the dress rehearsal – watched by Nursery children, on Friday. This was very exciting as it was the first time that the children could see each other in their costumes

I had the pleasure of witnessing the Pre-Prep dress rehearsal for 'The Grumpy Sheep' on Friday morning and parents watching the two productions next week are in for a real treat. Keep an eye out for some wonderful costumes, some fabulous singing and a few special dance routines!

On Monday the Prep School children will be welcomed as the audience for the second dress rehearsal. We then look forward to seeing parents and friends for our two performances next week.

The Pre-Prep is looking very festive now as all the classrooms have been decorated and the Christmas excitement is building.

A reminder to parents that the Christmas post box is open from Wednesday 8 December.

### **GENERAL**

Thank you to the parents who helped with the Christmas decorations around the school. As ever, the results are lovely and as we approach the festive season, the children have been particularly complimentary of all the work put in by the loyal band of parent helpers.

Last Friday's 'Quiz and Chips' was successful in every respect and the Headmaster's table at least competed this year! We arranged a well deserved send-off to Mike Jolly as Chair and also welcomed Sally Barter into this role going forward. Anybody still keen to consider helping the Friends in any capacity should speak to Sally who is never difficult to locate as she spends an inordinate amount of time helping around school.

Thank you for taking greater care in and around the car park of late. My latest plea centres on the tree in the middle of the car park. Please ensure this is used only for turning around and not as a place to stop and park. The car park is congested as it is and parents leaving vehicles adjacent to the tree make it very difficult for other drivers and cause a danger for pedestrians and especially children.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful weekend and I hope to see many of you at Sunday's family Christmas lunch here at the school.

**M A Crossley**  
**Headmaster**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 Dec</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>Family Christmas Party</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8 Dec</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>Pre-Prep Christmas Play</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8 Dec</b>		<b>Y8 Girls HPV Vaccinations</b>
		<b>1430</b>	<b>Pre-Prep Christmas Play</b>
		<b>PM</b>	<b>Boards Christmas Party</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 Dec</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>Colts A&amp;B v Norwich School (h)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14 Dec</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Play</b>
		<b>1830</b>	<b>Y 5&amp; 6 Panto</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 Dec</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Play</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>Pre-Prep Christmas Party</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17 Dec</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>Pre-Prep School TERM ENDS</b>
		<b>1230</b>	<b>Prep School TERM ENDS</b>
			<b>(Nursery will remain open all day as usual)</b>