

12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the Spring term; the children have returned refreshed and ready for the new school term which is going to be a busy one.

We have started rehearsals and castings for our end-of-term production this week. The play is titled 'Olivia' and is a twist on the traditional story of 'Oliver'. All children will take part in the production in some way and they seem excited to have started preparations; it is only nine weeks away!

Miss Wong has put an up-to-date fixture list in the children's planners. Please use this version rather than the printed school calendar.

Next week the Year 6 will sit entrance exams and take scholarship assessments; if parents have any queries about this process then do please ask.

Mrs Nunn has asked for donations of cereal boxes and other 'cuttable card'. She has been tasked with organising the props for the production; I am sure there will be more requests for items as the term progresses. Please bring them in and ask children to take them straight to the Art Room.

The PTA are hosting their annual quiz night on Friday 26th January. More information will follow next week but please start getting teams together (maximum of eight per team) and put the dates in your diary. In addition, the PTA will be hosting refreshments after every Friday Chapel service for the foreseeable future, these will be served in the Clough Drawing Room. It would be lovely if you could join us.

We ask that all parents are considerate when driving through the school site. Please ensure you observe the site speed limit, be aware of people crossing the roads, observe the one-way system on the drive and do not leave your car engines running while waiting.

I was delighted to award the latest round of music and Speech and Drama certificates in Chapel this morning. Congratulations to the following:

- Edward Oldrey, Saffron Vine, Charlotte Rainer, Esmée Shaw-Clutton, Edward Hill, Rima Jaohar, Harriet Etherington, Freya Attwell, Lewis Dunn and Tia Hillier who all gained Distinctions in their Grade 1 Group Devising Drama exams.
- Rose Webster, Ava Lines and Mustafa Jaohar who were awarded Acting Grade 1 with a Merit.
- Emily Oldman and Ryan Kennedy were awarded their Grade 2 Group Devising Drama with a Merit.
- Charlotte Rainer who passed her Grade 2 piano exam.
- Samuel Barker-Harrison who passed Grade 1 Violin
- Emily Oldman who passed Grade 4 violin

I was also pleased to present Hamish Barnes and Sophie Everett with their Bronze awards and Isabelle Cole with her Silver Award.

Next week:

Tuesday 16th January

Year 6 Entrance Exams all morning

Wednesday 17th January

Year 6 Sports Scholarship Assessments (applicants only)

Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics at Water Lane Leisure Centre, Lowestoft (selected pupils)

Friday 19th January

Under 11 A & B, Under 9 A & B netball at Norwich Lower School

Finally, our production of Olivia will be on the last week of this term (Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March 2018). PLEASE do not book any holidays that leave early!

Yours sincerely

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Head of Preparatory Department