



# THE PERSE PELICAN NURSERY AND PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## **BUILDING WORKS AND LOGISTICS**

We are **thrilled** with the new Hall! If you would like to see it in its finished state I will be there on Friday afternoon from 3.00p.m. to show you round.

The arrangements for arrival and collection are as now follows:

**EARLY START AND LATE STAY** - Please enter the school site via the small gate adjacent to the large one through which the cars enter for Kiss and Ride and walk close to the side of the building, along the path, right round to the back, up the ramp and to the first big door of the Hall, which faces the large playground. This is also the door by which you should collect your children from Late Stay.

**Parents collecting from the Year 1 or 2 classes AND the Reception or Nursery are asked to collect their older charges first to ease the 'traffic' flow.**

**NURSERY** - No change

**RECEPTION -Mornings** - You should make your way round to the rear of the building, as indicated above for Early Start, but wait in the fenced off area of the playground. The children will access school via the door into the Nursery's original cloakroom.

**Afternoons** - As during the past two terms but please be aware that the Year 1 and 2 parents will be passing through to collect their children from the rear of the building and so you are asked to wait in the bike shed area to try to ease congestion.

**YEAR 1 & 2 - Mornings** - You should make your way round to the rear of the building, as indicated above for Early Start, but wait in the fenced off area of the playground. The children will access school via the door into the Nursery's original cloakroom.

**Afternoons** – The children will be brought out from the Nursery's original cloakroom door and so you are asked to congregate in the fenced off area of playground.

**For health and safety reasons no-one should access the large playground either before or after school.**

Thank you for bearing with us!

## **STAFF NEWS**

I am delighted that Mrs Jane Milnes has accepted the position of job share teacher for 2LC, with effect from next term. She will teach the class on Monday and Thursday each week and Mrs Clements will be in charge for the rest of the week. Candidates are subjected to a rigorous selection procedure involving many members of staff and demonstrate a teaching session. Mrs Milnes was our unanimous first choice and we all celebrated when she said yes! Mrs Milnes is currently working as the Education and Outreach Officer at The National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket and before that she had accrued several years experience teaching Year 1, 2 and 3 classes.

I have not appointed the other teacher we are seeking, who is planned to be part time and a 'floating' member of staff. I will readvertise this post shortly.

## **SUMMER UNIFORM**

In view of the current cool temperatures I am happy for the girls to choose between summer or winter uniform up to and including Friday, 25 April. Please can we all consider Monday, April 28 as being the official start of summer uniform.

## **CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS LAUNCH**

This year we are hosting the prestigious Cambridge Open Studios Launch Exhibition in the Perse Upper School Old Gym and the Barry Room. You are cordially invited to attend a Private Viewing of works on show on Thursday 26 June from 7.00pm until 9.00pm and an Open Gallery Day on Sunday 29 June from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Cambridge Open Studios exists to promote local artists and to provide an opportunity for the public to become involved by meeting artists in their studios and seeing how their work is produced. Over 200 local Cambridgeshire artists open up their studios to the public in July each year and the Cambridge Open Studios Launch Exhibition will showcase a selection of their work.

## **THEFTS FROM VEHICLES**

The Community Safety Unit of Cambridgeshire Police has written to advise us of a rise in thefts from cars near school premises. This usually involves breaking a side window and quickly snatching a handbag or other property that has been left on display. The theft takes only seconds and the thief often makes good his/her escape on a cycle. To help prevent this crime we would like to warn parents of the dangers of leaving items on display even for the few moments while you collect your children from school. Thieves know they have windows of opportunity and they need to be prevented from being able to exploit this through property not being left in cars.

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