



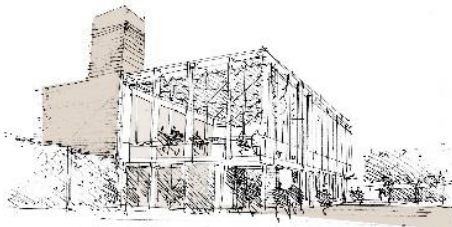
19th October, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- **Half Term: No school on Friday 20th October or Monday 30th October. School returns on Tuesday 31st October**
- **Club Pelican dates released for this academic year**
- **Shoebox Christmas Appeal: parcels of Christmas magic to be delivered to school by Wednesday, 8th November**
- **Christmas Cards! Register your child's artwork by 3rd November**
- **Spotacular Dressing Up Day for Children in Need, 17th November**
- **Order highly acclaimed Christmas puds by 17th November**

Dear Parents,

The major project of building The Perse's very own Performing Arts Centre at The Upper is nearing completion and there will be an official opening in March. Even at The Pelican this is causing excitement as it is intended that the building will be used from 3 – 18 and give our young children opportunities to perform "in a real theatre." I am looking forward to Pelican performances involving all our children being able to be watched by all parents at once. Mr Elliott's letter giving, amongst other things, further details of the naming of the Centre is attached and there is still the chance to support the PAC by "naming" a chair.



Recently at The Pelican ..



Year 1 Microscope Session at the Upper

To celebrate Biology Week, year 1 were invited to The Upper School and became biologists. They learnt how to use a microscope, prepared a slide, looked at a Daphnia (a water flea) and learnt all about their underwater lives. They came up with some very interesting questions. One child asked "Why is a Daphnia so small?" - a question that even the staff at The Upper School found challenging.



Year 2 Sailing Workshop

Year 2 were full of enthusiasm following their morning with staff from the Cambridge Science Centre who enhanced their work on forces by asking the children to design and build land yachts. They had to



think carefully about the forces they were using and overcoming and decide what would be the best size and shape for a sail. They had great fun using the force of the wind generated by a huge fan to test the yachts and even had time to make improvements to their designs.



Harvest Service

Thank you for helping the children make the link between farm and fork. Jimmy's Night Shelter was very pleased with our crop of donations and St John's Church was most grateful for the collection of £235.10.



Rev Shakespeare kindly returned from his holiday to take the service for us. The choir sang beautifully, Year 2 led us in prayers and recited a harvest poem.



Looking ahead...

The Autumn is a time for giving ...

Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Children from The Upper School visited us in assembly this week to explain to the children about this worthy 3 - 18 appeal. Pelicans sat in stunned silence as they heard



about children who have so little that they do not have Christmas presents. At Pelican age a Christmas without presents is a truly shocking thought! We talked about how they would feel if an unexpected parcel arrived and I am hoping that over half term you may have the opportunity to help your child fill a shoebox to be given to less fortunate families in Eastern Europe. Your child should have brought home a leaflet yesterday giving full details of this project, but if not this link will tell you all you need to know: <http://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2017>. To enable the presents to arrive in time for Christmas they need to be brought to the entrance hall in The Pelican by **8th November**. I do hope you enjoy filling your box and look forward to seeing how many we can send this year.

Christmas Cards



Further to last week's PersePost, if you would like to place an order, simply register online at www.chameleoncreate.school using the unique registration code found on the back of your child's artwork. The final day for the registration of your child's art work is **Friday 3rd November**. You will then be able to order products online from **Monday 13th to Monday 20th November**.

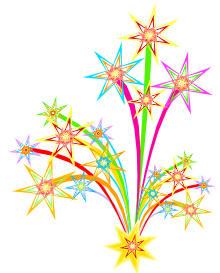


A reminder to please return your child's original artwork to school immediately after half term so that the artwork can be sent to the printers.



PES Fireworks, Friday 3rd November

The Perse Exploration Society will be holding a fireworks display on Friday 3rd November at the Perse Upper School site. Gates open at 6.30pm and the fireworks display will begin at 7.30pm. Please find attached a poster advertising the event. Tickets may be purchased from the Pelican, Prep and Upper reception desks after half term.



Advance tickets cost £10.50 per individual ticket or £38 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Your ticket includes a hog roast and a hot drink (hot chocolate or mulled wine). Tickets may also be purchased at the gate on the evening and will cost £12 per individual ticket.



Money raised will go towards providing sponsorship for children from remote areas of Ladakh, India to receive an education. PES Summit 12 students will be visiting the school and the students during their expedition to the area in the summer.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

Year 2 will be selling poppies during our first 2 weeks back after half term. We would suggest a minimum donation of £2 and shall endeavour to name all poppies!

Children in Need Day, Friday 17th November

This year the Pelican will be fundraising in style for Children in Need! Children should bring a donation to have a day wearing as many spots as possible instead of their school uniforms. In addition, the classes will be planning a range of activities to raise further funds. More details in the next newsletter.



Pudsey's Round Pound Countdown is on...



Although you can no longer spend your old pound coins, Children in Need can still collect them and put them to work. We are aiming to collect as many round pounds as we can before the Big Day on 17th November, so please hunt for them in saving jars, piggy banks, coat pockets and down the back of the sofa! Pudsey ears, wristbands and pin badges will also be available to purchase in the school office from Monday 13th November.

Club Pelican

Our dates for Club Pelican this academic year have now been finalised. They are as follows:

Christmas

15th, 18th, 19th, 20th December

Easter

9 – 12th April

Summer

9 – 13th July

16 – 20th July

23rd – 27th July

30th July – 3rd August

6 – 10th August



Advance bookings may be made by emailing ClubPelican@Perse.co.uk.

During the holiday Pelican and Prep pupils up to Year 4, can join us here for fun filled days of craft, cookery and sport. There is also always plenty of time to relax and play!

Provision is provided from 8.15am to 5.00pm. Morning snack, a hot lunch and afternoon tea is included, plus visitors and outings.

The weekly fee is £239 and this will be added to your termly invoice. Daily places are subject to availability and priced at £48. Late bookings made during the holidays are £49 per day.

To book a place for your child please email: clubpelican@perse.co.uk

Christmas 2017
15 - 20 December
(4 days - £192)

Easter 2018
9 - 12 April
(4 days - £192)

Summer 2018
9 - 13 July
16 - 20 July
23 - 27 July
30 July - 3 August
6 - 10 August

CLUB PELICAN

Calling all...
BABY SCIENTISTS

Are you pregnant or do you have a baby aged 0-18 months?

We research questions such as:

- How do babies start to learn language?
- Is it possible to train babies to concentrate better?
- How do babies understand other people's actions?
- What can babies' brain activity tell us about how they learn?

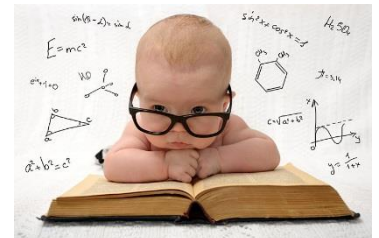
If you are interested in taking part in our research please email your name, baby's date of birth (or due date), and baby's name (if born) to: babyvolunteer@psychol.cam.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Department of Psychology

Baby LINC
Language in the Infant's Natural Context

Baby Scientists

Please see the attached poster if you have a baby aged 0-18 months and would like to help the University of Cambridge, Department of Psychology with their research. Further information is available from babyvolunteer@psychol.cam.ac.uk.



Prayer meeting (Perse Precor) - Upper School

The Perse prayer group (Perse Precor) will meet on Tuesday 07 November at 7.00pm, in the Margaret Stubbs building (new pavilion). The aim is to pray for the work of the school, for the pupils and the staff. The prayer group is open to all parents and staff. If you have any specific requests and will be unable to bring them personally please do send them to: Liz Norrish norrishes@gmail.com

Finally ..



Perse Prep Parents Christmas Puddings

The Perse Prep Parents are selling a range of delectable puddings this year and would like to give Pelican Parents the opportunity to purchase them too. Whether you prefer a traditional plum pudding or would rather indulge in a triple chocolate or sticky toffee pudding, just make sure you order before your pudding of choice is sold out! Gluten free and alcohol free puddings are also available.

If you wish to place an order for one or more of the delicious puddings, please complete the order form (send home in book bags today) and return it along with your cheque via the APP Post Box by **Friday 17th November**.

The children have had a very busy half term settling into their new classes and learning new routines and expectations. We have many tired children – and parents – and I hope that you do have time for a family recharge during the half term break. I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday, 31st October.



With best wishes from

Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



We value: endeavour, intellectual curiosity and scholarship, breadth and balance, one another





Dear Parents

Last month The Perse said farewell to one of its most accomplished former students when Sir Peter Hall passed away after a long illness.

Peter Hall was an internationally celebrated director of theatre, opera, TV and film whose influence on the artistic life of Britain over fifty years was unparalleled. He founded the Royal Shakespeare Company and, during his fifteen year tenure as Director of the National Theatre, was responsible for the move from the Old Vic and establishing the company in its new home on the South Bank. After leaving the NT in 1988, he formed The Peter Hall Company and became the founding director of the Rose Theatre Kingston. Throughout his career, Peter was a vociferous champion of public funding for the arts.

Peter, whose father was stationmaster at Whittlesford and Shelford stations, won a scholarship to The Perse in 1941 and became Head Boy in 1949. In the same year he starred in The Perse Players production of Hamlet. A report in the 1949 Pelican School magazine pays tribute to "the memorable performance of P.R.F. Hall.... who undoubtedly was the nerve centre of the performance and in more than the usual way. Hall's was a balanced and dramatic portraiture of outstanding ability. Ruthless and unhappy egotism were there, sensitivity, generosity, attractiveness, impulsiveness, reserves of dammed up energy, finely contained alternations of buoyancy and frustrating paralysis...The completeness of the dramatic illusion he established, the integrity of his acting, many of us will long remember".

The Perse played a formative role in developing his artistic career and Peter was kind enough to recognise that. We are keen that his outstanding contribution to the performing arts is recognised by his old school and we are thus delighted that the Hall family have kindly agreed for our new performing arts centre to be named after him. We hope that Peter's remarkable career in the creative arts will serve as an example and inspiration to future generations of pupils.

The Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre is nearing completion and will officially be opened in March. Designed by award winning theatre architects Haworth Tompkins, it will transform the Upper site and increase the opportunities for pupils in the creative arts. We are very grateful to the alumni, friends and parents who have supported the project by 'naming' seats in the auditorium. This is now the final opportunity to name seats prior to the official opening of the Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre, and you can do so [here](#) or contact Maša Amatt (mamatt@perse.co.uk) who will also be able to explain the tax efficient options available.

We are very excited about the drama, music, debating, art, public speaking and lecture opportunities created by the Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre, and we are very honoured that the Hall family are supporting the project.

With best wishes
Ed Elliott