



22nd September, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- Willow class assembly and parent consultations moved
- Literacy Evening for all year groups, Tuesday, 26th September at 7pm
- Class photos 5th October

Dear Parents,

Term is in full swing. New children are making friends and learning which door to enter school by, nursery have had lunch in school for the first time, Reception have been investigating their bodies, Year 2 have had their Dahlicious Dressing Up Day and Year 1 have celebrated Beatrix Potter's birthday. I have even had conversations with children about the forthcoming half term holiday!

Year 2

Roald Dahl's birthday was celebrated in style as Year 2 wore characterful costumes for the day. Highlights of the day included the fashion parade: amongst others we had some impressive peaches, sartorial Mr Wonkas, erudite Matildas and some truly Fantastic Mr Foxes. The children also made fresh juices following some revolting but delicious recipes; Sarika particularly enjoyed the revolting smoothies and Yuhan loved seeing all the different characters in the parade.



Year 1

Year 1 have celebrated Miss Potter's birthday by making cakes, hats and creating their own bunting on a computer program. A terrific party was enjoyed this afternoon by everyone.



Reception

Reception is now full of budding doctors, having started the school year learning about the human body. The children are now not only able to name and locate the main organs, they can also state some amazing facts about the function of organs- WOW! Next week we are going to take a closer look at the brain, focusing on how we learn; we are so excited! All this has led to some unusual conversations at lunchtimes...



Nursery

They have been getting to grips with all the fundamentals of school but have also found time to learn how to sketch their families and take part in conversations about family life. They are joining the school now for assemblies and I have been impressed with their dancing and listening skills.

Looking ahead...



Literacy Evening, 7pm, Tuesday, 26th September

Instead of a whole school overview on Literacy, we are planning for parents to visit their child's year group for information relevant to that year group as well as tips on how you can support your child's learning at home. We hope that this approach will be useful for everyone. If you have not yet indicated if you will be able to attend I would be most grateful if you could do so by completing the reply form in PersePost.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan, Friday 29th September

Pelican parents are always keen supporters of Macmillan. If you are able to drop in for a coffee between 8.35 and 9.45am the APP will be delighted to welcome you with breakfast pastries and a range of stalls.



We are particularly in need of:

- RAFFLE Prizes** - please donate non-perishable hamper items - for example: jams, other preserves, wine, candles, biscuits, chocolates, handwash, coffee, tea, mugs, tea towels etc
- **Good quality second hand clothing** - for Pelican age children , no tights or socks, no supermarket labels please
- **Fancy Dress!!** - for Pelican age children only please
- **School Uniform** - we are grateful for any donations of school uniform which your child may have outgrown
- **Home Produce** - cakes and biscuits we can sell on the day for people to take home - start planning and bring them in on the day
- **Books** - children's and adults' literature - books in good condition please

Please put donations on the table by the front door, but bring home produce in on the day of the coffee morning. Young children welcome. Let's see how much we can raise as we enjoy the occasion participating in this national event.

Class and Individual Photos, Thursday 5th October

All children should be in full winter uniform for the photographs which are available for purchase in time for Christmas.



Changes of dates for Willow

In view of Miss O'Reilly's maternity leave we have changed some dates for Willow.

Willow class assembly

Friday, 10th November from 9 – 9.25am.

Willow Parent consultations

Michaelmas Term: 10th and 12th October (as published)

Lent Term: 16th and 18th January



I apologise if these changes cause you inconvenience; babies do not respect school calendars!

Recently at The Pelican ..

E-Safety

Following on from the e safety evening Craig Thompson has sent the notes and links he promised for parents.



Assess the risks and opportunities:

- Where are the devices? What can they do? Can your child get online in his / her bedroom?
- Have you enabled any parental settings on devices / the internet as it comes into the house?
- Disable or cover webcams to avoid accidental sharing of images and talk to your child about the risks of sharing images
- Be clear about what your child is *actually* doing online? Beware of this changing over time without you really realising!

Know where to go for help and advice:

- Parenting in the Digital Age - <http://www.pitda.co.uk/>
- Switched on Families (Virgin Media) - <http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>
- Internet Matters.org (for help with controls and filters) - <http://www.internetmatters.org/>
- ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Remember:

- Children's use of technology presents both opportunities and risks which parents are constantly trying to balance.
- There's no such thing as risk free – have you minimised the risks to your child to a level you are comfortable with?
- Make conscious decisions about Content, Contact and Conduct risks online.
- Take an active interest in your child's online activity. Get them to show you – make it clear from the beginning that you're interested and would like to be involved.

Housekeeping ..



Kiss and Ride

I do appreciate that this can be confusing for new families. To enable Larks parents to drop off, **please do not park on the drive for Kiss and Ride before 8.30am**. If using **Kiss and Ride drivers must stay in cars** and Pelican staff will open car doors – this enables us to move cars through efficiently. If **Mr Wilson is standing in the road in his high vis jacket it means that the driveway is full** and you will need to drive around the block.

Thank you for parking considerately, it has been a very good start to the year!

Parent Directory

The Pelican Parent Directory will be reissued next Friday. The directory is compiled on an opt-in basis. If you do not currently appear in the directory and would like your details included please email Mrs Hipperson at pelican@perse.co.uk by Wednesday 27th September. Alternatively, please complete the directory reply form in PersePost.



Finally...

Flu Vaccinations



NHS Cambridgeshire will be visiting the school on Monday 27th November. Further information will follow; this year children from Reception to Year 2 will be invited for a vaccination.

With very best wishes from

Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



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