



16th September, 2016

Key Information (details below)

- **Friday, 14th October: Steak and honour booked for APP American Evening, get your tickets now!**
- **Thursday, 6th October Maths Evening for Parents**
- **Thursday 29th September APP AGM**
- **Friday 30th September World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan**

Dear Parents,

From islands in lava in Nursery and S formed from spaghetti to Victorian School, Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter's birthdays the school is buzzing with happy children learning.

Roald Dahl day

The children and staff in Year 2 came dressed in some marvellous costumes to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. The story of George's Marvellous Medicine has provided a stimulus for much interesting work including some truly revolting recipes.



Beatrix Potter's 150th Birthday

The children in Year 1 have loved her stories and relished a birthday party for her having created everything necessary for the event. They also learnt about the people and places in her life.





And then it was time for a day in Victorian School ...

What a contrast on the Monday following for Year 1 children! All dressed in costume, children learnt that much of Victorian education consisted of repetition and chanting and, as one boy said, "there weren't many activities in those days." School tables were placed in rows, backs were straight and finger nails checked for cleanliness.



Homework Review

In the Parent Survey there were some comments about homework. A full review has now taken place and the details will be coming to you in a curriculum booklet during the next few weeks. A summary of the changes is as follows:

In **Nursery and Reception** there will be a focus on reading and no other homework will be set.

In **Year 1** reading and spelling will be set throughout the year. During the summer term 15 minutes of written literacy will be set each week.

In **Year 2** the reading and spelling will continue as per **Year 1** plus 20 mins of literacy per week. In the summer term the children will carry out a project within school time with some linked homework tasks when appropriate.

Security

The control of visitors is a fundamental part of safeguarding our children, staff and property. When you are admitted to the school via the entry system please ensure that no other parent or other visitor enters with you. For the sake of security they need to press the bell as well so that staff are aware of who is in the school. I know that it can feel uncomfortable to leave someone standing at the door, but I assure you that we answer them very quickly!



Perse Business Network

The Perse Business Network is an opportunity for Old Perseans, current parents, past parents and friends of the School to meet and make connections.

The next Business Network Reception will be held on **3rd November** at UBS, London, courtesy of Howard Kemp (current parent). The guest speaker will be Paul Donovan, Global Chief Economist of UBS, who will give a short business update following the EU Referendum in June.

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete this [form](#) by Friday 30th September 2016. We are expecting substantial interest in this event at which places are limited.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact PerseADO@perse.co.uk or telephone 01223 403808.

Morning Drop off and Kiss and Ride

The entrance to school is busy at 8.35am. Please could you help those children arriving at Kiss and Ride by leaving a clear path for them to the front door; some of the younger ones are struggling to make it through at the moment! Many thanks.



Dates for your diary...

APP AGM 7.30pm 29th September

This meeting takes place promptly at 7.30pm and all parents are welcome to attend to hear about the past year in the APP and of future planned events.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Friday 30th September



Our annual coffee morning is always well attended and a good opportunity to catch up with other parents before setting off for the day. There will also be the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, second hand school uniform and children's fancy dress costumes. If you are able to come I look forward to seeing you.

Maths Evening for Parents, 7pm Thursday, 6th October

Come along and find out how maths is taught at school. Are sums vertical or horizontal, does it matter, how does maths progress through the year groups, how do we encourage a love of maths throughout the school? These and other questions will be answered and there will be the opportunity for parent participation and fun – and, of course, some of those famous Perse honey and mustard sausages.



Prep Open Morning - Saturday 8th October, 9.30am until 12 noon

The Perse Prep School will be holding their annual Open Morning on Saturday 8th October. Pelican families are welcome to attend this opportunity to meet the Head, James Piper, and his staff and to see the work of current pupils. Mr Piper will be giving short welcome talks at 9.45am and 11.45am and the last tour will begin at 11.30am.

APP American Night



Do remember to book your tickets for this APP event **on Friday 14th October**. Steak & Honour will be providing their delicious burgers and fries. Vegetarian alternatives will also be available.



Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Kind Regards,
Mrs W and all at The Pelican

