



6th October, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October, Parent consultations
- Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's Church, Tuesday 17th October at 9am
- Half Term: No school on Friday 20th October. School back on Tuesday 31st October.
- Perse Portal launches today

Dear Parents,

Recently at The Pelican ..

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan



Thank you to the team of parents who organised this event, to those who purchased so many raffle tickets and to everyone who came and spent so freely enabling us to raise a magnificent £633.93 for Macmillan and another £368.00 on uniform sales.

Ballet Results from last term

Miss Imogen joined us in assembly to present certificates to the Year 1 children who took their pre-primary exams last term. The results were excellent for them all with the overwhelming majority of children achieving the highest category available in all areas. Congratulations also to our current Year 3 ballet dancers who took their Primary exams in the summer, all achieving commendable merits.



Food Glorious Food...

Our chef visited the school this week as part of Holroyd Howe's ongoing initiative to make links between farm and plate. This time he made smoothies from fruit and yoghurt. As you can imagine, they were greatly appreciated!

Visitors to assembly

Mr Karat, the father of Past Pelicans, Joshua and Noah, spoke to the children about Yom Kippur. Mr Ankin and some of the children blew the ram's horn with great skill and we all learnt more about this important Jewish festival.



Dr Sam Todd, from Magpas, visited the children to thank them for voting Magpas as one of our chosen charities this year and to tell the children more about what they do. He answered many questions including several along the lines of "if I had an accident in South Africa/Australia/India what would you do?"

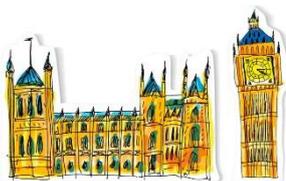


Heidi Allen visits Year 2

Today Heidi Allen, MP, kept her promise to visit our Year 2s in response to a letter written by last year's Year 2s following their trip to Parliament. Her visit was delayed by the calling of the General Election. Year 2 MPPs showed her around the school and all the children in Year 2 asked her questions, including "how many people did you help last year? How much time do you spend in Parliament? Why did you decide to become an MP?" and, of course, "what's your favourite colour?"



We are grateful to her for giving her time and inspiring possible future Members of Parliament!



Looking ahead...

Staff News

Ms Chloe Mayes has been appointed as maternity cover for Mrs Heftman in 1 Pine. We anticipate that she will take responsibility for the class from the start of next term but she will be with the class for several days this term working alongside Mrs Heftman. She will also attend parent consultations next week. Ms Mayes is an experienced teacher and has just returned from three years working at Dulwich College Beijing where she was the KS1 leader.

Mrs Mandy Baxter has been appointed as maternity cover for Miss O'Reilly in 2 Willow. As with Mrs Mayes, she will come to school for some settling in sessions and is looking forward to meeting parents at next week's consultations. Mrs Baxter's own two children passed through the Pelican.

I am also delighted to tell you that from the start of next term Mrs Anna Jack has been appointed as a teaching assistant to replace Mrs Read in 1 Oak, who is leaving us for far sunnier climes in Kuwait. Mrs Jack is a qualified teacher and, of course, already knows the children as she has been working with us for the past year.

We shall do all we can to ensure a smooth transition between new and current staff.

Parent Consultations



Although our children spend a good deal of their time at school, we are aware that this is only part of their daily lives. To help us know your child better and understand them more fully the teachers will be asking you for further information when you visit for consultations such as journeys to school, clubs outside school etc.

Dates for your diary...



Prep Open Morning - Saturday 7th October, 9.30am until 12 noon

The Perse Prep School will be holding their annual Open Morning tomorrow morning, 7th October. Pelican families are welcome to take this opportunity to meet the Head, James Piper, and his staff and to see the work of current pupils.



Harvest Service, Tuesday, 17th October at 9am

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving takes place at St John the Evangelist Church on Hills Road. Book bags and backpacks will not be sent home the previous evening unless a child has changed to attend ballet club. **Unless they have been booked into Larks, we ask that all children are brought to the church in time for a prompt start at 9am. Children in Larks will leave school at 8.30am to walk up with staff. Children are asked to bring a small donation of fresh produce; potatoes and carrots are preferred.** All produce will be taken by Mr Wilson to Jimmy's Night Shelter and is usually turned into supper for that night.

Finally..

New Parent Portal

We are very aware that busy parents need to find information quickly and easily. We are therefore delighted that the new Parent Portal has been launched today. Through this information you can access key school contacts, class teachers, an online calendar that can be synced with your device, all handbooks, Perse emails and extra-curricular information. The accompanying Persepost explains how to access the portal.

With very best wishes from

Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



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