



**THE PERSE**  
PELICAN SCHOOL  
CAMBRIDGE

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### Key Information (details below)

- Willow class assembly moved to 10<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending Wine and Welcome last night, it was a great pleasure to see you there; I hope you received the information you needed and enjoyed the fish and chips. If you have not yet paid the APP for your supper Mrs Robson would be most grateful if you could pop a cheque into the APP postbox or send it in to the school office. The cod suppers were £7 each, sausage suppers £4.50 each and vegetarian suppers £5 each.



### “Have You Been Good Today?”

“What did you do today?” Have you ever asked this type of question of your child at the end of the school day – and often received “nothing” or silence in reply? As we focus on “learning”, rather than “work” or “doing” you might like to try asking questions such as these: “What did you learn at school today? Did you ask a good question today?” etc. Just changing mindsets. I would be interested to hear the responses ... still “nothing?”

### Perse Exam Results



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We were delighted to see many former Pelican pupils do so well in their GCSE, A level and Pre U exams this year. Once again at both GCSE and A level The Perse was the top performing school or college in the East of England.

The A level results were the best ever with an outstanding 55% of exam entries being graded A\* (or Pre U/ IB equivalent) and 87% A\*-A. This meant the overwhelming majority of Perse pupils progressed to their first choice university, and The Perse was placed second in the national league table of independent schools A level/PreU/IB performance by the Times and the Telegraph. And it all began here!

## Coming Up ...



### APP Family Welcome Afternoon, 3 – 4.30pm Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September

I do hope **all Nursery and Reception families** will be able to join us to meet new families as well as Early Years staff. We are hoping for dry weather! In the hall if wet.

### Reception 2018-19 Assessments

Prospective Pelicans will be visiting us for their playgroups during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September as a result of which there may be some short term changes to class staffing.

### APP AGM, 1.45pm Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September

All parents are welcome to the AGM of your Association. Please let us know if you would like to attend. This is usually quite a short meeting followed by an APP Committee meeting.



## Across the School...

### Community Lecture: The Science of Goo



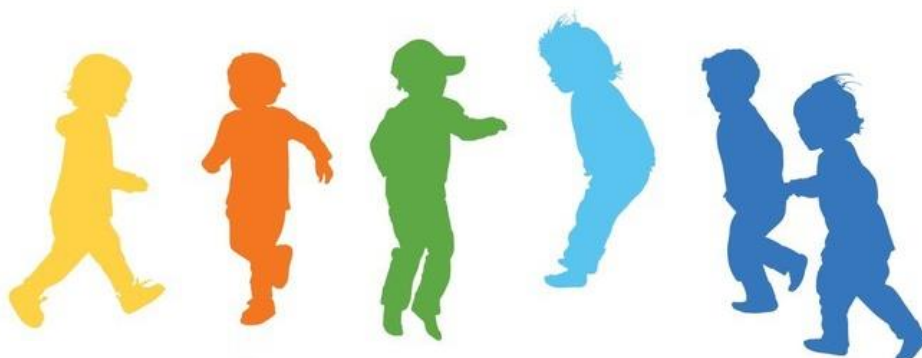
The next lecture in our Community Lecture series will be given at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4 October by Professor Athene Donald, Master of Churchill College.

Athene Donald is a Professor of Experimental Physics, and her research is in the general field of soft matter and physics at the interface of biology. The title of her lecture will be “The Science of Goo”.

Attendance at the lecture is free and open to all in the community, whether or not they have a connection with The Perse. Due to capacity restrictions, entry will be by ticket only. For more information and tickets please go to [www.perse.co.uk/lectures](http://www.perse.co.uk/lectures).

### Perse Precor

The Perse prayer group (Perse Precor) will meet on Monday 11 September 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. 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](mailto:norrishes@gmail.com)



## Finally...

### Key Information and where to find it

All key information for parents can be found in your PersePost mailbox. As well as emails, you will also find a Publications section containing the following documents:

- Pelican Parent Handbook
- Termly Calendars
- Staff Contact details (also found in the parent handbook)
- Clubs information
- Handwriting scheme information
- End of Year Objectives booklet
- Reception and KS1 Keywords list
- Pelican Skills Award information (for Reception to Year 2 children)

There is also a blank copy of our Administration of Medicines form which you will need to complete if your child needs to be given prescribed medicine at any time.

Last but not least, please read the newsletters and weekly year group updates as these often contain key information for the week ahead.

With very best wishes from

Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



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