

3rd February, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- Pine Class Assembly, next Friday, 10th February at 9am
- APP Quiz Night, Friday 3rd March – Save the date

Dear Parents,

The week began with a visit from the police. No, not about parking! They came to take an assembly on keeping safe when cycling, crossing the road and in the dark. The children listened with rapt attention, particularly when the police explained all the different elements of their uniform and utility belts. George Waller tried on their body armour, but being a true Pelican he was determined not to say that he found it heavy.



This week I have attended a talk about emotional well-being and mental health. The message that comes across from all such sessions is the importance of talking to and listening to our children. It can be hard to find the time, but suggestions to conjure up extra minutes in the day include having mealtimes together at a table whenever possible, chatting in the car instead of listening to the radio or watching a video and building 10 minutes extra in to the bedtime routine for talk. So easy to write, harder to do, but worth every minute.



Pudding Club

We all had an excellent evening at The Red Lion in Hinxton. Not intending to sound like The Queen, but “my husband and I” thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and felt privileged to be part of the happy chatter with the chance for more of a conversation than that allowed at Kiss and Ride! Great to see parents from Nursery as well. The food from starter to pudding was delicious and all in all it was a great way to begin the weekend. Many thanks to Mrs Robson and the APP for arranging it and moving us around on the night and to Mr Clark for hosting us so royally. I am already looking forward to next year!



Chess

For the next six weeks 30 of our KS1 pupils are playing weekly chess games in the first stage of the Delancey UK Schools Chess challenge. Our top scorers *could* go through to the area MEGAFINAL and, skills permitting, to the NORTH/SOUTH GIGAFINAL and then the NATIONAL TERAFINAL! Thank you to Mr Jackson for organising this popular competition. Watch this space...





Year 1 trip to Cambridge Botanic

On Monday Year 1 went to the Botanic Gardens to explore the rainforest. The children were surprised to see so many plants and trees that they had never seen before. Olivia thought that some of the huge leaves looked just like umbrellas and Anna thought the vines were just like wiggly spaghetti! The beautiful red pom-pom flowers were a particular favourite with everyone. When walking through the different glasshouses the children all noticed just how hot and steamy the rainforest was.



Reception trip to Cambridge Market

This week Reception went on a magical adventure to Cambridge's answer to Aladdin's Market Square.



The children each took with them one golden coin. Their haggling skills were very impressive (Perfect Pelican smiles were abundant) and the mini buses home were filled with pumpkins, brownies, hair clips, primrose's and even skateboarding gloves! We are now eager to know what adventures Aladdin's magic carpet will take us on next week...



Parent Consultation appointments for Nursery and Year 2

Appointment times have now been allocated for Nursery and Year 2 parent consultations. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.



Pine Class Assembly, Friday 10th February

I am sure it is already in your diary and I look forward to welcoming you to Pine's class assembly on Friday for a 9am start.

Community Lecture: Lord Alderdice – Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm

To continue our community lecture series, Lord Alderdice will be coming to The Perse on Wednesday 1st March to deliver a lecture on 'Fundamentalism, radicalization and terrorism – making war, making peace, and making sense'. The lecture is free to attend and open to all but, due to capacity restrictions, entry will be by ticket only. More information and a registration link can be found at www.perse.co.uk/lectures.





APP Quiz Night, Friday 3rd March

An annual favourite. May I assure any of you who are hesitant about joining us, it is not necessary to be a Nobel prize winner even though we are in Cambridge. The rounds include subjects such as music, films, history and nuclear physics – no, not the latter, usually. It is another chance to meet other parents and relax, whilst also testing your knowledge. It is not necessary to sign up as a team and teams can be put together on the night, so do come along. Nibbles and drinks included. Please see the Persepost from the APP for further details and a booking form.

A message from the council: Bin days are changing – are YOU ready?

Bin days are changing across Cambridge and South Cambs starting from 27 February. You will receive a leaflet or letter in the post detailing your changes, but you can also find information at www.cambridge.gov.uk/bin-changes or www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes



We cannot finish with a message about bins, so I would like to share with you a poem about school by Clara Gohel (Year 1), written independently. Well done Clara.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
from us all at The Pelican





Singig Pepor in assembly

Crowds at lunch time

halls full of laughter

Oak is a clas in the
School

Oak is next to pine

Lunch is different
every day

