



24th March, 2017

Key Information (details below)

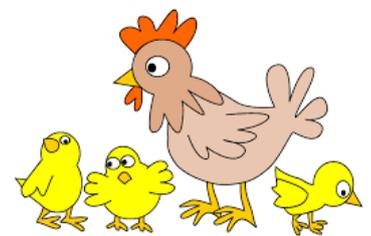
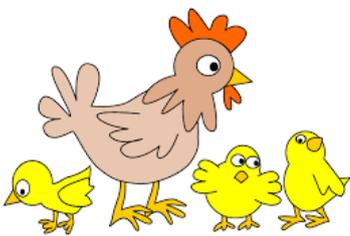
- Easter Service – Tuesday 28th March, 9am at St John's Church, Hills Road
- Minibus requests to be returned by Tuesday 28th March
- Certificates in to school by Wednesday 29th March for Sports Awards assembly
- Term ends Friday 31st March – Owls, minibus and clubs running

Dear Parents,



Beech Class Assembly

Our day began with a special treat from Beech. The children had created their own story about a chick called Otto, the dragon chick (who was very creative and persevered) and they performed it with delight, managing microphones without a hitch. They also sang a number bond song and displayed the eggs that they had designed, made and then painted. Thank you to Miss Kempsey and Miss Yirrell for facilitating such a joyous class assembly.





Music for Youth Festival

Our Pelican Voices performed confidently at the festival last Sunday morning. They were the youngest performers of the session but that did not hold them back and they impressed us all with their part-singing, happy faces and enthusiastic delivery. Many thanks to Mrs Gorick for inspiring them all and to Mrs Jill Morton for accompanying the children. The morning provided a great opportunity for them, not only to perform, but also to see a range of groups including jazz bands and other choirs. Well done, one and all!



Chess Challenge Winner

For several weeks children in Years 1 and 2 have been taking part in the Delancey Schools Chess Competition. The school competition was won by Henry Howarth, with a number of other children also qualifying for the regional megafinal stage of the competition. I shall let you know how they get on.



Living Eggs



Our most successful hatching to date! 9 little chicks are now happily clambering around in their brooder box, much to the delight of us all. They are scheduled to return to the farm on the last day of term unless they are claimed by some Pelican families, so do let us know if you would like an addition to your brood. If you would prefer hens to cockerels a swap can be arranged. The children have been keeping diaries of the whole process and I am sure you have heard plenty about it all at home.



News from the Stork

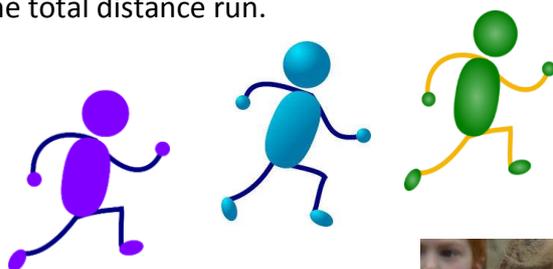
We were delighted to hear that Miss Moore's baby has arrived safely. She is called Darcy Eve Kay and Mummy and baby are both doing very well. Miss Moore is hoping to bring Darcy to school next term to meet everyone.



The Pelican Marathon, Thursday 23rd March



The children ran and ran and ran... the adults stamped cards for each lap and kept on stamping and the children ran and ran and ran. Some completed well over 20 laps and even Nursery ran for 4 laps. Thank you to Mrs Clements for arranging the afternoon and to Mrs Hipperson for the sponsor forms and posters. Thank you for supporting your child through sponsorship; please send in donations as soon as possible so that we can announce the total raised in our end of term newsletter. I shall let you know next week the total distance run.



Sports Awards

A reminder that our termly Sport Award assembly will take place on Thursday 30th March. **To reduce the pressure on parents who are juggling busy home and work lives this will be a school only event.** Certificates or medals should be brought in to school by Wednesday 29th March at the very latest.



Housekeeping...

Library Books

Please could you search bookshelves and toy boxes, under the beds and behind sofas for any Pelican library books that may be lurking and return them to school next week? Thank you.



Driveway

3 mph is the speed limit on our drive. Drivers **MUST** keep to this to protect all pedestrians around school.



Minibus

Requests for places on the staff-supervised Pelican to Prep minibus for next term should be made via the Persepost request form which will be sent out early next week along with details of the club allocations for next term. Bookings are not carried forward each term, but are allocated as fairly as possible to all families wishing to use this service.



A Message from the Bursary...

We will shortly be sending out the Summer term bills and the direct debit will be taken on **Friday 21st April 2017**. Any queries should be directed to Anna Blackie on 01223 403876 or email Fees@Perse.co.uk. Please note that the Bursary Office will be closed from 12.30pm Friday 7th April 2017 until 8.00am Tuesday 18th April 2017.

If you intend to use childcare vouchers against eligible items on the Summer term bills we would ask that, where possible, the payment is received by the School by Wednesday 5th April 2017. If this is not possible, please would you notify childcarevouchers@perse.co.uk of the value you intend to use by the 5th April so that we can adjust your direct debit accordingly. We will not be able to adjust the direct debit collection for any queries or childcare vouchers received/notified after Wednesday 5th April. Adjustments received after this date will be made/refunded retrospectively after payment has been taken.

Wishing you a happy weekend,

With best wishes
from us all at The Pelican

