

25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

### Key Information (details below)

- **From Monday, new trial Kiss and Ride at 8am for Larks and clubs drop off**
- Sports Awards Assembly – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9am
- Christingle Service at St John's Church – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am
- Nursery Celebration – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am
- Clubs end on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Reception and Year 1 Production – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am
- **Christmas Club Pelican booking** – email [clubpelican@perse.co.uk](mailto:clubpelican@perse.co.uk)

Dear Parents,

### Early Drop off arrangements



Increasing numbers of children arrive at school for 8am, either for a club or for Larks. Therefore to ease congestion and enable parents and carers to avoid the need for parking, from Monday we are going to **trial an 8am Kiss and Ride** for all children. This will operate in the usual way and I would ask parents to keep their children in their car until Mr Wilson or I will open car doors. The children will go straight through the front door as usual. We hope that this will make drop off easier for parents and carers. **Once the early rush of children has passed, at approximately 5 to 10 past 8, the current arrangements will continue with parking on the drive for Larks only until 8.25am and for Kiss and Ride from 8.30am.**

### Year 2 Activity Morning at The Prep

Last week Year 2 had a fantastic, sporty morning at the Perse Prep. They practised the skills of rugby, netball and hockey on the Astroturf pitch and enjoyed tasty refreshments afterwards in the Pavilion.



### Cambridge County Junior Hockey Tournament Wins



I was delighted to be told that the Cambridge County Junior Hockey Club Under 8s and Under 6s won their tournaments at Bedford Hockey Club last weekend. The Pelican and Prep were well represented in both teams; congratulations to them all!

## Prep Musicians visit the Pelican



In Monday's assembly, we were delighted to welcome back three ex-Pelicans as part of a string quartet from The Prep. They played us a variety of pieces and volunteered how much they each practised. It was wonderful to hear the progress they have made and current Pelicans listened with rapt attention.



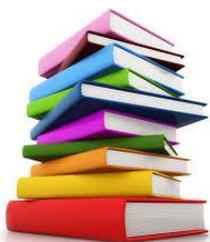
## Children in Need Day, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously on Children in Need Day. Together we raised £670.00.



### Cedar Class Assembly

Cedar led the first class assembly of the year and raised awareness of Children in Need as they sang and danced their way through their presentation. I do not remember any other assembly having intermission breaks, let alone ones of such a unique and exciting nature: I definitely saw Pelican children starring in adverts that encouraged us all to buy their newly invented products – some of which were “fully priced”. Many thanks to Mrs Clements, Mrs Trawinska and Miss Bentley for preparing the children for their performance.



### APP Book Fair

At The Pelican we are so grateful to the APP for running the book fair throughout this week. The children have really enjoyed the visit and I have heard many discussions at lunchtime about books they liked. Thank you also to the many parents who have done some early Christmas shopping there. We are going to need more bookshelves in the library to house the new books we shall receive in commission.



### Sports Awards Assembly, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

A reminder that our termly Sport Award assembly will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is an opportunity for children to be presented with a certificate or medal that they have been awarded, either in or out of school. Parents are welcome to attend.

To assist with organisation, please ensure that your child's favourite certificate or medal is brought in to class teachers by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest.





## Christmas is coming...

Christmas at The Pelican is a particularly special period; when you are aged between 3 and 7 years old you do not remember many Christmases and it seems a very long time since the last one! Various activities and events take place to celebrate and all children are involved.

## Christingle Service at St John's Church – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am



Our Christingle service will take place at St John's Church on Hills Road at 9am on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Children and parents/carers should arrive at the church between 8.40am and 8.50am, but no earlier please and go to the class teachers inside. Families are very welcome to stay for this special service. Children attending Larks should arrive before 8.25am as the staff will be walking up to the church after that time. We are very grateful to the APP who will be making a Christingle for every child in the school to take home at the end of the day. We are intending that Year 2 children will each hold a Christingle with a lit candle at one point, therefore please could children with long hair have it tied back for the service. Thank you.

Nursery pupils who are not in session are very welcome to join us for the service. If they are happy to sit with the rest of the class they can join us at the front of the church. If they would prefer to sit with you, please remain with them in the congregation. After the service we welcome as many Nursery parents as possible to help walk our Nursery pupils back to school.



## Christmas Post Box

All children at The Pelican may post Christmas cards to their friends and staff in our special Pelican Christmas post box. Children love sorting and delivering them to classrooms. The post box will be ready for deliveries from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It will be stationed at the bottom of the rainbow stairs and deliveries will be made by our enthusiastic Pelican Postmen. Cards should be addressed with **NAME and CLASS** to be sure they reach the recipients!

## Christmas Tree Decorations

Pelican Christmas trees are unique. John Lewis may have beautiful, co-ordinated trees, but they are nothing compared to the Pelican decorated trees. It is a tradition that children may make a decoration at home and place it on one of our trees, in the library window and the hall. We now have a glorious collection of decorations from previous Christmases and it always brings back happy memories when they are once again hung up.



## Nursery Wiggly Nativity - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am

Our youngest Pelicans take to the stage on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am for their Nativity. Families and friends are very welcome to attend. Delicious refreshments will be available before the performance.



**Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production -  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at  
9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am**



We look forward to welcoming you all to the Reception and Year 1 productions of 'An Out of this World Christmas' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am. Festive refreshments will be available following the afternoon performance and before the morning performances.



**Christmas Club Pelican**

To book a space please email [ClubPelican@perse.co.uk](mailto:ClubPelican@perse.co.uk).



**SAVE THE DATES**

**APP Pudding Club - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January the APP will be hosting the first big social event of 2017! Please save the date for The Red Lion, Hinxton's well renowned 'Pudding Night'. Tickets will be priced at £25 per head which includes a first drink, a starter and light main course, followed by an opening plate of three puddings from the buffet table. Further puddings can be tried on repeat visits to the buffet table!

More details will follow, including on how to purchase tickets.



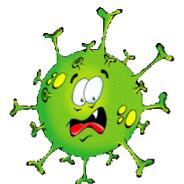
**APP Quiz Night – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

Another fabulous social event from the APP and always very entertaining! Please keep the date free in your diaries.

**Finally...**

**Sickness**

As winter approaches, a reminder that in cases of diarrhoea or vomiting, children should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This is to prevent the spread of infection to other children and members of staff and is in line with the 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' issued by Public Health England.



With best wishes from us all at The Pelican