

10th June, 2016

Key Information (details below)

- Tomorrow, 11th June, Family Fun Afternoon, **Pelicans singing to open!**
Please arrive just before 12 noon
- Pelican Skills Award books should be returned to school asap
- Please could you check corners and crevices and return all library books
- Year 1 may need wellies and waterproofs for their trip on Tuesday
- 9am, 29th June, Choir, Band and Recorder group assembly, parents welcome



Dear Parents,

Queens's 90th Birthday Celebration

Thank you so very much for responding to the request for 90 interesting facts about The Queen. We have all learnt so much from lifting the flaps and intend to turn them into a book for the school library.



Today we held a traditional street party at the front of school and Mr Thompson played the National Anthem for us (he usually plays it for Her Majesty) on his violin. One child asked if The Queen was coming today from Bethlehem, so

we still have some work to do. Many thanks to the admin team and catering staff for doing so much to make the occasion memorable for the children. I wonder where the ox and ass are?





Beech class assembly

The dinosaurs came to The Pelican this morning and they were totally terrifying, roaring, stomping ... and reciting poetry – written by others as well as by themselves! Beech children took over assembly and enthusiastically explained all that a Pelican and their family needs to know about dinosaurs. Very well done to everyone and thank you to all the families for supporting the children.



Family Fun Afternoon, Saturday 11th June – Noon – 4pm

Please join us at our Anniversary Family Day in the beautiful grounds at the **Upper School** tomorrow. With activities from 20p-£2, free circus shows, buskers, a hog roast and a café, there's something to entertain the whole family. The weather forecast for tomorrow looks favourable, but the day will go ahead come rain or shine as our wet weather plan will come into action if necessary. There will be limited parking available on site, please park with consideration for our neighbours if the car park is full.

Pelican children should please gather outside the café (which will be clearly signposted) at noon to open the Fete. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



Chess challenge

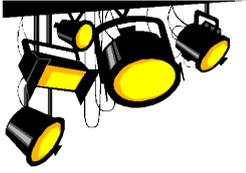
Since last week's newsletter we have had a full report from Mr Jackson:

There was a fantastic turnout for the Pelican's 1st Annual Chess tournament, so with over 40 boys and girls wishing to play, we needed to make the first round a knock-out, with the remaining children playing 4 more matches. There were some very close and exciting games, particularly in the later rounds, but only Alex Yang managed to win all 5 games, thus becoming the school champion for 2016. He defeated Christopher Smith (3=) in the last round who was one of four close rivals for the trophy. Second place went to Maito Shiode 4.5/5, just ahead of 3 players in equal third place: Christopher Smith (3.5/5), George Tysome (3.5/5) and Mark Scott (3.5/5). The top placed girls were Eva Jonas, Blythe Buchanan and Rose Hutchinson. The event went so well that we'll run it again next year.



Uniform Sale

The APP will be holding a second hand uniform sale at the Pelican on **Tuesday 28th June** from **8.30am**. Please take the opportunity to clear out any items of school uniform which your children have outgrown - they will be much appreciated by another family. Donations may be left with the school office.



Extravaganza Week Drama Workshops DVD

As we were not able to invite parents to join us for the final Friday get together just before half term, we had the afternoon recorded and it is available for you to see at: <https://vimeo.com/170126936/b50e01e49d>

If you would like a copy to keep they can be ordered via Mrs Butler and cost £10.

400th Anniversary Lecture - Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE

Baroness Neuberger will be giving the final anniversary lecture, 'What moral choices will the next generation face, for themselves, their parents, their children and the wider world', on Wednesday 15 June in the School Hall at 7.30pm. Free tickets are available from www.perse.co.uk/box-office or 400@perse.co.uk



Watching Week next week

Do come and watch your child if you can in their gymnastics, kung fu or ballet clubs.



Year 1 Boat Trip

On Tuesday 14th June Year 1 are going on an exciting trip on the River Cam on the Riverboat Rosie. As part of their Cambridge topic they will be finding out all about the life of the River Cam and those that use it. They will have a look at how locks work and who uses them and make a record of all the wildlife that we spot. Whilst there is limited shelter on the bank and the boats are covered could you **please send your children in with wellies and raincoats if the weather is looking inclement**. Lifejackets are supplied.

Year 1 Parent Consultations, Monday 20th June and Thursday 23rd June

Parents of children in Year 1 had their written reports last term. This term consultations are planned and signing-up sheets will be outside from Monday morning at the beginning and end of the day.



New Parent Evening, Wednesday 22nd June

Our **current Nursery parents** are encouraged to attend this evening to meet new Reception parents and hear about the forthcoming year. The evening starts at 7pm and should be finished by 8.30pm. **Please complete the persepost for catering purposes.**



Choir, Band and Recorder Group Assembly

The choir, band and recorder group will all be performing in a special assembly at the Pelican on the morning of Wednesday 29th June at 9am. We do hope you can join us.

Club Pelican

There are a few places available at Club Pelican during the summer holidays. Any Pelican pupil from the current Nursery to Year 2 classes is welcome to attend, plus 'Prepelicans' who like to return to The Pelican. Each week has a different theme and leader.



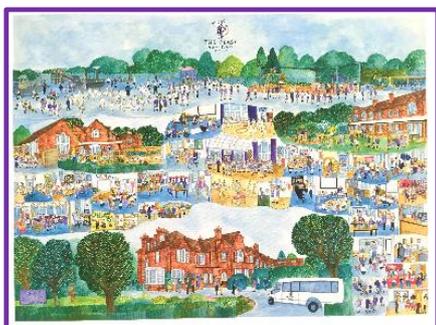
Week 1	11th – 15th July	Sports Extravaganza
Week 2	18th – 22nd July	Sciencetastic
Week 3	25th – 29th July	Drama Delights
Week 4	1st – 5th August	Art Attack
Week 5	8th – 12th August	The Great Outdoors



Places may be booked by contacting Mrs Butler at clubpelican@perse.co.uk.

Pelican Skills Award

If your child's book is at home, please send it in so that the coveted award may be completed by the end of the term.



Pelican School prints

Many people comment on how lovely our picture of The Pelican looks. If you would like your child to have a copy of their own as a memento of their years here please speak to Mrs Butler. £20 per print in a mount ready for framing as you wish.

Joyful sounds are echoing around The Pelican as the children sing dinosaur songs, songs from the Year 2 production, the National Anthem AND the songs chosen to open the Family Fun Day tomorrow at 12 noon. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

With very best wishes
from all at The Perse Pelican

