

11th December, 2015

Key Information (details below)

- Minibus allocation will be confirmed next week
- **APP Pudding Club, Friday 12th February – Save the date!**
- Larks, Owls, Minibus and Clubs begin on the first day back – Tuesday, 5th January, 2016
- **Club Pelican entrance down the left hand side of school and through to the playground**
- **Club Pelican contact number during hours of operation: 07763 196267**



Dear Parents,



The children are in their party clothes, FC has visited (sleigh bells rang outside my window), our trees look magnificent thanks to all the children's decorations, everyone has



had a Christmas tree shortbread and it is nearly time to go home. Yesterday we had a magnificent Christmas lunch with cheery children and staff. Thank you to you all for helping us to give the children an excellent Michaelmas Term. They have all come on so well in so many ways and now everyone truly deserves a break.



Santa's on Strike! - Reception and Year 1 Christmas production



This was a hugely successful production, skilfully directed by Mrs Heftman with copious assistance from the rest of the Reception and Year 1 teams. The children relished their

performances as did we! Many thanks to everyone involved, whose hard work (whether teaching children to learn lines, making props and costumes or masterminding the music) ensured that Father Christmas should never go on strike again.

Thank you also for your generous donations which resulted in us raising £501.38 for 400 charities.



400th anniversary ball and memorabilia

Tickets for the anniversary fundraising ball on Saturday 23 April at Duxford Imperial War Museum, including dinner and dancing with Radio 2's Leo Green plus singers and musicians from *Strictly Come Dancing*, are selling fast with over 370 tickets purchased in less than five days. Ball tickets can be purchased online by clicking [here](#) or www.perse.co.uk/box-office. Your WisePay username is your email address and you can click on the forgotten password link on the right hand side of the screen should you need to.

Book by 5pm on Friday 8 January to be automatically entered into a free prize draw to win two tickets to the School's Sports Dinner with England test cricket team captain Alastair Cook, on Saturday 19 March 2016. Tickets for the Sports Dinner will go on sale in January.

There are now just a few days remaining to purchase memorabilia in time for Christmas, including the beautifully illustrated anniversary coffee table book *The Perse School; the First 400 Years*. Pin badges may be worn as part of the Pelican uniform and children may wear the scarves and ties for the duration of their time at the School and are proving to be very popular amongst the pupils. They make great stocking fillers. Purchases can be collected free of charge from the Upper up to and including Friday 18 December. The last order date for delivery is Wednesday 16 December.

Cycling

Throughout The Perse School we teach the children and students to wear cycle helmets, have lights on their bicycles and wear reflective clothing when cycling. Although many of our children cycle on the back of parents' cycles, it is never too early to set up good habits, so if you are thinking of an extra little something to give your children this Christmas ... a present that keeps them safer whilst cycling might be a very good idea.



APP Pudding Club, Friday 12th February



Pelican Parents have spent several very happy evenings at The Red Lion in Hinxton. Although the evening is called a Pudding Club, everyone also has a delicious light starter and main course followed by as many, or as few, puddings as they would like. The cost will be £25 per head and I would recommend finding a baby sitter asap for a night to remember!

Thank you for your Christmas wishes to us all. We really do wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on 5th January, 2016.



Mrs W and all the staff at The Perse Pelican