

15th April, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is going to be an excellent summer term as we reach the climax of our 400 year with our Extravaganza Week as well as celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday. 400 memorabilia remains available through the school office – your children will not have another opportunity to purchase any for 400 years!

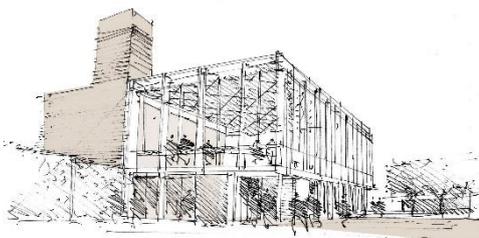
Two thank yous to start us off: firstly, for your ongoing patience with the traffic in our local area and for your ingenuity in avoiding Hills Road whenever possible. Secondly, for your diligence in naming uniform: I picked up several pieces of abandoned clothing during the holidays and was able to return them all to the correct classrooms. A satisfying experience!

Recent News



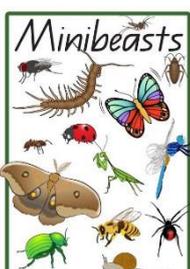
Over the holidays the pond renovation has been completed and I was relieved to see frog spawn, frogs and newts enjoying the environment. The 400 mosaics have been slightly delayed but are likely to be in place shortly.

Wedding bells have been ringing for Miss Trawinska who was married at the start of the month and is now Mrs Trawinska! In addition, Miss Errington, our lunchtime supervisor, is getting married next week and will return as Mrs Squirrel. Many congratulations to them both.



Work is well underway for the Performing Arts Centre. In due course we hope to take the children to visit the site to embed memories that they may recall when performing there throughout their years at The Perse. It is possible to visit a live webcam of the building site by going to Google Chrome and inserting 10.0.17.2 into the address bar.

As well as playing in the sunshine, our Easter Club Pelican children enjoyed a range of activities including baking at The Upper, a scooter workshop, fencing with Premier Sports and bridge building from Lego: a team game to see whose bridge could hold the greatest weight. Please see below for details of the summer club.



Next Week

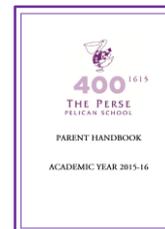
Year 2 will be visiting Wandlebury as part of their science topic about plants and minibeasts. The children should bring their wellies and waterproof coats.

The final **Bikeability** session takes place on Monday.

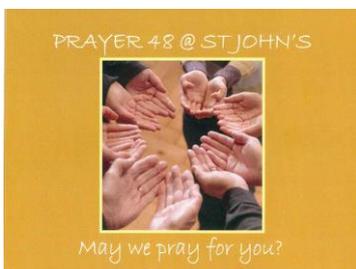


What are we missing?

At this time of year we review our parent handbooks and would value your feedback relating to anything that you have looked for but failed to find information on or would like further details about. The books are written for you so we want them to be as useful as they possibly can be. Please email Mrs Hipperson or myself with your ideas. Many thanks.



Prayer48@StJohn's



PRAYER48@STJOHN'S is 48 hours of continuous prayer for St John's parish, from 7pm Friday 29 April to 7pm Sunday 1 May. St John's are distributing prayer cards throughout the parish to give as many people as possible the opportunity to submit prayer requests, or to come to St John's for part of this time. There are cards and a box for posting prayer requests in the school foyer if you would like your prayer to be included.



Club Pelican

During the summer holiday we run Club Pelican for five weeks. Any Pelican pupil from the current Nursery to Year 2 classes is welcome to attend, plus 'Prepicans' 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



At this stage there is still good availability for most days this summer, but the summer weeks have proved very popular in the past so if you know you would like to use Club Pelican I would advise booking early using clubpelican@perse.co.uk, particularly if there are certain whole weeks you would like your child to attend. We have attached the Club Pelican flyer should you require any further information.

Pelican Open Morning – Friday, 29th April

This event gives prospective parents the opportunity to visit the school on a normal working day. Places are necessarily limited, but I would be grateful if you could spread the word to any friends or families who may be interested in sending their children to us. They will need to contact the office to book a space in advance.

Need an au pair for the autumn?

We have been approached by a neighbour who has been asked if she can help in finding a family who would like an au pair for 4 to 6 months in the autumn. The 19 year old girl speaks German, Italian and English and has some experience of working in a kindergarten. Please contact me if you would like further details.

With best wishes from us all at The Perse Pelican

