



18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

## Key Information (details below)

- Reading (and Maths) Evening for Nursery and Reception Parents, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm
- APP AGM, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm
- World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 8.35am – 9.45am
- Launch of our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 (children may come to school in Stuart clothing – very simple ideas below!)

## Dear Parents,



This has been the first week of our full Nursery timetable and I have been thrilled to see our newest recruits settling so calmly into their classroom whilst throughout the rest of the school new and existing pupils appear so settled into their new year groups that it is hard to think of them anywhere other than in their current classes. All credit to you and the staff for helping the children with this important process.



Our two week major focus on Citizenship has drawn to a close. Amongst many other activities, the children have voted for their representatives to the Pelican Parliament. When asked why he thought he would make a good MPP one little boy replied, "I want to get people away from cancer and I want to give some of my money to the poor." If only all MPs held such high aims!



Linking with their pirate theme in Beech there have been many opportunities for circle time discussions for classroom rules, how to be a kind friend and make good decisions.

In the Reception garden children used their maps to mark the treasure they could find. They then left the treasure where they had found it. This led into a wonderful circle time about what to do if you find something that does not belong to you that included contributions such as "One day I saw a toy outside my house in a thunderstorm. We took it inside and cleaned it and put it back the next day for the person to find."



A washed up bottle appeared with a message from Jed the Pirate asking the children for advice he could give to his pirates about how to be a kind friend. Amongst many ideas about being kind and sharing, one little girl felt that "good friends should make you giggle!"



The Queen has also been in the spotlight as the children have discussed why she is a good citizen!





## Reading (and Maths) Evening for Nursery and Reception Parents, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm

This is our annual opportunity to explain how, where, when and why we teach reading and encourage you to do the same. This year we are including information on maths as well.

## APP AGM, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

The Association of Pelican Parents (“APP”) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the School Hall. The AGM is open to all parents and is an opportunity to hear about the work of the Association. This year there will also be a presentation from Perse Upper students about the trips undertaken by them as members of The Perse Exploration Society during the summer.

If you are interested in joining the APP committee please let Mrs Hipperson know and she will put you in touch with Mrs Sennitt, the Chair.

## World’s Biggest Coffee Morning, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 8.35am

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I look forward to seeing those of you who are able to join the APP for coffee and pastries. In recent years the sales of uniform, nearly-new children’s clothes, home produce and books and toys have proved very popular, whilst the occasion is also another opportunity to meet up with other Pelican parents/carers.

The APP ask that donations be brought to school as soon as possible:

- Second hand uniforms
- High-quality children’s clothes, 4-7 years (please no supermarket, etc. clothes, surplus will be donated to EACH)
- Home produce: Please ensure it is nut-free, packaged for taking away, and has a sticker listing all ingredients.
- Raffle hamper items: For instance coffee, tea, biscuits, chocolate, mugs, wine, cider, lemonade, chutney, antipasti, small plants, small gifts, hamper or similar box/basket, etc.
- Books for adults

## Travel Survey

The Perse School is asking all parents to complete a short travel survey online to inform the School’s Travel Plan. This will provide data for comparison to previous years and helps us with future planning as we try to reduce the reliance on cars and encourage use of other means of travel where possible. The survey may be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJ37QN9> and I am extremely grateful to



you for taking the time to complete it. Please complete one reply for each child.



## 400 Years of The Perse School – Launch Day 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

There will be many exciting activities at school on 30<sup>th</sup> September linked with the events from the early 1600s. To celebrate this special day the children may dress up in an outfit from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. I know that many of you go to a lot of trouble to make/find costumes for dressing up days and as we have a year of the 400 I expect there will be further opportunities to wear the same outfit! Please be assured that if costume making is not your strength then turning your child into a simple peasant from the 1600s is quite straightforward! Please find a few ideas below:



A long black skirt (you could just thread elastic/string through the top of a folded and stitched rectangle of material)

White Long Sleeve Shirt – preferably with no collar

Black waistcoat done up with cord or string

White Apron

White headscarf

OR

Big ruffs, velvet, blouses and big skirts

Long shorts (any dark colour)

White long sleeve shirt

Black waistcoat done up with cord or string

Black hat



Our full range of bespoke memorabilia will be available from our 400th birthday on 30th September. The **anniversary tie, scarfs, pin badges and replica sports shirts are available to purchase now**. To order online [please click here](#) to access WisePay and follow the links to College Shop and 400 Memorabilia. Items can be collected free of charge from the Pelican, Prep or Upper within 5 days of placing an order. You will receive an email when your item is ready to collect.

The high quality **replica sports shirt** made by Canterbury is available by pre-order only. The **deadline for the first set of orders is Monday 21 September**. Subject to demand, a 2nd order will be placed in December for delivery in February. Samples shirts are available to try on at the Upper School. Please email [400@perse.co.uk](mailto:400@perse.co.uk) if you would like to view the shirts.

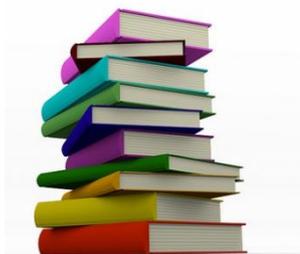
Parents already have a WisePay account created for them by the School. Parents logging in to WisePay for the first time should use the log in details sent to parents by PersePost on 29 June 2015 or, for parents of children joining the School in September 2015, on 11 September 2015. Parents can access their PersePost account by going to [www.persepost.co.uk](http://www.persepost.co.uk). Please email [ictsupport@perse.co.uk](mailto:ictsupport@perse.co.uk) if you experience problems logging in to WisePay. If you have any queries regarding the memorabilia, please contact Helen Norman [400@perse.co.uk](mailto:400@perse.co.uk).

The School is aiming for the year to be cost neutral so profits of sales of 400 memorabilia will be contributing to this.

I do hope that you all have the opportunity to attend at least one of the special events, whether a lecture, ball or Thanksgiving Service. You may have seen the insert in this week's Cambridge News which has recent as well as 400 year old news about The Perse.

## Weekly Menus

These are available on Persepost. Please click on Main Menu in the top left hand corner of your mailbox to view the school information section. To save you time they are also attached to this newsletter. Next week is Week 1 of the 3 week rotation for this term.



## Library Books

We are proud of the range of books available to the children to borrow and are keen that they are not on the shelves, but lent out being read. However, books need to be returned before any further books may be borrowed. Even in the best ordered houses library books have a habit of disappearing; if this has happened in your house please replace the book and send it to school so that your child may continue to borrow books. They are very keen! Many thanks.

With best wishes for the weekend and happy costume hunting!

Mrs W and all the staff at The Perse Pelican

