

7th October, 2016

Key Information (details below)

- 11th and 13th October, Parent consultations (additional dates available for Nursery)
- Friday, 14th October: Steak and Honour booked for APP American Evening, get your tickets now!
- Wednesday, 9am, 19th October Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's Church
- Half Term begins on Friday 21st October. We return to school on Tuesday 1st November



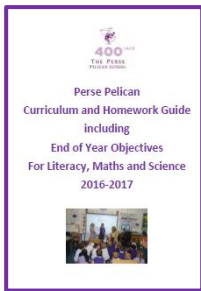
Dear Parents,

Maths Week has been in full swing. Among other activities, Years 1 and 2 spent a morning learning to orienteer and Lego Maths has proved very popular for problem solving challenges. The Prep children visited Nursery and Reception to share their favourite maths games and Year 2 completed a metre of maths in double quick time. Reception have been counting with conkers and the whole school have created an art work based on the Fibonacci sequence. As well as all of this, children in Year 1 also wrote alliterative mathematical poems to celebrate National Poetry Day yesterday! Having read "Guess How Much I love You" to Nursery earlier this week, I suggested that as the children are tucked in their beds they tell their parents they love them "to the moon and back". Already a true Pelican one little child said "to the moon and back infinity times!" Well, it is said that maths is everywhere.



Maths Evening

It was marvellous to see so many of you last night for our Maths Evening and hope you found it useful. Of all the subjects, maths is the one where teaching has changed the most in recent years, so please do not be surprised if your child approaches a challenge in a very different way from how you were taught at school!



A copy of the evening's presentation is attached and if you did not manage to pick up a copy of the curriculum handbook last night, these are available in the entrance hall. Alternatively, please let your child's class teacher know if you would like a copy sent home in the book bag.

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World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan

The coffee morning was a happy way to start a Friday whilst raising money for a good cause. £351 was sent to Macmillan. Thank you to the team of parents who organised the event.

Association of Pelican Parents

The APP held their AGM yesterday afternoon and it was lovely to see many new faces joining the committee. A big thank you to Mrs Dickson for all her hard work over the last couple of years. She has now handed over the role of Chair to Mrs Robson (Nursery and Year 1 Pine).

Dates for your diary...



Prep Open Morning - Saturday 8th October, 9.30am until 12 noon

The Perse Prep School will be holding their annual Open Morning this Saturday morning, 8th October. Pelican families are welcome to attend this opportunity to meet the Head, James Piper, and his staff and to see the work of current pupils. Mr Piper will be giving short welcome talks at 9.45am and 11.45am and the last tour will begin at 11.30am.

APP American Night

Don't forget the APP American Night **on Friday 14th October**. Steak & Honour will be providing their delicious burgers and fries with vegetarian alternatives also available.



The take up of tickets for this event has been excellent, but if you would still like to join us, please complete the attached booking form and return it to the APP as soon as possible.



Pelican Open Morning - Saturday 15th October, 9.30am until 12 noon

We will be holding our Open Morning on Saturday 15th October and I would be grateful if you could tell any friends who may be interested. The Saturday Open Morning is a good opportunity to ask the staff questions and tour the school at your own pace. I will be giving short welcome talks at 10.30am and 11.15am.





Harvest Service, 9am, Wednesday, 19th October

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving takes place at St John the Evangelist Church on Hills Road. Book bags and backpacks will not be sent home the previous evening unless a child has changed for Multisports (Reception) or Drama Club (Years 1 and 2). **Unless they have been booked into Larks, we ask that all children are brought to the church in time for a prompt start at 9am. Children in Larks will leave school at 8.30am to walk up with staff. Children are asked to bring a small donation of fresh produce; potatoes and carrots are preferred.** All produce will be taken by Mr Wilson to Jimmy's Night Shelter.



Reminder: Perse Business Network

The Perse Business Network is an opportunity for Old Perseans, current parents, past parents and friends of the School to meet and make connections.

There are still a few places available at the next Business Network Reception on 3rd November. The Reception will take place from 18.00 – 20.00 at UBS, London, courtesy of Howard Kemp (current parent). The guest speaker will be Paul Donovan, Global Chief Economist of UBS, who will give a short business update following the EU Referendum in June.

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete this [form](#). If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact PerseADO@perse.co.uk or telephone 01223 403808.

Community Lecture Series: Professor Harold James

Following the success of the 400th Anniversary Lecture Series, we are continuing to hold further Community Lectures at the School.



Professor Harold James (OP, 1974) will deliver the first of these lectures on the topic 'Britain and Europe, past and future'. The lecture will start at 19.30 on Wednesday 16 November, and will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions. These lectures are free and open to everyone in the community, whether they have a connection with the Perse or not. Due to capacity restrictions, entry will be by ticket only. More information, including a sign-up form, can be found [here](#).

Kiss and Ride and Morning Drop off

To keep the traffic flowing please always turn left, towards Hills Road, on leaving school. We would also remind parents that drivers should stay in their cars when using the Kiss and Ride service and wait for a member of Pelican staff to open the car door.



Hair Scrunchies

Packs of gingham hair scrunchies are now available from the school office at a cost of £4 for 2 scrunchies. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Perse Trading Company Ltd'.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parent Consultations next week.

Kind Regards,
Mrs W and all at The Pelican

