

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

## Key Information (details below)

- No clubs next week
- **PARTY CLOTHES FOR THE FINAL DAY OF TERM**
- Reception and Year 1 Production – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am
- **Christmas Club Pelican booking** – email [clubpelican@perse.co.uk](mailto:clubpelican@perse.co.uk)
- **Last day for posting at school is Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**



Dear Parents,

**Christmas Club Pelican**

The hall will be decorated from ceiling to floor, the programme looks exciting and most places have been filled. However, although Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December is fully booked there are a few places available on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, as well as one place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. To book please email [ClubPelican@perse.co.uk](mailto:ClubPelican@perse.co.uk). The programme for each day is attached.

**Nursery Wiggly Nativity**

What a splendid performance! Our youngest children entertained their families and friends with confidence and delight. There were some very active animals in the stable, stately Kings, emphatic innkeepers, watchful shepherds, heavenly angels and, of course Mary and Joseph taking the birth of Christ very seriously. Many thanks to the whole Nursery team for ensuring that the children's first production was such an enjoyable experience for them.





**Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production -  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at  
9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am**



We look forward to welcoming you all to the Reception and Year 1 productions of 'An Out of this World Christmas' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am. Festive refreshments will be available following the afternoon performance and before the morning performances.



**DVDs of Productions**

If you would like to order a DVD of either the Nursery or the Reception and Year 1 production, please **return your form to Mrs Butler in the school office by Monday** at the latest. They will be delivered before the end of term.

**Sports Awards Assembly, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**



Last Friday, local Channel swimmer Ed Williams from Elite Swimming Academy came to speak at our sports assembly on the importance of resilience and perseverance. Ed spoke about his recent 25 mile swim between Ireland and Scotland which took place this summer. He first attempted the swim in 2014 but was unsuccessful due to taking hundreds of jellyfish stings so the message to the children was to never give up if you fail first time! You can read Ed's full report on the swim and a version of the video he showed the children here:



<http://www.eliteswimmingacademy.co.uk/successful-swim-ireland-scotland/>





### Stirring the Christmas Pudding

All children and adults stirred the Christmas pudding, in a very large bowl, from east to west as we sang Christmas songs and carols. This tradition began in the Victorian era with Stir Up Sunday, usually the Sunday before the beginning of Advent, when families made their Christmas puddings and everyone took a turn to stir the mixture – probably because, once wet, the mixture is extremely hard work to mix! The flavours were then left for a month before being cooked for Christmas Day. Our pudding will be cooked up for our own Christmas lunch next Thursday.



### Christingle

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christingle service and especially to the APP who made all the Christingles for the children from Nursery to Year 1. This time Year 2 made their own Christingles and held them proudly at the front of the church, as we sang Little Donkey. £322.30 was donated to the Children’s Society who introduced Christingle services to this country in 1968. The first services can be traced back to the Moravian Church in 1747.



### Christmas Tree Decorations

Our trees are looking wonderful but there is always room for more decorations. I particularly enjoy them when named – our Christmas fairy was made by a little girl when in Reception and I saw her last week at The Upper!



### The Final Day of Term

**On the last day of term, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, children may wear Christmassy clothes. We shall have a tremendous Christmas lunch followed by parties in classrooms.**



## Looking ahead to next term...



### Larks and Owls Bookings

Regular Larks and Owls bookings will be carried over to next term unless we hear otherwise. Please email [LarksandOwls@perse.co.uk](mailto:LarksandOwls@perse.co.uk) if you would like to make any changes to your existing bookings.

## Lent Term Clubs Allocation

A Persepost has been sent confirming details of your child's club allocation for the Lent Term.

## Pelican to Prep Minibus



A booking form has been sent via PersePost today for the Pelican to Prep minibus. Please return this by 5pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child to use this service next term. Places are allocated as fairly as possible and are not carried forward from this term.

## A Message from the Bursary...

We will shortly be sending out the Lent term bills. Please note that the direct debit for the Lent term bills will be taken on **Friday 6 January 2017**.

Any queries regarding the Lent term bills should be directed to Anna Blackie 01223 403876; email [Fees@Perse.co.uk](mailto:Fees@Perse.co.uk). Please note that the Bursary Office will be closed from 12.30pm Wednesday 21 December 2016 until 8.00am Tuesday 3 January 2017.

If you intend to use childcare vouchers against eligible items on the Lent term bills we would ask that, where possible, the payment is received by the School by Monday 19th December 2016. If this is not possible, please would you notify [childcarevouchers@perse.co.uk](mailto:childcarevouchers@perse.co.uk) of the value you intend to use by the 19 December so that we can adjust your direct debit accordingly.

We will not be able to adjust the direct debit collection for any queries or childcare vouchers received/notified after Monday 19 December. Adjustments received after this date will be made/refunded retrospectively after payment has been taken.

## To end with a joke from some Year 2s:

What do you call a shark crossed with a snowman? Answer: Frostbite!



With festive wishes  
from us all at The Pelican