

6th January, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- APP Pudding Night – Deadline extended to Tuesday 10th January
- School calendars have been sent home in book bags this week

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Term began yesterday with an assembly from Mr Ankin about revolution (sic). “Revolution?!” I asked, surprised. After several minutes talk about people chosen to wear medals and stand at the front it transpired that the assembly was about reSolutions, specifically Mr Ankin’s to start running in January 2016. What revolutions have you been thinking about?!



We have an exciting term ahead with our specialist Music and Drama week led by Rachel Leach from the London Symphony Orchestra followed by a delivery of incubating eggs to take us up to Easter. In addition, Year 2 will be going back in time to World War II, Year 1 are investigating differences between hot and cold, Reception are discovering traditional tales and Nursery are starting the term with a hedgehog hospital.



Staff News



We welcome back two of our teachers from maternity leave: Mrs Brixey who will be class teacher in 1 Oak on Wednesdays and Thursdays (Mrs Brunt will continue as class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays) and Miss O’Reilly who is class teacher in 2 Willow.



The Pelican had its very own Christmas baby as Mrs Hosegood gave birth to a little boy, George, on the last afternoon of the Michaelmas Term. Both are doing well and we are looking forward to meeting George soon. We welcome Miss Dodds who has joined Maple to cover Mrs Hosegood’s absence.



Uniform

John Lewis has good stock availability of our coats, scarves and gloves. However, they are updating their coding so when you order please could you use the following codes (otherwise items will show as being out of stock): Gloves 537391 and Scarves 537369, choosing the navy option for both.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that John Lewis are currently out of stock of uniform hats. I know many children have been given gorgeous woolly hats for Christmas and I suggest that until the uniform hats are back in stock, hopefully before the end of January, this is the time for those much loved non-uniform warm hats to be worn at school. Let us have a Winter Hats Festival (they should still be named). Once hats are back in stock we shall revert to normal school policy on all uniform.



Catering

Our award winning caterers, Holroyd Howe, are always looking at ways to increase the variety of foods they offer the children, as well as keeping abreast of food trends and health awareness. As our desserts are home-made they have already reduced the sugar content in desserts where possible by 25%. They also monitor the amount of sugar added to such items as yogurt, again using fruit as a flavouring.

We offer a savoury mid- morning snack daily and fresh fruit is provided both at the morning break and also lunchtime. In line with government guidelines we only use processed meat (sausages/sausage meat) once per week. The sausages and sausage meat are sourced from a local butcher and have a very high meat content.



Owls

We will always look after children in an emergency when parents cannot collect by 5.30pm but I would ask that on a regular basis every effort is made to collect by the end of Owls at 5.30pm.

Admissions for Nursery 2017

We shall be seeing Nursery applicants for September from today until the end of January. As you know, we give a good deal of time to each child and this sometimes results in us taking a little longer than usual to answer queries or emails. Your patience is very much appreciated.

APP Pudding Night – Deadline extended to Tuesday 10th January



A reminder that the APP is hosting its infamous Pudding Night at the Red Lion, Hinxton on Friday 27th January. In case you have not yet managed to book your tickets, the deadline has been extended to Tuesday 10th January. The evening offers a choice of starter and light main course, followed by a selection of puddings from the buffet table. The price of the ticket also includes a first drink and service. For more details please see the attached booking form.

With best wishes for 2017
from us all at The Pelican

