



10th November, 2017

Key Information (details below)

- Wear **ODD SOCKS** on **Monday 13th November** for Friendship week
- Wear **Spotty** clothes on **Friday 17th November** for Children in Need – in return for a donation.
- Year 2 should wear winter sports uniform on Monday – with **ODD SOCKS!**



Dear Parents,

On Monday morning Friendship Week begins and across the school the children will be focussing on how to be a good friend and thinking about strategies to use when friendships go through tricky times. The week will involve role play, discussion, games and activities and ... **ODD SOCKS**. It would be very helpful if you could send your child to school in **ODD SOCKS** on Monday morning – all will be revealed to the children on the day.



Year 2 Activity Morning at The Prep, Monday

Year 2 head off to the Prep on Monday for an exciting morning of activities including playing hockey on the all-weather pitch. They should come to school dressed in winter sports uniform (and **ODD SOCKS**) and do not need to bring other school uniform with them.



Children in Need Day

Show us your spots and let's raise lots!

Our week will culminate in a splendiferous effort for Children in Need on Friday. Every other year the Pelican has a full-on Pudsey Day to raise as much as we can; this is such an age-appropriate charity and enables the children to become fully involved in raising funds. In return for an enormous donation of your choosing the children may wear as many spots to school as they would like. Pudsey Bear will be trying hard to make time for a visit to us even on such a busy day and children may have an individual photograph taken with him in return for a suggested £2 donation.



Each year group has a range of special activities planned that are detailed below and in the year group updates today. They appear to involve donations...

Nursery would like the children to bring in their own **teddies** please. The children will be looking after the teddies during the week and showing them how to behave like true Pelicans. On Friday there will be a teddies' picnic with food that the children have prepared for it. **We would ask you to sponsor your child a small amount to look after their bears for the week** with all donations going to our Children In Need collection.



Reception also invite children to **bring a teddy bear friend to school with them**. The children will be making headbands for their bears to wear and will have the opportunity to participate in the Reception headband competition. There will be a prize for the most creative one! **A donation to Children in Need is requested for entry to the competition.**



Year 1 will be taking part in the money measuring challenge! How far will our spare change go? **Please bring in any spare coins** which we will line up end to end and measure. **All the coins will then be donated to Children in Need.** Please keep these coins separate from all other donations. Thank you.

Year 2 will be raising money by taking part in a sponsored ramble! The ramble will visit all three Perse sites clocking up miles and steps as they go. The children will be excited about wearing their spotty clothing, but please remember to wrap them up warm and wear suitable clothing and shoes for the weather. Whilst there is not an official sponsorship form for this event we would **encourage the children to collect sponsorship from friends and family**. Please bring any money collected to school in a named envelope on the morning of the ramble.



Don't forget to look out those last round pounds! Collection boxes are in the school office.



Cake Sale – Friday

To end the week in style the APP are arranging a simple cake sale to take place at the front of the School on Friday morning and afternoon. **All donations of baked goodies (please no nuts) are welcome! Please bring them to the table and indicate a suggested price on your donated cake.** Children from Larks and Owls will be our Pudsey shopkeepers.



APP Book Fair, 3 – 4.30pm, Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd November, Library

The Pelican APP Book Fair returns to us during the week commencing 20th November. Do come along and order/purchase some Christmas presents during this week. Each class will visit the book fair during the week and, in case you are not able to visit yourself, the children will come home with a list of a book or two that they showed an interest in. More information to follow next week.



Piano Lessons, Lent Term

Mr Clough has a couple of spaces available for anyone wishing to begin learning the piano next term in Years 1 or 2. If you think your child would be interested please let the school office know and Mr Clough will arrange to see them for a trial session this term.

Club Watching Weeks

A reminder of the dates for watching week:

Ballet – First Steps - Reception – Monday 20th November at 3.20pm

Ballet – Pre-Primary – Year 1 - Monday 20th November at 3.55pm

Ballet – Primary – Year 2 - Monday 20th November at 4.30pm



Kung Fu – Year 1 - Thursday 23rd November at 8am

Kung Fu – Year 2 - **Wednesday 29th November** at 8am
(change to the calendar date due to Year 2 London trip)



StageCoach Drama Club Performance

As the culmination of their hard work this term, the children attending Drama Club with Stagecoach will be performing for parents, friends and family on Tuesday 5th December at 4.45pm in the school hall. We hope you are able to join us.

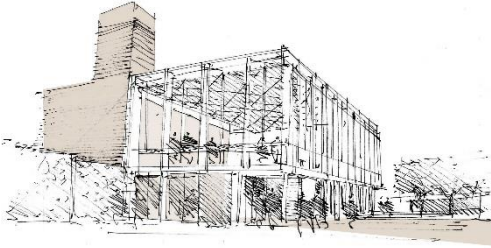
Christmas Club Pelican

Places are booking up fast for this year's Christmas Club Pelican, but we still have some availability on Friday 15th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December. If you would like to book a place, please email ClubPelican@perse.co.uk as soon as possible.



Across the School...

Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre – Name a Seat



We are delighted that so many people have chosen to support our new Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre by 'naming a seat' in the auditorium. If you wish to name a seat, you can do so [here](#) or contact Maša Amatt (mamatt@perse.co.uk) who will also be able to explain the tax efficient options available. This opportunity to make your mark before the official naming ceremony runs until Tuesday 5 December 2017.

Perse Community Lectures



There are still a few tickets remaining for our Lent Term lecture by leading British neurosurgeon Henry Marsh CBE on 'What are your thoughts made of?'. The lecture will take place at 7.30 on Wednesday 17 January 2018 and tickets are available [here](#).

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Term community lecture will take place on Wednesday 18 April 2018 and will be delivered by Professor Alice Roberts. She will be lecturing on 'Tamed: 3 species that changed our world', based on her latest book. The lecture is free and open to all, though tickets will be required. More information, including how to get tickets, can be found [here](#).



Perse Business Network, 22 February 2018



Join us for the next Perse Business Network Reception, kindly hosted by Jane Finlayson-Brown (current parent) at Allen & Overy, London. The Perse Business Network is an opportunity for parents, Old Perseans and friends of the School to meet and make connections. The guest speaker at this reception will be economist, writer and broadcaster Liam Halligan. More information about the reception, including details of how to book tickets, can be found [here](#).

Exam Invigilators

We are looking to recruit additional members to our examination invigilation team at the Upper School. Successful candidates will join the team from January 2018 to work on a casual basis during School examination periods. This would potentially include 2 weeks in January, a week in February and a more extended period in the summer term. We are able to accommodate drop off/pick up times where needed and other fixed commitments. Duties include supervising students taking examinations, preparing exam rooms and distributing and collecting exam papers and ensuring that relevant procedures and guidelines are adhered to at all times. Full training will be provided. These positions are remunerated, and are subject to DBS disclosure at enhanced level.

For a full job description and to apply using our online application form, please visit our website www.perse.co.uk/job-vacancies/. The closing date for application is Monday 20 November 2017 at midday, but we would welcome applications at your earliest opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact Leila Redfearn, Qualifications & Progression Administrator on 01223 403825, e-mail lredfearn@perse.co.uk.

Finally...

Willow Class Assembly



We learnt so much about chocolate this morning, thanks to Willow's most informative and entertaining assembly. The children told us where and how chocolate is made and had designed and made their own new chocolate products. Their assembly included a chocolate dance and poem and everyone had learnt their lines to perfection. Well done, Willow and thank you to Miss O'Reilly, Miss Yirrell and Ms Carter.

With best wishes from

Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



We value: endeavour, intellectual curiosity and scholarship, breadth and balance, one another