



4th May 2018

Key Information (details below)

- **2018 Biennial Parents Survey available today**
- **16th May, Pelican Birthday celebrations: children may wear party clothes with a touch of purple**
- **We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!**

Dear Parents,

Year 2 Trip to Wandlebury



We were so fortunate: the sun shone as the children set off on a day of exploration to enhance their science topic. The tranquil woods were full of birdsong ... and the excited squeals of delight from Pelican children as they carefully hunted for minibeasts. Being Pelicans, they were entranced by what they found (we even had a woodlouse named Dave) and enthusiastically sorted them according to their characteristics. They considered the types of insect found in the different habitats and thought about camouflage. Even at this early stage of the year the pond dipping exercise yielded a range of animals including a lone tadpole. The whole day was a wonderful



reminder of the importance of first hand learning experiences. I wonder how Dave is doing now.





2018 Biennial Parents Survey

Every year we survey either pupils or parents for their views on the education we provide. This year it is the turn of the parents and as part of this mailing you will receive an invitation to participate in the biennial parents' survey for the Pelican School.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child at the Pelican you may either complete one questionnaire per household if your children's experiences are broadly similar, or one questionnaire per child if there are significant differences.

The survey results are an important part of our quality control process and will help inform future planning. We always like to hear positives which encourage us in our work, but we are also committed to continuous improvement so please do let us have your thoughts on things we could do better.

The survey is anonymous, and will close at 1700 on Monday 14 May. A summary of the findings will be shared with parents in the Michaelmas term.

We thank you in advance for your help. Please click on this [link](#) to complete the survey.



Pelican 20th Anniversary Celebrations, 16th May

We are planning an informal day of celebrations for the children to celebrate Percy's 20th Birthday. For our special day we are inviting the children to wear party clothes – with a touch of purple. One of the activities on the day will be to see if we can fill a Percy Pelican with 20p pieces; donations will go to our chosen charities. You may like to start saving those 20p coins now. The children will also be running their own fete during the afternoon (a rather simpler affair than the APP fete in June!). Small change of up to around £3 will be needed so they may visit all the stalls. Other surprises are planned – of which more later.



APP Pelican Fete – Saturday 23rd June

The 2018 Pelican 'Circus' fete is on Saturday 23rd June and the APP have been planning a wonderful day for everyone. The children will be opening the fete at 12 noon with some circus themed songs and everyone will be performing their kung fu form at 2.30pm. As always, it is very much a joint effort that helps to make the fete such a happy day for all Pelican families. Attached is a message from the APP with suggestions of items that they would be most appreciative to receive together with arrangements for receiving them.

One of the keenly anticipated events of the fete each year is the drawing of the raffle. Each class decorates a hamper in a specific colour and parents are asked to contribute items in the appropriate colour for their class box. Contributions in the past have included bottles, toiletries, preserves, chocolates, candles, wine, fizz and other small treats or gifts.

This year's colours are:

Nursery	Red
Beech	Yellow
Maple	Blue
Oak	White
Pine	Green
Cedar	Gold
Willow	Silver



With best wishes for a wonderful weekend from Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican



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

