



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Key Information (details below)

- Penny Tassoni, MBE, visiting next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm
- Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 8.35am
- Grass at front not in use to give opportunity to recover from the summer
- Parent Consultations, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October
- APP Italian Night, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – please book by 21<sup>st</sup> September
- APP Pantomime Trip, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – please book by 12<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

The children are settling in well, becoming noticeably more confident each day as everyone, children, staff and parents, become more used to being back at school – and how exciting it is.

Yesterday Year 2 children celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday with a special dressing up day and we had giant peaches, foxes and farmers, crocodiles, giraffe, the BFG, Sophie and Matilda among many others joining in with the Pelican for the day. Thank you to all parents for ensuring their children could participate – and for some super splendid sewing.



The playground has been a huge success and children have exclaimed that it is both epic and awesome. Pelicans have always been energetic but now they are even more active than previously as they explore



all the new areas. Strangely, even though it is obviously in the open air, the area is now much quieter than previously as children's shoes make no sound on the artificial grass and grazed knees and elbows are becoming events of the past.





## Wine and Welcome

I do hope you all enjoyed Wine and Welcome, found it to be informative and had many of your questions answered. If you did not collect End of Year Objectives' booklets and a copy of the Digital Parenting magazine these are now available from class teachers.

## Parent Handbooks on the Portal

A reminder that all handbooks, menus and curriculum information is available on the parent portal. We shall gradually increase the information placed there. If you find the portal lacking in particular information you would like please let me know and we shall see what we can do to insert it.



## APP Family Welcome Afternoon

What a perfect afternoon. I do hope families found friends old and new to chat with. It was pleasing to see so many Past Pelicans enjoying the new playground – as well as some much younger siblings.

## Percy's Lawn

Whilst it has been delightful to see the children enjoying the grass at the front of school, it has suffered a good deal with the drought of the summer. We need to allow it time to recover and not become a mud bath during the winter. Please could parents keep their children away from it both before and after school. Thankfully they now have more "grass" than ever before at the side and back of school.



## APP AGM

I am delighted that this afternoon the new Chair of the APP, Mrs Melissa Whelan, was voted in. I am most grateful to Mrs Zoe Robson, who has stepped down from the role, for all she has done for the School over the past three years: she has helped to co-ordinate a great number of enjoyable events for both children and parents as well as ensuring that the APP helps families to feel they all belong at the Pelican. Mrs Whelan masterminded our highly successful circus themed fete this year and I know she and the rest of the committee will have plans for further enjoyable evenings during this coming year. All parents are members of the APP and ideas or offers of help are gratefully received. The Pelican would not be the same without our thriving APP.

## Dates for your diaries...



## Penny Tassoni MBE, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm

We are looking forward to Penny Tassoni MBE joining us on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September** to talk about why self-esteem and friendships in children's earliest years are important for later success. Penny will also explain the importance of the development of soft skills in childhood.

The evening will be relevant for both Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents and I very much hope you will be able to attend. Doors open at 7pm, we shall start at 7.15pm and aim to finish by 9pm.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The APP will be hosting our World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.



**The APP will be offering home produce and savoury breakfast bites from 8am at the front of school and from 8.35am in the school hall.**

Donations of any of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- School Uniform - any donations of school uniform which your child may have outgrown
- Fancy Dress!! - for Pelican age children only please
- Books - childrens and adults' literature - books in good condition please
- Home Produce - cakes or biscuits etc. we can sell on the day (nut free and labelled with ingredients)
- Raffle - please donate non-perishable hamper items - suggestions include jam, wine, candles, biscuits, chocolates, hand wash, coffee, tea, mugs, tea towels etc.

Please put donations on the table by the front door, but bring home produce in on the day of the coffee morning.

## Parent Consultations, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

These are for all year groups and a PersePost will be sent to you in due course to arrange convenient times.



## Perse Community Lecture "Lawyers, Judges and the Rule of Law"

– Lord Neuberger, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm, Upper School



The Perse holds termly community lectures in partnership with The Cambridge Building Society. Our Michaelmas term lecture will be given by Lord David Neuberger, former president of the UK Supreme Court. The lecture is free of charge and open to everyone in the community, whether or not they have a connection with The Perse. Tickets for the lecture are available online at [perse.co.uk/lectures](http://perse.co.uk/lectures). If you have any questions about the lecture please contact Erin Charles at [echarles@perse.co.uk](mailto:echarles@perse.co.uk) or by telephone at 01223 403808.

## APP Italian Night, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

This year the APP's International Food Evening has an Italian theme. The Wood Fired Pizza company will be preparing award winning antipasti and pizza during the evening. Please see details in the accompanying PersePost for booking information.



## APP Pantomime Trip, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

The APP have made a block booking for this year's pantomime at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Tickets for the performance on Thursday, 13th December at 10.30am are available at the special rate of £16 each (including booking fee). Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and can be booked via the form on the attached flyer. The final deadline for tickets is October 12th.





## Huddl Parent Talks

A series of Huddl Parent Talks are being held in the Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre, at The Perse Upper School this term.

Huddl provides a platform for parents and carers to access up-to-date professional advice from high-profile guest speakers with specialist knowledge in a range of topics relevant to young people. All of the presentations seek to provide insights into topics that support parents and carers with helping their children and young people to deal with the pressures of growing up.

This term the topics include, [Family Well-being and Nutrition](#) on 25 September, [Friendship Groups and Bullying](#) on 30 October and [Social Media and Internet Safety](#) on 12 November.

Perse parents are being offered the opportunity to purchase tickets to all three events for £40 or a ticket to one event for £15. The ticket includes refreshments, an event booklet and further resources. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

## Housekeeping...



### Club Pelican Lost Property

During assembly some clothing was identified by Pelicans and returned to its owners and larger items have been sent to The Prep.

## Attain Magazine

The Perse Pelican and Prep are members of IAPS, the Independent Association of Prep Schools. Their quarterly magazine, Attain, is attached for your perusal.



With best wishes  
Mrs W and all the staff at The Pelican

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