



# THE PERSE

## PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

*Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.*

Mother Theresa's words are particularly apposite for this week's National Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme of 'One Kind Word'. Kindness forms the basis of our three school rules (ask your child if you don't know these!) and understanding this is important when we have such a diverse group of children on site. A small demonstration of this diversity has been evident today with the wearing of odd socks by children and staff alike and, in Assembly, we talked through Aesop's Fable of the Lion and the Mouse. Many thanks to Mrs Crichton Maitland for raising awareness throughout the week – through form periods, assemblies, PSHE lessons and posters around the School.



This week has seen 4Alpha produce a brilliant Form Assembly to the whole school on the subject of toilet twinning. At times their sense of humour was positively lavatorial but they more than got their message across, as well as raising funds within their class to twin a toilet with one on the other side of the world! Who knew that the average amount of lifetime spent on the loo is three years?!

On Monday, a number of musicians sat their grade music exams onsite; well done to all of them for their hard work in preparation towards this. I would also like to congratulate all those families who sent in Christmas shoeboxes (110 in total) which will be sent off to disadvantaged families in Eastern Europe. A special mention should go to Corinthians for being the House to contribute the highest number.

Finally, after a short induction period in the afternoons, I am delighted that Mrs Andrea Jarvis will be starting full-time on Reception from Monday. Do introduce yourself to her if you are popping into Reception; she is keen to learn new faces and names.

### Safety



With the dark evenings drawing in, parents and children need to be especially mindful of safety on the top car park. I would urge drivers to exercise utmost caution in this space. I have reiterated to the children that they must be accompanied across the playground to their cars; they must not make their own way.



## Covid Update

Currently we have the following number of children self-isolating from current positive Covid cases: Year 3 one, Year 4 none, Year 5 three, Year 6 two.

## Year 6 Parents' Meetings – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We have had positive feedback from Year 4 and 5 parents following last week's online parents' meetings. Next week is the turn for Year 6 parents; you will have a series of five-minute online appointments with your child's subject teachers which provide an opportunity to discuss the progress that your children have made so far this year, as well as going over recent assessments in English and Maths.

Do please follow instructions provided in recent PersePosts which will guide you through to the Academic area of the [Perse Portal](#). If you encounter any problems booking your appointments or on the evening itself, please contact Jackie Wright ([prepadmin@perse.co.uk](mailto:prepadmin@perse.co.uk)).

## Lent Term Clubs – deadline Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

In our efforts to help parents with future logistics, next term's Clubs Booklet has been published today, with a deadline for submitting choices next Wednesday. In order to retain some flex with our staffing, we have slightly tweaked some of the clubs on offer but it will still provide a total of eighty-one clubs, with all bar five of these having no charge and being run by Prep staff. Final groups will be confirmed to parents on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



## PPP Christmas Fair – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

For the PPP Christmas Fair on the last day of term, the PPP would be very grateful for the following donations:

- Children's Raffle / stall prizes: The children's raffle is hugely popular with the top prize usually being a tech item such as a Kindle, camera or iPad/tablet. Other smaller prizes include (new and unused) games, gadgets, books and toys suitable for Prep-age children. If you are able to donate any raffle/stall prizes, we would be extremely grateful! Please leave in Reception or contact Valerie on [valerie.hirzel@outlook.com](mailto:valerie.hirzel@outlook.com).
- Sweet bag tombola: Each child has been given a paper bag together with a request to fill it with nut-free sweets and other treats. Please could these be filled and given to form teachers by Friday 26th November.

The Fair will once again be run on a cash-free basis with parents invited to pre-pay using ParentPay. Children will then be given paper tokens to spend at the Fair, with tokens recycled after use. Please follow this link to access ParentPay: <https://www.perse.co.uk/parents-area/>

The payment forms are live and close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you to those of you who have already paid. Many thanks in advance for your support to make this last day of term a special one for the children!

## Sport

For next week, parents are very welcome to attend the following matches:

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

2.15pm: U11 A/B/C/D Girls' Hockey v St Faith's away. Collection at 4.30pm.

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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

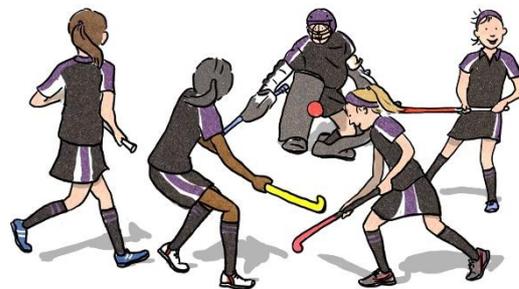
2.45pm: U9 A/B/C Rugby v King's College School at home. Collection at 4.40pm.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

All day: U11 Girls' Hockey at IAPS National Finals at Millfield.

11.15am: U11 Rugby Festival at Framlingham. Collection at 6pm.

Well done to our U11 girls' hockey side who came third in the Eastern Regional Finals last Friday. In their group stage they beat Ipswich, Stamford and Mill Hill and drew against Town Close, Bedford and Chigwell. Having finished top of their group, they played Witham Hall in the semi-final but lost in 'sudden death' penalty strokes after the two sides could not be separated in normal play. The girls completed a day in which they were unbeaten in open play by defeating Chigwell in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play off. Well done to the following in the squad; we wish them all the very best as they head off to Millfield towards the end of next week with Mrs Clark and Mr McGregor for their National Finals: **Elizabeth Balfour, Emily Herriot, Sophie Hull, Maggie Kent, Sophie Lewis, Elisabeth Lindemann, Bella Meng, Harriet Sedgemore and Esther Wong.**



### Artwork

This week's banners showcase some Year 5 work on imaginative landscapes using pattern and colour systems. They also created three dimensional drawings using ellipse curves.



### Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to **Anaiya Gupta** on passing her ABRSM Grade 5 piano; **Sam O'Reilly** on passing his Trinity Grade 1 Drums with Distinction; **Léonie Ricciardi-Bacquie** on completing the 3km Orienteering Race at Trumpington Meadows; and **Annabel Ramsden** for winning a silver medal in the 25m freestyle and breaststroke events and a gold in the 50m breaststroke event at the U8 Hoddesdon Swimming Club Championships; and **Beau Martinez-McCune** for winning the Young Player of the Year Cup for Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club.

Congratulations to the following on their Bronze Housepoint Awards: **Henry Bowler, Rhea Sethi, Charlie Angus, Zac Brennan, James Cheng, Austin De Young, Clara Gohel, Esme Hall, Sulayman Jawaid, Ehsaan Jethwa, Max Jonas, Sophie Lewis, Katherine Lu, Rowan Riordan, Chloe Yan and Zuyi Zhang.**

Congratulations to the following on her Silver Housepoint Award: **Jacqueline Danesh.**

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CORINTHIANS 458	ROMANS 472	BARBARIANS 474	FORESTERS 477

Yours sincerely

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Head

**We value endeavour, intellectual curiosity and scholarship, breadth and balance, one another and our environment.**