



# THE PERSE

## PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

29 September 2023

A reminder that we now alternate weekly between a short bulletin (today) with key information for parents, and a longer newsletter (next week) showcasing recent events, and awards from the previous fortnight.

### IE&D

Do watch this short introduction to [IE&D](#) at the Prep from Stef Abbott. She will shortly be setting up a working party of interested parents to discuss and listen to views about Inclusion, Equality & Diversity at the Prep.

### National Poetry Day – Friday 6 October

Poet and rapper Breis (breeze) will be joining us next week to speak to the whole school and run workshops with Year 6. Copies of his book *Brilliant Rappers Educate Intelligent Students* are available for purchase through [Parent Pay](#) (£5). Suitable for ages 7+.

### Sport

#### Wednesday 4 October

2.30pm: U11 A/B/C/D Hockey v Kimbolton (H); U11 A/B/C/D Football v Kimbolton (A)

#### Thursday 5 October

2.30pm: U9 A/B/C/D Hockey v Kimbolton (A); U9 A/B/C/D Football v Kimbolton (A)

#### Friday 6 October

10am: Pelicans Football IAPS Regional Tournament, Fairfield School (A)

### Cycling

*Cycle to School Week* is a suitable moment to order more cycle racks, recognising record numbers now arriving by bike! It's also a good reminder that we do expect children to be wearing helmets when cycling to school. It is also worth checking on lights and hi-vis equipment as it becomes darker in the weeks ahead.

### Drop-off

In order to speed up drop-off in the morning, it would be helpful (where possible) for children to have bags and equipment beside them, so they are ready to exit the car promptly. Obviously, for sizeable items such as large musical instruments, parents may need to help with getting these out of the boot!

### Long Road Gate

This gate is open at the start and end of the day, providing a short cut for those approaching by foot or bike. Beside the Drama Studio, there is a second gate, with a code that parents and children know. For security reasons, as it is away from the main entrance, this gate should be always closed and not hooked back.

### Chess

Contact Nick Jackson [nick.jackson@chessforkids.co.uk](mailto:nick.jackson@chessforkids.co.uk) asap if you would like your child to play competitive chess in a friendly low-key Cambridgeshire Schools' team chess tournament. Rounds take place on a Sunday (8.30am – 12pm) at the Upper on: 8 October, 3 December, 28 January, and 25 February. We need a minimum six in a team but can have as many teams as we like; see [www.cambridgechess.co.uk](http://www.cambridgechess.co.uk) for more details.

### Covid

As people mix at the start of the school year, viruses come with them, so there is an inevitable increase in the number of children exhibiting mild cold and flu-like symptoms. These can be caused by many viruses including Covid and do not usually cause severe illness. However, in keeping with NHS guidance, children should not come into school when they have raised temperatures. Because widespread Covid vaccination provides protection from serious disease, the NHS says that school-aged pupils are not required to test unless told to do so by a medical professional. If pupils test positive for Covid then NHS advice is that they should try and stay at home for the day of the test plus 3 days. To minimise infections, illness, and absence, we continue to encourage good hygiene habits, and, when the weather permits, keeping spaces well-ventilated.

### Scores on the Doors

4 <sup>TH</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	1 <sup>ST</sup>
BARBARANS	FORESTERS	CORINTHIANS	NOBLES
1043	1050	1059	1081