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Dear Parents,

There seem to be quite a few sickness bugs around at the moment. These have affected a number of pupils and staff. I do hope that all those who have been unwell recover swiftly. It was good to see so many of you at the PPP Wine Tasting Evening last Friday. It was a most enjoyable occasion and many thanks to the PPP Committee for arranging the event.



I don't know how many shopping days there are until Christmas – but the end of term seems to be fast approaching! Preparations are well under way for both the

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production and the Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert. The Christmas Fair is but two weeks away, and our Choir is busy at work preparing for its part in the annual Red Balloon Carol Service, where it will have the honour of taking part in the first performance of a new carol composed by John Rutter.

I am sure that you will remember that the final day of term, on 16<sup>th</sup> December, is a full school day. School will end at the following times: **Year 3** 3.15, **Year 4** 3.25 and **Years 5&6** 3.35. (Slightly earlier than normal).

Finally, well done to Year 5 on a wonderful Assembly this morning, and congratulations to the Cello Group on their fine music making.

#### Absence from school

As the flu season is upon us so we thought it timely to remind parents about the procedure for informing the school of absence and what to do if late to school.

School begins at 8.30 am prompt. A bell goes at 8.25 am for children to make their way to their form rooms to be registered at 8.30 am.

If a child is absent from school, we must have notification before registration (8.30am) either in writing (email the school secretary [PrepSecretary@perse.co.uk](mailto:PrepSecretary@perse.co.uk)) or by telephone: 01223 403923. If a child is to be away for more than one day due to illness, one message is not sufficient. Parents must continue to contact the school secretary of each successive day of absence.

If a child is late and misses registration he/she must go to reception and sign in with the School secretary. All pupils in organised activities before School (for example music) will be registered at their activity and need not sign in at reception.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 3 Roman Day

Just a reminder that Y3 Roman Day is on Monday. Children should have brought home two instruction sheets today, but just to summarize:

- Please can children come to school wearing their costumes.
- Do remember to bring a warm jacket to wear at breaktimes!
- Lessons 1 & 2 and all individual music lessons will be as usual. The morning presentation starts at 10:40 a.m. and the afternoon session will end at about 3:10 p.m.
- Instructions for the follow-up written account are included on the second sheet.

### Cambridge Santa Run in support of EACH

Several members of staff are taking part in a sponsored Santa Run in support of our centenary charity EACH. Should anyone wish to sponsor the staff, a sponsorship form can be found in Reception together with additional forms for any parents brave enough to join us! Further information can be found at [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk).



### Badminton

The winners of this term's Badminton Doubles League are Henry Hackett and George Laing.

### Year 4 Football

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November all the boys in Year 4 will be walking down to St. Faith's to play football. There will be 7 matches, some starting at 3.00pm and some at 3.30pm. It is a great afternoon of football and your support would be most welcome. Team lists can be found on the Sports notice board and in the Y4 classrooms. You are free to take your son home straight after his match.

The afternoon cuts across Chess and Kung Fu clubs. Some children will still be able to go but some will miss out. Chess club is available on Wednesday to pupils who may miss their Tuesday session. This only happens once in the year and I hope that I can count on your understanding.

### Football Results

Perse 1<sup>st</sup> VII 2:4    King's College 1<sup>st</sup> VII  
Perse 2<sup>nd</sup> VII 3:0    King's College 2<sup>nd</sup> VII

Perse Under 9 A VI 7:0    Kimbolton Under 9 A VI  
Perse Under 9 B VI 0:2    Kimbolton Under 9 B VI  
Perse Under 9 C VI 6:0    Kimbolton Under 9 C VI  
Perse Under 9 D VI 6:0    Kimbolton Under 9 D VI



### Hockey Results

Perse Under 10 A VII 0:1    Kimbolton under 10 A VII  
Perse Under 10 B VII 0:1    Kimbolton under 10 B VII

### Extra station minibus

We have decided to run an additional afternoon bus from The Prep to the station for the remainder of this term ON A TRIAL BASIS. The Bus will depart at 3.50 from school. Anyone interested should contact Elinor.

There is also one space currently available on the morning station minibus which can be booked in the same way. Please also see information following the News Letter concerning the Haverhill-Linton-Cambridge minibus service.

### Well Done

Congratulations to **Gawtham Ravivaruman** for his recent Gold medal award in the Junior category of the Lincolnshire Young Musician of the year 2009.

## Congratulations

Bronze house point certificates have been awarded to **Thomas Woodley, James Godley, Faris Ashraf, Finn Baldwin, Ioannis Chatzikyriakos, Harry Weaving, Jessica Squibb, Kevin Zhang, Victoria Halstead, Thomas Baldwin, Oliver Brenton, Alfred Ley, Veniece Ramsey, Justin Squibb, Siddharth Chandrappa, Ceri Richardson, Robert Thomson, Alexander Toff, Claudia Baldelli, Ben Cameron, Adam Dunajski, Lara Phillips, George Sanders, Findlay Thompson, Alex Wardley, Gracie Baker, Anna-Katrine Sussex, Leo Huang** and **Abdullah Omar**. Well done all!

Yours sincerely



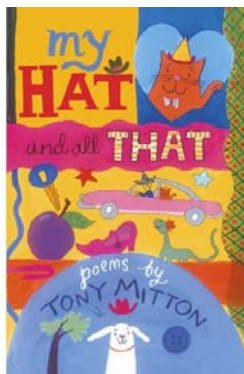
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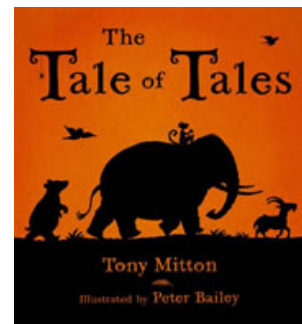
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# Library News

Here next week award-winning poet TONY MITTON!



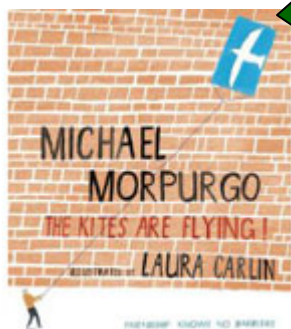
It's the turn of **Years 3 & 4** to enjoy an author visit. Tony will be coming next Friday to entertain them with his poetry. The range of his poetry is wide: the very funny 'raps', the more thought-provoking poems inspired by everyday life in 'My Hat and all That' and the fascinating storytelling tales in 'Tale of Tales' and the newly published 'Storyteller's Secret'. Have a look at the attached



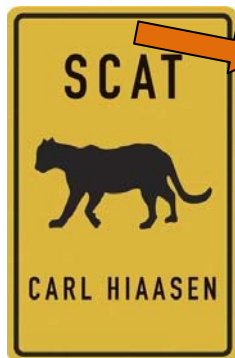
booklist for more information. You can still send in an order for a book to be signed for your child - but the books are all available to borrow too.

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## Other new books in stock this week are:



Travelling to the West Bank to witness how life is for Palestinians and Jews living in the shadow of a dividing wall, journalist Max strikes up a friendship with an enigmatic Palestinian boy, Said. As Max is welcomed as a guest, he learns of the terrible events in the family's past and begins to understand why Said no longer speaks. Told from both Max's and Said's points of view, Morpurgo has created a beautiful tale of tragedy and hope



When Mrs Starch, the most feared biology teacher in Florida, goes missing during a school trip to the Black Vine Swamp, her class is secretly relieved. The school principal tries to cover it up as a 'family emergency', but Nick and Marta just aren't convinced. ....

A new Christmas tale of Streaker the untrainable dog! She has had puppies - but they have disappeared!

