



THE PERSE PELICAN NURSERY AND PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

14 May 2010

STAFF UPDATE

I write to advise you that Mrs Chriss Baynes has been appointed as Head of Pre-Prep at Aldwickbury School in Harpenden. We are delighted for her as this promotion appropriately reflects her dedication and professionalism and it is richly deserved. We also fully understand that this opportunity allows her to return to live closer to her family. She will be sadly missed here when the time comes for her to leave us.

An advertisement will feature in next week's Cambridge Evening News in which we say that we are seeking a new Year 1 Teacher for either September 2010 or January 2011. If we were to find a suitable replacement for the beginning of September Mrs Baynes would take up her new post from then. Otherwise the position will be re-advertised early in the new academic year and Mrs Baynes will remain with us until Christmas.

PARENT SURVEY

This message comes from The Head of The Perse Upper School, Mr Ed Elliott:

I am very conscious that Perse parents have completed two online questionnaires in recent months (one our own parental survey, and one for the inspection). We will be sharing the key findings of both with parents shortly. I am hoping that you might be willing to take part in one final survey (I promise!) on Independent School fees. This is a national survey to help schools better understand how parents finance fees, and the pressures an independent school education places on family budgets. Given the current economic climate, this is an important piece of research which is being carried out by mtm, an independent market research company. I attach a letter giving further details.

MORNING DROP OFF

As we had hoped, we have seen a significant increase in the take up for Early Start in recent times and parents using the facility are parking in the front drive as they drop children off. When I initially discussed this in my newsletter dated 10 February 2010 I said that, *'this makes very good sense, but could I please make a related request; which is that you park well up to the gate so as to allow those staff who park in front of the school access to their parking place. This also avoids holding up the availability of space for those arriving early for Kiss and Ride. If you are dropping off at Early Start after 8.15a.m. then I am afraid that I must ask that you park in the road so that Kiss and Ride can operate smoothly'*. Since I last wrote two things have become clear. Firstly those of us who park in front of the school sometimes have to wait to access our space; which is fine. The other issue relates to how we accommodate Kiss and Riders and Early Start attendees in the same area. The only way this works is if Early Start drivers respect the parking watershed of 8.15a.m. Thank you for your consideration.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

A reminder please that the children should be smartly dressed in regulation school uniform (including hair adornments) for this important event on Wednesday, 19 May!

P Oates Headmistress