



# THE PERSE PELICAN NURSERY AND PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

27 March 2009

## FAREWELLS

As the term finishes we say farewell, and send our very best wishes to Oliver Montes, Rachitha Raghuram and Alexander Ribich. To each of them, and their respective families, we say do please keep in touch and let us know your news. In Rachitha's place we welcome Amarthya Chandrappa.

## RECEPTION CLASSES' PRODUCTION

'Tattybogle' was sheer joy and an enormously impressive production for children so young. I was immensely proud of what the children and the classroom staff had worked together to produce and of how well they all maintained their stamina through each of their public performances. Well done everyone!

## QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to the APP Committee for another superbly organised event which, as well as being great fun, has had the added bonus of raising £200 for APP funds. Particular thanks go to Mandy Baxter for setting the questions and who, together with Caroline Duffy oversaw all the arrangements. As ever Roly Owers' contribution as Quiz Master contributed much (even the unfunny jokes) to the evening's success and our thanks also go to him.

## RED NOSE DAY

A quick mention of the fact that we raised an impressive £309.99 'doing something funny for money'. I will not be drawn in to commenting on the staff's dancing techniques! However the pupils all seemed to be very competent!

## SECURITY

We have been monitoring the new security arrangements since the fencing and gate were installed and are very pleased with the way the new system is working, with one proviso, and that is the requirement for Mrs Norman to be at her desk for what can be a period of 25 minutes over the busy lunch time period in order to cover the opening of the gate as requested by the bell being pushed. From next term someone will be available to open the gate for the afternoon Nursery session from 1.10p.m.

## KISS AND RIDE

I am delighted that so many cars are now using this facility every day. On particularly busy mornings Mr Wilson and I open two car doors simultaneously in order to allow the in/out flow of vehicles to be as swift as possible without compromising the children's safety. **The smooth running of the scheme relies on cars being able to exit the drive towards Hills Road without delay. PLEASE CAN ALL DRIVERS RESPECT OUR REQUEST TO APPROACH THE SCHOOL FROM THE MOWBRAY ROAD DIRECTION. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU MENTION THIS TO ANYONE TO WHOM YOU DELEGATE THE MORNING DROP OFF.**

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities will start on Tuesday, 21 April for Year 2 and Wednesday, 22 April for Year 1.

Tuesday		Wednesday	
2RM	2LC	1AW	1CB
Gym Club	Computer Club	'Why Don't You?'	Cross Stitch

Attached is the form which we ask parents to complete. **This should be returned to the school office on the first day of next term.**

### **EARLY START AND LATE STAY**

Early Start and Late Stay will begin on the first day of term. To ensure that you get the places you require, especially for Early Start, it is recommended that you return the attached booking form during the holidays

### **PIANO AND VIOLIN LESSONS**

Piano lessons will recommence on Monday, 20 April and violin lessons on Thursday, 23 April.

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

A reminder that this is to be worn from the start of next term and that **every child MUST have a sun hat at school every day**. We have a uniform sun hat which is available for purchase from the school office. I must ask that you place your child's name clearly inside the hat. You will not be surprised to hear that staff spend quite a lot of time tracing owners and missing hats once the sunny weather arrives!

### **SUN SCREEN APPLICATION**

If the weather forecast indicates that we might expect a very sunny day parents are asked to apply suitable sun screen protection (SPF 15 or above is recommended) to their children before sending them to school. We provide gazebos for shade and pupils will be encouraged to play in shady areas during the hottest times. The staff on duty monitor the time spent in the sun. Where a medically recognised skin condition is evident the school may be prepared to apply sun screen to a child's face, neck and arms. In this event the sun screen must be supplied by the parent.

### **FOR CURRENT YEAR 1 PARENTS**

I thought you might appreciate early notice that there will be a meeting at The Prep School on Wednesday, 13 May, starting at 7.30p.m. at which Mr Ed Elliott (Upper School Head), Mr Gareth Jones (Prep Head) and I will provide information about transfer issues. More information will follow from Mr Jones next term.

### **SUMMER JAZZ EVENING**

Please mark the evening of Saturday, 20 June in your diaries for a Summer Jazz Evening being organised by the Association of Pelican Parents and the Perse Prep. Parents association. The event will be held in the Upper School Hall and promises to be a lively and entertaining evening with a jazz band, food, bar and dancing. More details to follow later in the Summer Term.

### **SUMMER FETE**

A separate flier is enclosed. Do please help – this is a major undertaking and many hands make light(er) work.

### **VOUCHERS**

A reminder that we are collecting the Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers and are grateful to those of you who send them in.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

As ever, this has been a very busy and successful term. This is in no small way due to the incredibly hardworking staff and I would like to thank them for their continuing commitment to your children and the school as a whole. I hope that they, and you all, enjoy a restful holiday.

Mrs Penny Oates  
Headmistress