



King's College
TAUNTON

PREP SCHOOL

Pelican News

The Pre-Prep Newsletter

15 September 2023

It has been a busy (and much more comfortable) second week of the term in which the hobbies programme commenced, Y7 Pelican Pals were recruited to begin their duties next week and the children reflected on the importance of having our Golden Rules. Our assembly friend, Lion Law, came along to assembly on Monday to help us develop our understanding of how the laws of our land and the rules of our school help us to keep safe, happy and healthy. I was impressed with the children's knowledge of road safety (wearing seatbelts, speed limits and the lines on the road that tell you when you can/can't overtake/park) as well as of who helps to enforce those laws and rules (Father Christmas being one of the first names suggested!) We read a story to help us consider what our school might be like if we abolished the rules and realised that while it might initially sound like a fabulous idea, it would soon become a place full of grouchy, upset and sad people. We have learned a song to try to help us 'stick to the rules like glue' and will explore each of our six Golden Rules in more detail over the coming weeks.

Thank you to the parents who attended the EYFS presentation on Monday. I hope you found it informative, and you went away with a little more knowledge about this stage in children's learning than you had when you arrived. The slideshow presentation can be accessed on My School Portal by navigating through the following tabs: School Information>School Documents>Curriculum. A reminder that we will be hosting the English and Maths curriculum presentation on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm aimed predominantly at parents with children new to Years 1 or 2 or who may have missed it last year. However, if your child is in Nursery or Reception and you would like to learn what comes next, please feel free to come along also.

Speech and Drama Taster Lessons

A reminder that Mr Kirby is offering a free 'taster' lesson to each year group at 12.30pm next week on the following days. If you would like your child to take part, please email him directly at AKirby@kings-taunton.co.uk

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 1: Wednesday

Reception: Thursday

Pelican Explorers

Our Pelican Explorers sessions start again next week with Pelican Pioneers on Tuesday and Pelican Playgroup on Wednesday. There will be 10 sessions of each this term with each one starting at 10am and finishing at 11.30am. If you would like to come along with your little ones or know someone else who might enjoy it, please let them know as we

very much like welcoming new faces into our Explorer family. Further details can be found on the school website or pop me an email.

TT Club

A polite reminder to book your child into TT Club, including children in Nursery. It is always advisable to book them a space if you *think* you might need it as we only cater for those who are on the register, by 12 noon each day. If you end up not needing the space, you won't be charged and the extra catering is soon demolished but if you haven't booked a space, it can't be guaranteed there is sufficient food for everyone.

Forest School Clothes

It is important for the children to wear long sleeves and long trousers/leggings to Forest School to keep them protected from nettles, brambles and holly leaves as well as from bites, stings, or ticks. This forms part of our Risk Assessment and so, going forward, if a child does not have the correct clothes, we may not be able to take them to the woods. This also applies to any child who arrives wearing a skirt or dress as these items of clothing are not appropriate for the type of activities we plan and do.

Reception

Hopefully, you have received a letter about the Vision Screening team visiting us in the next few weeks, as part of the National Screening Programme. It is important you complete this letter to opt-out if you do not wish for your child to take part.

It would be helpful if the children could have a key ring on their blue book bags which would help them to identify it. When all 13 bags look the same, it can be tricky to identify which one belongs to you!

Year 1

A reminder that we are going to King's College Chapel on Thursday for the very special occasion of Lion Law's baptism. Please ensure you have logged into My School Portal for all the details and to give your consent for your child to attend.

No TT Club Provision next Friday 22 September as it is a Long Weekend. All children should be collected by 3.30pm or 4.30pm if staying for hobbies/supervision.

Merits and Achievements

Reception H: Bjorn, Miya, Rosie and Walter

Year 1G: Ariana and Max

Year 1K: Finnian and Lucy

Year 2B: Belle and Humphrey

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Wilfred

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery











