



King's Hall School  
TAUNTON



# Pelican News



**17 March 2023**

In assembly on Monday, I asked the children if they would like to look after a new 'pet' I had brought to school. As you can imagine, a host of eager hands shot into the air! However, before revealing the pet, I said there were some things they needed to know as this particular pet can be very demanding and perhaps we should first ask the teachers what they thought. I proceeded to describe the following:

- When this pet is young it needs feeding six to eight times a day, including in the middle of the night.
- It makes a nasty smelly mess that must be cleaned up and it needs bathing every day.
- As it gets a bit bigger, you must spend a lot of time talking to it, playing with it and taking it for walks. It is also quite mischievous and can make quite a mess of your things if it is left by itself.
- It can be the cause of worry and sleepless nights: this stage lasts several years, and all the time it is growing. As it gets older, it will quite likely get into trouble sometimes and will eventually grow as big as you are and possibly even bigger.
- It is very expensive to look after. Feeding this pet and giving it all the other things it needs costs thousands of pounds every year. Can you afford it?

Unsurprisingly, the teachers were not particularly keen, but the inimitable enthusiasm of 4-7 years olds persisted and most remained eager to take charge of this new creature (although some sensibly changed their minds at the thought of cleaning up nasty smells and mess!) The Ambassador was given first choice to meet the pet but waived at the last minute and politely declined the offer. I then invited Wilfie who quickly jumped up in eager anticipation and came with me into the adjoining room for the big reveal. A hush fell upon the assembly room (bar a few squeals of excitement) followed by Wilfie's giggles as I showed him a mirror and he realised the 'pet' I had been describing was a child! After some initial confusion, we went through the description again for looking after this 'pet' and realisation quickly dawned that babies/children fitted it perfectly. This then led to us thinking about all the things our parents do for us and, in particular, our wonderful mummies and how we might show our love and appreciation to her on Sunday when we celebrate Mother's Day. I do wish we could have recorded all the lovely things the children said about their mummies and all the things they might do for her on Sunday; if they forget the intentions were definitely there! However, you decide to celebrate, I do hope Mothering Sunday in your home is full of joy, peace and love.

### **Year 1 & 2 Parent-Teacher Meetings**

We are looking forward to sharing your children's progress with you on Monday afternoon so please ensure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher on My School Portal.

A reminder that if your appointment time is post 4.30pm, the children are welcome to attend TT Club free of charge but must be booked in by contacting the main school office.

### **Hobbies**

On Monday you will receive an email with details for summer term hobbies and a link to book them online. I encourage you to do this as soon as you are able as some choices have limited spaces.

A reminder that a term's notice is required if your child decides they no longer wish to continue with Ballet or Speech lessons. This includes children currently in Year 2 if they no longer wish to continue into Year 3.

Please note that there will be **NO HOBBIES** on Monday due to Year 1 and 2 Parent-Teacher meetings taking place. The children can either be collected at 3.30pm or will be supervised by their respective Teaching Assistant.

Miss Lily has invited parents of the children who attend Ballet lessons to watch the final lesson of the term next week in the Arts Centre at the following times:

- Nursery/Reception: 3.00pm - 3.30pm
- Year 1 & 2: 3.30pm - 4.00pm

### **Lent Term Informal Concert**

This term's concert takes place on Tuesday at 3.30pm in the Arts Centre with the following children nominated to play. However, if you think your child should be playing but isn't on the list or if your child is tutored outside of school and would like the opportunity to perform, please do contact me.

**Reception:** Logan

**Year 2:** Albert, Bertie, Gabriel, Ophelia, Rufus

### **End of Term Plea**

Please could all children bring a named bag into school next week in which to transport their many belongings home.

### **Football Cards**

We have noticed several children bringing football cards into school with promises being made of 'trading' and 'gifting' which we cannot allow to happen. Therefore, please reiterate to your child that these cards should only be brought to school for Golden Time and any trading/gifting needs to be done outside of school via consent from parents.

### **Nursery**

We look forward to welcoming you to our assembly on Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm in the Arts Centre.

Can you help Nursery 2 who are in urgent need of plastic drinks bottles (milk or carbonated drink style) and would greatly appreciate as many as possible for our Nursery Garden; we need about 80!!!!

### **Lunch Menu**

Week 1

**A reminder that term finishes next Friday at 12 noon or 12.30pm for siblings of children in the House Music competition or for those who use the school buses.**

### **Merits and Achievements**

*Congratulations to the following children who have 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved:*

**Gold Award:** Theo

**Reception K:** Otto

**Reception H:** Cecily, Henry and Logan

**Year 1G:** Archie, Isabella, Paul and Walter

**Year 2K:** Arthur and Cooper

**Year 2H:** Leila and Thanos

**Pre-Prep Ambassador:** Gabriel

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery









