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## Head of Pre-prep – introduction

Dear Parents,

In the past two weeks there have been many exciting events in which the children have had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills. Last week our school councillors at each Pre-prep school planned and organised a number of activities to raise money for 'Children in Need'. Both schools wanted to dress up and at Madingley the school councillors voted that they should dress as Kings and Queens for the day. Everyone arrived in their regal costumes and spent the afternoon buying cakes to feast on. The City school decided to wear their pyjamas to raise money, and for a small donation could bring their teddy to school for a teddy bears picnic. There was lots of laughter and cheers in the morning assembly when a video call between the two schools revealed the outfits that the teachers were wearing! The day was a great success and the school councillors would like to thank the teachers and parents that helped them in making their arrangements for the day. In total the Pre-prep raised £245, thank you to all the parents for their generous donations.

As rehearsals for the Pre-prep nativity began this week the Year 2 children's leadership skills were put to the test when they took centre stage at St Mary Magdelene church, telling the story of the nativity - from a sheep's perspective. Some of the children even commented that having a lead role is not always easy, especially when they are required to 'round up' lots of little sheep (the younger children in the Pre-prep)! With a few more weeks to go until the performance there is plenty of time for the children to fine tune their leadership qualities.

At this time of year the Pre-prep children have lots of opportunities to find out more about the Junior School. With visits during the school day and workshops and taster events at the weekend the Year 2 children are becoming experts on Junior School life. They are especially interested in the many leadership opportunities available to Junior School children: the House Captains have been busy preparing house assemblies to share with their parents and the Junior School and Year 4 have been designing and marketing new cocktails. Inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit, the Pre-prep have been designing and inventing. One of the Year 2 children invented a 'Sconzillar' - a creature that cleans, has a torch and handy storage holes.



Sconzillar

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Being a leader is also very important in our younger classes - the Kindergarten and Reception have regular leadership roles that include being the first in the line, collecting the register and counting all the children in the class to check that they are present. The 'leader' is extremely popular amongst the children and they carefully ensure that every child has their turn by checking the list of names and seeing whose turn it is next. In all these leadership opportunities the children are learning to share, listen to others, organise themselves and to look after one another. These skills are crucial when learning to collaborate with others and it is great when they start to master them at such a young age.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend with our future leaders!

With kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Holyoake  
Head of Pre-prep

Please visit our Tumblr pages to find out more about what the Pre-prep classes have been up to:  
[stephenperse.tumblr.com](http://stephenperse.tumblr.com)





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## Pre-prep and iPads

In the PrePrep using Cambridge as our campus was vital in our learning this week. As part of our creative work, we took iPads to collect images of buildings' features that we could use in our castle collages.

Looking carefully, we captured doors, windows, towers, gates, paving and brickwork. Having uploaded our photos to our Google Drive, we look forward to using the images to make our own collages on Explain Everything.

Sadly we didn't see any drawbridges but we are happy to use our researching skills to find further images on the Internet!

As our topic continues to develop and take our learning in different directions we are gaining a great depth of knowledge about Kings, Queens and their lives.



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# Newsletter

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## Christmas Fair



### Stephen Perse Foundation Junior School & Pre-Prep Christmas Fair



10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday, 7 December 2013  
St Eligius Street, Cambridge CB2 1HX

## CALL FOR DONATIONS

To help make this year's Christmas Fair a great success, we would appreciate donations of any of the following:



- Books
- *Wrapped Bottles for the tombola*
- *Clean, label-free Jam Jars filled with £1 worth of small items*



Collections boxes are out now in the Junior School and Madingley Reception Areas and will remain there until Wednesday, 4 December.



We would also very much appreciate donations of cakes, biscuits, or buns for the cake stall. (Please bring these to either school on Friday, 6 December.)

***Thanks and see you at the fair!***

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