



HEADLINES

Friday 4th November 2016

NOVEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Patience	House points not counted yet!	Ducklings	Powell Parents

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy November!

There's a real sense of Autumn in the air this week, and we are looking forward to what is always the busiest term of the school year! Our value for November is 'Patience' - a very relevant theme as we begin to think about how hard it can be to wait for something we want. Please help us instil this life skill in our children and use Mrs Harber's monthly values letter as a great starting point.

This week at Powell...

Mission Accomplished!

This week we received notification that the second consignment was delivered to the Help Refugees warehouse in Calais, where it was very much welcomed. This is the update from the Dorking based charity who received your generous harvest donations:

"1500 unaccompanied minors remain in camp with apparently the UK and French governments still "discussing" what should be done with them. In the meantime they have been moved to the containers on the camp, while everything around them is demolished. There they have no running water, sanitation worse than basic (there is a video on Help Refugees UK Facebook and Instagram pages), no facilities to cook etc. Volunteers cannot get into the containers, but have been serving three meals a day from the road outside - in the Refugee Community Kitchen and other parts of the warehouse, the volunteers have been working for 14 hours a day.

Yesterday they just served one meal - rice, curried beans, mixed salad with a spicy dressing and freshly baked bread. We were preparing the raw ingredients for forthcoming meals - peeling onions and garlic (a seemingly endless task given the required quantities). Others were baking banana bread after a donation of overripe bananas - nothing is wasted. Your food was therefore gratefully received - with the news that the camps have been "emptied", donations and short term volunteers have both dried up. Within the eight hours we were there, the stocks had diminished obviously. And they THINK about what they are giving out, because food parcels also being made up. With so many minors (the youngest apparently 11), they are restricting sugary biscuits etc., instead putting in some of the dried fruit and nuts that were part of our donation.

So thank you all for your various parts in this. It exceeded every expectation. Should anybody express an interest in volunteering out there, do contact worldchurch@stpaulsdorking.org.uk - we have an info sheet which will help. And any offers of donation are best directed to <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/helprefugees>. And once again, on behalf of those who have received a blessing of food via your donation or efforts, THANK YOU"

Reception Parents Induction Questionnaire

Many thanks to all the reception parents who took the time to complete our Reception Induction Questionnaire. We are always looking for ways to improve the service we provide and very much value your feedback. The questionnaire closes today and we will be analysing responses next week, but having had a quick look, hard to resist (!), there are so many positive comments. Thank you.

Parent Appointments

It was great to see so many parents attending parent teacher appointments Tuesday and Thursday of this week. The comments on our WOW board from parents were again overwhelming supportive and positive. A few examples...

"We have always loved the friendly nature of Powell. Approachable staff and good new governors"

"I always have a happy child, nurtured in school. Thank you"

"Our son has made a very happy start to school in the reception class"

"I love the way the staff are always so well informed about the children's work"

Fab school. We are very happy with the children's progress here. Lovely caring staff".

Many thanks to the governors who gave up their time to provide refreshments and a welcoming face at the door!

Inclusion News

As you know, we regularly look at the additional support your children get in and out of class. If your child is affected by any changes to their support you should get a letter informing you this week. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Mitchell. senco@pcps.uk

Star of the Week

Well done Powell Parents! This week we've had parents helping with transport to the cross country, making and selling cakes, supporting our children fantastically on the Year 5 and 6 trip to Guildford Spike, and one incredibly kind parent who gave up their own lunch to give to a child who had forgotten theirs for the trip. Thank you for all of your support- we really appreciate it!

Maths Stars of the Week

Sophie (Year 6) for perseverance, Ethan (Year 5) for hard work squaring and cubing numbers, Emily D (Year 3) for her fantastic counting back when dividing, Joseph (Year 1) for super thinking about halves and quarters.

Coming Up next week...

❖ Open Days

We will be proudly opening our doors to prospective parents on Tuesday 8th November 9.30-11.00am and Thursday 10th November 1.30-3.00pm. Please spread the word and feel free to collect flyers from the Office to distribute to anyone who may be looking for a school place.

❖ Poppies for Remembrance Day

Next week we will be selling poppies and poppy-merchandise, including a small selection of rulers, wrist bands, rubbers and pencils, all in aid of the British Legion. Children will be allowed to wear poppies in school but please ensure they have a safety pin or sticker, not a sewing pin, to avoid any playground injuries!



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❖ **Nasal Flu Immunisations for Years 1,2 and 3**

These will be taking place Friday 11th November at 1.30 p.m for children in Years 1,2, and 3 **but only if the school has received parental permission.** We have been asked by the school nurse team to inform you, that if your child has asthma and increases their medication for the condition 3 days prior to vaccination date then they will not be able to have the vaccine. Please inform the Office if this applies to your child.

Please could I ask that you do not allow your children to play in the wooden planter at the bottom of the drive which has recently been planted with new winter bedding plants. Thank you to the kind volunteers who came in during the holidays to plant the beds up- they look beautiful!

Have a great weekend. See you next week!

Mrs Smart

Head Teacher

CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 7 Nov	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	<p>School Office Closed Apologies but the school office will be closed on Monday afternoon.</p> <p>Activity Clubs Please note that the following Clubs will not be run on the following dates:</p> <p>Photography - Thursday 24th November</p> <p>Dorking Forest School Rangers Dorking Forest School rangers after school club is back on from the 9th November until 7th December. Every Wednesday from 3.10pm until 17.10pm £12/session 5 week block (£60 for the term). Pick up outside the school hall. We have 8 spaces left. Please email me at mimi@dorkingforestschoolorangers.co.uk if you would like to sign up your child/ren. www.dorkingforestschoolorangers.co.uk</p>
Tue, 8 Nov, 09.30 - 11.00	2017 Admission Open Morning	
Thu, 10 Nov, 13.30-15.00	2017 Admission Open Afternoon	
w/c Mon, 14 Nov	National Anti-Bullying Week	
Fri, 18 Nov	Bag 2 School Collection	
Fri, 25 Nov, 13.00	Robin Class to visit St.Paul's Church	
Fri, 25 Nov	FOPCS Mufti in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fair	
Thur, 1 Dec - Mon, 5 Dec	FOPCS Decorated Jar Competition	
Mon, 5 Dec	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Sat, 10 Dec, 14.00-16.00	FOPCS Christmas Fair	
Tue, 13 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15	Duckling Class Nativity Play	
Thu, 15 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15	Owl and Robin Class Christmas Production	
Mon, 19 Dec, 09:10 – 09:40	Autumn Awards Assembly	
Mon, 19 Dec, 12:00 – 13:00	Christmas Lunch	
Mon, 19 Dec, 13:30 – 15:00	Staff Pantomime	
Tue, 20 Dec, 09:10 – 10:10	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert	
Wed, 21 Dec	Last Day of Term	
Thur, 22 Dec - Mon, 2 Jan	Christmas Holidays	
Tue, 3 Jan	School Closed – INSET Training Day	
Mon, 9 Jan	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Thu, 2 Feb, 09:10 – 09.30	Owl Class Assembly	
Fri, 3 Feb	NSPCC Number Day	
		FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS
		Thanks to everyone who baked for the cake sale this morning, what a great selection of tempting bakes we had! We will obviously let you know how much was



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Tue, 7 Feb	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	raised as soon as we can.
Tue, 7 Feb	National Safer Internet Day	The beautiful Christmas cards designed by the children should have come home this week in book bags. Please return the order forms together with the correct money to the office by Tuesday 8 th . If paying by cheque, please could you make it payable to the "Friends of Powell Corderoy School".
Fri, 10 Feb	School Council Talent Show	
Mon, 13 Feb– Fri, 17 Feb	Half Term	
Tue, 21 Feb, 15:30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	
Thu, 23 Feb	Bag 2 School Collection	
Thu, 23 Feb, 17:00 – 19:30	Parents' Evening	
w/c Mon, 27 Feb	Book Week	
Thu, 2 Mar	World Book Day	
Mon, 6 Mar	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	Bag2School collection is Friday the 18 th November. Please do think about donating your old clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. The school receives money for every kilogram we send in. Bags can either be brought in on the afternoon of Thursday 17 th November or the morning of the 18 th November.
w/c Mon, 13 Mar	British Science Week	
Thu, 16 Mar, 09.10- 09.30	Robin Class Assembly	
Tue, 28 Mar, 14:00 – 15:00	Kingfisher & Ibis Class Production	
Thu, 30 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40	Spring Awards Assembly	
Fri, 31 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40	Easter Assembly	
Fri, 31 Mar, 14:30 – 15:00	Easter Assembly	
Mon, 3 Apr – Mon, 17 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Tue, 18 Apr	Children return to school	
Tue, 18 Apr	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	For the very organised amongst you who are already doing Christmas shopping please can I ask you to sign up to Give As You Live. It is easy to sign up on the website and by choosing Friends of Powell Corderoy as your charity we get money every time you buy from a long list of popular retailers.
Tue, 25 Apr – Fri, 28 Apr	Book Fair	
Wed, 26 Apr, 09:00 – 12:00	Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5	
Thu, 27 Apr, 09:00 – 12:00	Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5	
Fri, 28 April 2017, 09:30 –12.00	Pedals Course - Robin Class	
Mon, 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Mon, 8 May	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Mon, 8 May – Fri, 12 May	Key Stage 2 SATs week	
Mon, 15 May – Fri, 19 May	Key Stage 1 SATs week	
Mon, 15 May – Fri, 19 May	Bikeability Level 2 - Year 6	
Wed, 17 May	Duckling Class Ladyland Farm Trip	
Thu, 18 May, 09:00 – 12:00	Class Photographs	
Mon, 22 May – Fri, 26 May	Year 6 Residential Thames Young Mariners	
Thu, 25 May, 09:10 – 09:30	Duckling Class Assembly	
Mon, 29 May – Fri, 2 Jun	Half Term	
Mon, 5 Jun– Fri, 9 Jun	Healthy Lifestyles Week	
Thu, 8 Jun	Bag 2 School Collection	
Fri, 9 Jun, 09:30 – 13:30	Sports Day	
Mon, 12 Jun – Fri, 16 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
Thu, 15 Jun – Fri, 16 Jun	Year 5 Residential to Bentley Copse	
Mon, 19 Jun– Fri, 23 Jun	Bikeability Level 2 - Year 6	
Wed, 21 Jun	National Music Day	
Wed, 21 Jun, 09:10 – 10:10	Music Assembly	
Fri, 30 Jun	Summer Festival	

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Breakfast & After School Club	07518 697751
Friends of Powell	fopcs@pcps.uk
Parent Council	01306 883373
Surrey County Council	0300 123 1620
<i>Hotline to report concerns about a child</i>	
Child Line	0800 1111
Family Line	0808 800 5678



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Tue, 4 Jul, TBC	Secondary School Induction Day
Tue, 4 Jul	Children move up to new classes
Thu, 6 Jul	School Reports go home
Wed, 12 Jul	Duckling Class Garsons Farm Trip
Thu, 13 Jul, 14:00 – 15:00	Year 5/6 Production
Thu, 13 Jul, 18:00 – 19:00	Year 5/6 Production
Mon, 17 Jul, 14:45 – 15:15	Showcase Afternoon
Mon, 17 Jul, 15:30 – 16:30	Parent Drop-ins
Mon, 17 Jul,	Year 6 Bowling in Horsham
Tue, 18 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40	Summer Awards Assembly
Tue, 18 Jul, 14:30 – 15:00	Parent Helpers' Thank You Tea
Wed, 19 Jul	Whole School Beach Trip
Thu, 20 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40	Leavers' Assembly/End of Term
Fri, 21 Jul	INSET Day



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