



HEADLINES

Friday 2nd December 2016

DECEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
Unity	Chestnut	Robin	Years 3 and 4

Dear Parents,

This week at Powell...

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Shah Jahan Mosque

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a wonderful day yesterday at Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking. Both classes have been learning about Islam this term, but reading about religious buildings cannot compare to being there- there were shrieks of excitement as the dome of the mosque emerged between the buildings as we arrived, and many children were left open-mouthed when we finally stepped inside. Our fantastic guide for the day, Muhammad, who attended church primary and secondary schools in Woking, was able to explain very clearly about the pillars of Islam, but also the many links between Islam and other world religions such as Christianity. Thank you to all of our parent helpers for their support on the day.

Advent Journey

Thursday saw the hall transformed into a festive feast of fun and glitter! The Advent Journey consisted of the children working in groups on a variety of Christmas activities such as angel making, postcard and Christmas card writing, creating glittery stars and exploring a twinkly tent full of lights. As the children moved through the different activities they received a stamp in their Advent passport. Many thanks to Mrs Doyle and her willing volunteers from the New Life and Crossways churches, Dorking.

Inclusion

Does your child have a hidden talent or skill? Maybe they play an instrument, paint, act or do a sport outside of school at which they shine. Maybe their skill is in helping others. Are they involved in charity work, volunteering or caring for an adult or child in the family? Let us know! We want to celebrate the many ways in which our children make the world a better place, and develop their talents in the wider community. E-mail Miss Mitchell or contact your child's teachers to let us know. senco@pcps.uk

Star(s) of the Week

Years 3 and 4 are our Stars this week- the mosque have up to seventy schools visiting each year, and we were told that they have never had a group of children this age listen so attentively and ask such thoughtful questions. Well done to all of you!

Maths Stars of the Week

Freddie W (Year 1) for writing subtraction number sentences, Arashio (Year 2) for presenting his work thoughtfully while doing multiplication, Kayleigh (Year 6) for her fantastic attitude to learning times tables at home, Ella (Year 5) for always reflecting on her work and looking for improvements, Thomas L (Year 3) for his accurate use of measures, and Gerta (Year 4) for her fantastic reasoning. Ryan F (Panda Maths Group) for not only completing his own set maths, but challenging himself by learning about area.

The week ahead...

Common Entrance

This is the time of year when year 6 children and families start planning for Common Entrance exams for entry into local independent schools. With this in mind I have invited the former Head of Academics and Deputy of a local preparatory school to come and share ways to support your child through this process if this is an option you have chosen or maybe considering in the future. We will be meeting in the Hut on Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm so please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Leith Hill

On Saturday 3rd December the Leith Hill Action Group have organised a 'protection walk' as a way to peacefully protest against the proposals to drill for oil at Leith Hill, Brockham, Albury, Holmwood and South Weald. Please see attached a flyer outlining the details if you are available to support this worthy cause.

Owls Visit

As part of our learning about church buildings, Year 1 are planning to visit Crossways Baptist Church in Dorking during the morning of Friday 9th December. They will meet some of the people who come to lead our Wednesday Open the Book assemblies and will tell us all about the different parts of the church.

Phonics

Phonics and maths are our two focus curriculum areas this year and one way we ask our families to support the children is by pronouncing the sounds of letters correctly at home, when helping with reading and writing. With that in mind I have included a link to an online clip which demonstrates how to articulate the phonemes (letter sounds) we teach in school.

[Articulation of Phonemes](#)

Another online resource you may find useful and the children will certainly enjoy. Letters and Sounds is the phonics programme we use at school and their website includes lots of phonic games to reinforce letter sounds for Reception to Year 2.

[Letters and Sounds](#)

Car Park

On Wednesday 7th December The Priory School have arranged to use the car park at the end of the drive from 8.30am. This will obviously have an impact on us at drop off. Please be aware and allow extra time when getting to school.

Absence

As germs multiply and immune systems start to suffer, can I remind parents of the need to notify the school of any absence **every day** your child is ill. Ensuring all children are accounted for every day is part of our strict safeguarding procedure so please support us in this. [Attendance Policy](#)

Have a great weekend. See you next week!

Mrs Smart

Head Teacher



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CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Thur, 1 Dec - Mon, 5 Dec Mon, 5 Dec	FOPCS Decorated Jar Competition £40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	<p>Activity Clubs</p> <p>Mrs Simms has advised us that there will not be swimming Club next week. The last session will be on Thursday 15th December</p> <p>Tickets for School Productions</p> <p>Places for all school productions before the end of term can be booked online, using our parents evening system. Please visit: https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk to reserve seats for the relevant production/event. Login with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pupil's First Name · Pupil's Surname · Pupil's Date of Birth <p>Once you have logged in, you will need to select Events and then proceed from there. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to reserve seats.</p> <p>The booking system will open at 8pm tonight.</p> <p>This is the first time that we have used this system to book seats for productions, so if you do experience any difficulties using the system, please do not hesitate to contact the Office</p>
Sat, 10 Dec, 14.00-16.00 Tue, 13 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15 Thu, 15 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15	FOPCS Christmas Fair Duckling Class Nativity Play Owl and Robin Class Christmas Production	
Mon, 19 Dec, 09:10 – 09:40 Mon, 19 Dec, 12:00 – 13:00 Mon, 19 Dec, 13:30 – 15:00 Tue, 20 Dec, 09:10 – 10:10 Wed, 21 Dec Thur, 22 Dec - Mon, 2 Jan Tue, 3 Jan	Autumn Awards Assembly Christmas Lunch Staff Pantomime Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Last Day of Term Christmas Holidays School Closed – INSET Training Day	
Mon, 9 Jan	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Fri, 27 Jan Thu, 2 Feb, 09:10 – 09.30 Fri, 3 Feb Tue, 7 Feb	FOPCS Children's Disco Owl Class Assembly NSPCC Number Day £40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Tue, 7 Feb Fri, 10 Feb Mon, 13 Feb– Fri, 17 Feb Tue, 21 Feb, 15:30 – 18:00 Thu, 23 Feb Thu, 23 Feb, 17:00 – 19:30 w/c Mon, 27 Feb Thu, 2 Mar	National Safer Internet Day School Council Talent Show Half Term Parents' Evening Bag 2 School Collection Parents' Evening Book Week World Book Day	
Mon, 6 Mar w/c Mon, 13 Mar Thu, 16 Mar, 09.10- 09.30 Tue, 28 Mar, 14:00 – 15:00	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners British Science Week Robin Class Assembly Kingfisher & Ibis Class Production	
Thu, 30 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40 Fri, 31 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40 Fri, 31 Mar, 14:30 – 15:00 Mon, 3 Apr – Mon, 17 Apr Tue, 18 Apr Tue, 18 Apr	Spring Awards Assembly Easter Assembly Easter Assembly Easter Holidays Children return to school £40.00 Instalment due for Thames	
		<p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</p> <p>Monday 19th December</p> <p><i>British Roast Turkey with a Chipolata Sausage & Stuffing</i> or <i>Festive Parcel(Quorn)</i> <i>Served with Seasonal Vegetables,</i> <i>Roast Potatoes & Gravy.</i> ~ <i>Decorated Chocolate Slice</i></p> <p>Payment is required only for all Junior children. The absolute deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch is Thursday 8th December.</p>



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Head Teacher: Mrs Emma Smart Deputy Head -Teacher: Mr Richard Darke

	Young Mariners
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
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

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

There have been some fantastic entries to the Jam Jar competition, judging is on Monday so there is still time to get creative over the weekend. Good luck!

Tree orders are due in today (2nd), so please return this afternoon if you haven't already done so.

Raffle tickets are due in on Wednesday please but if you need more they will be on sale all next week and at the fair itself (50p per ticket). We have some fantastic prizes on offer so make sure you have a chance of winning!

Tickets to see Father Christmas at the fair will be on sale at drop off and pick up all next week. Children will see the big man in groups of 6 so get together your friends and get in early to get the time that suits you. The price is £2 per child.

We will also be selling numbers for the Bauble bonanza (the school's lottery Christmas special) next week.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the fair, it really wouldn't be possible without you all. We are still short in some areas so if you can spare half an hour it would be hugely appreciated!

We are also asking for the following:

- Sweet and savoury bakes for the café (no nuts please). Please bring these to school on Friday the 9th or to the fair itself.
- Bottles for the tombola
- Named dressing up for the photo booth
- Wrapping paper and ribbon for Presents for Parents stall

Thank you in advance!

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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