



# HEADLINES

Friday 13th January 2017

JANUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Happiness	Chestnut	Duckling	Barry

Dear Parents,

## Snow and Ice

The predicted snow arrived late yesterday afternoon, which led to lots of parents asking about whether the school would be opening today. If the weather is poor and we do have further heavy snow, or ice like today, the school will make a decision as to whether we will have to close by 7am.

The decision to close is always a difficult one to make as we understand that this can be highly inconvenient for parents- however, the safety and welfare of the children and staff has to be our priority. Many of our staff travel from quite a distance and whether they can safely drive in must be considered, before looking at the safety of the school site itself and the risks posed by ice on surrounding streets and pathways. This morning, with only a slight chance of further snow and with conditions underfoot due to improve as the day goes on we were able to open, thanks greatly to Barry's hard work to grit and clear as many of the pathways as he could.



The children have had an amazing time making snowmen on the field at break time this morning, and Year One have had a wonderful time at their Forest Schools session, learning about keeping warm outside, by the campfire enjoying a mug of hot chocolate. We hope that today will be a day that all of the children enjoyed and that they will remember for years to come.

In future, if we do have to close because of the weather, you will be notified by parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity, a message will be added to the front page of the school website and the closure will be announced on the Facebook page too. Eagle Radio, BBC Surrey and Heart will also be informed so that the closure is announced on the radio.

## E-Safety

Everything we do online leaves a "digital footprint". As parents, teachers, and pupils we all have a responsibility to be aware of this and to take preventative measures to remain safe online. We will be focusing on this as a school, but would also ask you as family members to make sure your children and family members remain safe online. This link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38508888> will help provide some more information on what you can do to remain safe.

### **Inclusion News**

Last year we had parent meetings and training for spelling, dyslexia, anxiety and ASD. Is there something you would like more information on? Let me know what would be useful for you to learn more about. You can either contact me directly every morning at the gate, or via the school office or by email at [senco@pcps.uk](mailto:senco@pcps.uk)

### **School Applications**

Please remember the closing date for applications to Reception in September 2017 is this Sunday the 15th January!

### **This week at Powell...**

#### **Star of the Week**

A huge thank you to Barry for his hard work this morning ensuring the school site was safe for the children by the time they arrived- what a star!

#### **Maths Stars of the Week**

Ava (Year 6) for her perseverance, when work with algebra became challenging this week, Ethan (Year 5) for his efforts that have seen him double his previous times tables score, Jess (Year 3) for her wonderful work with addition, Evie P (Year 1) for working really hard with counting activities this week and Ethan (Year 2) for using language of fractions accurately.

#### **Egyptian Workshop**

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed fantastic workshops on Ancient Egypt this week, learning about mummification, hieroglyphs, Gods amongst other things. It was a really positive introduction to what should be a very exciting topic for this half-term.

#### **Interested in Snorkelling?**

We have been asked by Dorking Snorkelling Club to advertise a free event of theirs at Dorking Leisure Centre on Sunday 22nd January. If your child can swim at least 50m, why not contact them for more information? Call Guy Dubois on 07941 984 227 or [dorksnorkclub1@gmail.com](mailto:dorksnorkclub1@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

*Mrs Smart*

**Head Teacher**



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CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
<b>Sun, 15 Jan</b>	<b>Final day for Reception 2017 applications to Surrey CC</b>	<b>Reminders</b>
Fri, 27 Jan	FOPCS Children's Disco	<b>Dinner Money - KS2</b>
Thu, 2 Feb, 09:10 – 09.30	Owl Class Assembly	Please could I remind you that school dinners must be paid for in advance. Children will no longer be served with a school meal if money is owing.
Fri, 3 Feb	NSPCC Number Day	<b>First Day Absence Calls</b>
Tue, 7 Feb	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	If your child is unwell or is not in school for any other reason, the school must be notified either by telephone or alternatively by email to <a href="mailto:info@pcps.uk">info@pcps.uk</a> before 8.55am.
Tue, 7 Feb	National Safer Internet Day	
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	
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	
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	
		<b>FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS</b>
		It's nearly Disco time again! Mr Skinner is booked in for the 27 <sup>th</sup> January, the infant disco will take place from 6-7pm and the junior's from 7.15-8.15pm. Tickets will be on sale in the playground in the week leading up to the discos and tickets are priced at £3.
		We will be organising a second hand uniform sale before half term (date to be confirmed) so if you have any unwanted items, please bring them into the office.
		Following the success of last year's quiz night at Rialto we have rebooked for the 21 <sup>st</sup> February. Tickets are just £10 which includes a buffet supper. Entry forms will be sent out with next weeks Headlines so start getting those teams of six organised!
		Looking ahead, the next Bag2School collection is booked in for the 23 <sup>rd</sup> February.
		<b>USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS</b>
		Powell Corderoy Governors 01306 868165 chairofgovernors@pcps.uk
		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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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
<b>School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018</b>	
Whilst the INSET dates for the next academic year will not be decided until the Summer Term. Please find detailed below the school term and holiday dates for 2017/2018.	
Autumn Term 2017	Mon 4 Sept - Thurs 21 Dec
Half Term	Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct
Spring Term 2018	Thurs 4 Jan - Thurs 29 Mar
Half Term	Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb
Summer Term 2018	Mon 16 Apr - Mon 23 Jul
Half Term	Mon 28 May - Fri 1 Jun



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