



HEADLINES

Friday 22nd September 2017

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
RESPONSIBILITY	To follow	Ducklings Class	Barry

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure

Due to a power shortage in Longfield Road, the school was closed today to children for safety reasons. Power has now been resumed at the school with an emergency generator. This has enabled all our emergency systems to be tested and reset to ensure that the school is safe for children to return. We intend to open on Monday as normal but if there is any change to this further updates will be communicated through Parentmail. A special thank you to our wonderful caretaker, Barry, for working through the night!

Last Year's Year 6 SATS Results

It is with pleasure we can announce that last year our Year 6 achieved fantastic SATs results, with 93.1% of the class passing the Reading, SPAG and Maths tests. In addition to this, 76% of the class also achieved the expected level in writing. Of those children who did reach the expected level, twelve children (41.4%) also achieved Greater Depth in Writing. The all subjects pass rate of 72.4% put Powell 11.4% above the pass rate nationally (61%). We are incredibly proud of all our children for these results and for Miss Watkins and last year's Year 6 for working so hard all year to support such good progress throughout the year.

A big thank you!

Over the summer and at the start of this term, we have received a number of gifts to the school from our Amazon wishlist. They are all greatly appreciated as school funding is making it harder and harder to fund resources. We have tried hard to thank the people who sent them in, but some have arrived anonymously. If it was you - thank you!

Parent Helpers

PLEASE, PLEASE see your child's class teacher if you are able to give any time to hear readers in school. We are desperate for more reading hours, especially in Key Stage 1! Thank you in advance, and a BIG thank you to those of you who have already committed your time - it is hugely appreciated.

Spellings

This week children in Years 2-6 will be bringing home their new spelling books. It is vital that the children practise these words at home each week to help with their writing. There will be information in the book on how to support your child, as well as the spelling strategies we use at school, the list of words your child is learning, and a form for parents to record how the children are getting on with spelling at home. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Maths Stars of the Week



Well done to the following children for achieving the maths star in their class this week: Rachel R (Y1) for explaining equal means “the same as”, William (Y3) for wonderful enthusiasm and perseverance with column addition, Henry H (Y5) for improving his presentation and the accuracy of his work and Alice B (Y6) for an amazing attitude to her maths every day, always working incredibly hard. Another excellent bunch of mathematicians this week.

Maths homework

This year we are trialling online homework using a website www.mymaths.co.uk. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be coming home with usernames and passwords to access their portal within this website. Year 6 have been testing out the website - thank you Year 6.

Here are a few of the key features that you will need to know: on the home page, everyone has the same username and password, which are: username (powell) and password (triangle128). Once you have pressed ‘log in’, you will be taken to the next page where you have to enter another username and password where it says ‘My Portal’. These are individual and will be given to your child by their teacher. They will be written in the reading journals on page 6. This will then take you on to a new page, where the teacher will have allocated the homework. There will be an opportunity to feedback on how you are finding it at the end of the first term - please let your class teacher know of any teething problems so we can address them!

Cross Country Morning Club

Cross Country Club for Years 3 - 6, will start on Thursday 28th September at 8.00am. If you would like to reserve a place for your child please use the online booking system, powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk, or contact the office.

Carpenter Wanted!

Our playground storyteller chair is in need of some love and attention. Where it sits in the ground it has started to rot. Would you be prepared to give your time to get it all lovely again for us? Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Photographer Wanted!

The photos on our school website are in need of updating - most of the children have now left the school! Is there a budding photographer (professional / amateur) who is able to take high-quality photos around the school? We’d love to invite you to spend some time visiting different lessons and helping us capture the essence of life at Powell. Please contact the office if you are able to help. School safeguarding rules will apply to the taking, storing and sharing of any photographs.

Late collections at pick up time

Please be on time to collect your child/ren at the end of the school day. Children who are not collected on time will be taken back to their classroom and supervised by the class teacher for the first ten minutes. If after this time they still haven’t been collected, the child/ren will be brought to the office where they will be signed in as a late collection. We do understand that there are exceptional circumstances when being late for collection is unavoidable, but those parents who collect their children late on a regular basis will be contacted by one of the Headteachers to discuss how this can be avoided in future; school staff cannot provide supervision beyond the end of the school day.

Inclusion news

The South East Surrey Dyslexia Association (SESDA) are hosting Mr Andy Salmon who is the author of the book ‘Think of a Link’. He will explain the technique he has devised for developing memory and spelling for all ages. If you are interested the



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talk will be held on Tuesday 26th September at Holy Trinity Church Centre, Carlton Road Carshalton. There is no booking needed and no fee for this talk.

Open Days

We will be holding two open days this term for parents looking for Reception places in September 2018. They will be held on Tuesday 7th November 9.30am-10.00am and Wednesday 8th November 1.45pm until 3.15pm. Please spread the word so we get lots of interest!

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Dates for the year are now available in our [online calendar](#), via the school website. Any changes to dates will also be announced via Headlines throughout the year.

Data Collection Sheets

You should have received a Data Collection sheet this week via your child. Please could you check that all the details are correct and amend where necessary. It would be very helpful, if you would include your main email address and telephone number. Please return your form to the school office by Friday 29th September.

The old £1 coins

The school office will no longer accept the old £1 coins from Friday 13th October 2017.

School Dinners

Please note that school dinners cost £2.25 per meal. There has been a change to the menu for next Friday (29th), we will be serving jumbo cod fish fingers instead of Mak n cheese Bites.

amazon.co.uk

Some parents have asked if there is anything the school 'needs' in light of our ever-diminishing budget. We are finding it increasingly difficult to fund the 'extra' resources that really enhance our lessons and the children's learning. For this reason we have set up an *Amazon Wish List* - a list of items we would like to have, to use with the children. If you would like to purchase something from our *Wish List* please search for 'Powell Corderoy' in the Amazon Wish List search (under 'Your Friends'), and you'll find a wide range of useful educational resources, starting from just £2.99, that could be used across the school.

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Unfortunately the FOPCS AGM was cancelled due to a power cut at the school. We will let you know asap when the meeting has been rearranged but do check the FOPCS Facebook page for any updates.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS



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