



# HEADLINES

Friday 3rd November 2017

NOVEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
PEACE	Larch	Ibis

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term. Our new value as we enter November is *Peace* - especially appropriate as we approach Remembrance Day. Poppies will continue to be on sale before school throughout next week, and may be worn by children in school.

### Follow us on Facebook / Twitter!

Our new Facebook and Twitter pages have launched this week - we're so excited! Please do follow us to keep up to date with school affairs, and also like / share events such as our Open Days next week, and the Christmas Fair (in due course!) to help us promote the school. We hope this will improve our general communication with you about everything that's going on in school. As always, please contact the school office directly for individual communication, enquiries etc.

### Clerk to the Governing Body Position

An exciting opportunity to be part of the future of 3 Dorking Schools has become available! Powell Corderoy, Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre and St. Martin's VC Primary School are looking to recruit a Clerk to the Governing Body. Applicants are invited to consider the opportunity to apply for a post in one, two or across all three schools. Applicants must have excellent organisational skills, be computer literate and be experienced in taking minutes. For further details, please visit <http://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/job-vacancy/clerk-governing-body> or see the attached advertisement



### Maths Stars of the Week

Another week of fantastic mathematicians. Well done to the following children: Reece and Harry (Panda) for amazing number ordering; Jack (Y4) for his brilliant work on symmetry; Jensen (Y1) for showing enthusiasm and motivation when naming and describing 2D shapes; Elissa (Y3) for fantastic work on time; Diego (Y6) for fantastic problem solving; Alice (Y2) for her fantastic work with shape and Haeden (Y5) for his work on problem solving this week.

### Inclusion News

Do we give you enough information? Do you feel that you know what support your children are getting at our school? Please let Miss Mitchell know either in person or by email if you have any feedback, advice or ideas to share: [senco@pcps.uk](mailto:senco@pcps.uk)

### Safeguarding Advice from Surrey Police

Surrey Police has issued a safety warning to children in the county using Snapchat. The photo-inspired instant messaging app has released a potentially dangerous new feature that shows everyone on your contact list exactly where you are at any point. Once you update the app, your location will be instantly revealed. Surrey Police said: "We are encouraging users to

change their settings to 'ghost mode' to avoid sharing this information. "If your children or other young people you know use Snapchat, encourage them to change their settings too!"

### **"It's just play-fighting..." No thank you!**

As (we hope!) you know, we're not a school that likes to impose lots of harsh rules. We don't ban conkers and cartwheels, we *just about* tolerated the fidget spinner craze (though are secretly glad it's dying down!) We prefer to teach a strong code of behavioural expectations and help children to make their own sensible decisions about what is safe and appropriate. However we've recently noticed a rise in the amount of 'play-fighting' which goes on at play times. Unfortunately, what one person calls play-fighting another might not, and all too often it ends in tears or someone is hurt. It is not a positive play choice and it is not in keeping with our school values - especially as this month's is peace!

From Monday, we will be having a crackdown on physical 'play-fighting' and it will not be allowed on the playground. This will be explained to children in assembly, as will the consequences. For the rest of this term, children will be sent in and parents contacted if they choose to play by physically fighting. We have plenty of other options and opportunities for positive play choices for the children to choose from, and the vast majority play very happily and peacefully. This is a short-term strategy which we hope will quickly have a positive impact. We hope you will support this message at home too - thank you in advance.

### **Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser - Starting School Photos**

Ducklings Class had their photograph taken today for the Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser's *Starting School* feature. We have not yet been told which edition it will be featured in but do keep a lookout for it!

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### **Coming up next week and beyond.....**

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#### **Open Days**

We are proudly opening our doors to prospective parents who are looking for Reception places in September 2018 on **Tuesday 7th November (9.30am - 11.00am) and Wednesday 8th November (1.45pm - 3.15pm)**. Please spread the word so we get lots of interest!

#### **Swimming**

Unfortunately, there will be no swimming session for Year 3 or 4 next week or in a few week's time (Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 21st) as we are no longer able to have the Priory Pool on those dates. Therefore, their next and final session will be on Tuesday 14th.

We are also looking for parent helpers to support our Year 5 and 6 sessions on Thursdays, walking the children across and to be available at the side of the pool if any children need to sit out of the water. Sadly, without any volunteers we may have to postpone our sessions until later in the school year. Please let Mr Darke know if you are available.

#### **Pizza Express Visit Year 3**

As part of their topic work Year 3 will be visiting Pizza Express on **Thursday 9th November** to create their own pizzas, cook them and take them home. The children will be leaving school at 9.00am so please ensure your child arrives for school on time (school gates open at 8.40am). The children need to wear their normal uniform and bring a warm waterproof coat.



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### Parent Council Meeting

The Parent Council is an invaluable discussion group which puts forward the issues you as parents want to raise with the school, and ensures we have your honest feedback on how things are going. We are holding a Parent Council meeting on **Wednesday 29th November at 2.15pm**, to which you are all invited. On the agenda so far are the following topics:

- Online homework - recent changes and e-safety
- Communication, including social media
- Parking and access via Longfield Road
- Payments and bookings - proposed changes to current systems
- Staffing - recruitment, retention and management of transitions
- School Dinners

If there is anything else you would like added to the agenda, please email the school office. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can also send in any views/comments in advance, to be read out at the meeting. We hope that in due course we may be able to persuade some of you to help run future meetings (it's only one a term!) to ensure the Parent Council can continue to run and - more importantly - be a true representation of your views and priorities as our parent body. We hope to see you there!

### Staffing next week

There are currently no supply teachers planned for next week.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the fireworks!

*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.

**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

Please bring in your Bags2School sacks into school on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th November or the morning of Wednesday 15th November. They accept old clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. The school receives money for every kilogram we send in. If you need more sacks please ask the school office.



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