



HEADLINES



Friday 10th November 2017

NOVEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
PEACE	Chestnut	Goldfinch Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's a bumper Headlines this week - we've got so much to share with you! Please do read carefully - there is a lot of important information to digest. Thank you to those of you who are now following us on Facebook (@PowellCorderoy) and Twitter (@CorderoyPowell) - we hope you will find this useful. If you're not following us yet - please do!

Open Days

It was an absolute pleasure to showcase our school this week to so many prospective parents. The Year 6 tour guides demonstrated confidence, independence, good manners alongside their wealth of knowledge as they proudly showed our visitors around the school. Many thanks to governors and FOPCS who served refreshments and welcomed our visitors. Everyone at Powell made us very proud and this was reflected in the many positive comments made by our visitors.

Cross Country

Last Friday, twenty of our children took part in the district cross country races, which took place at the Weald School. Every child ran with great determination and enjoyed representing their school, despite the boggy conditions underfoot and mist and fog, which grew thicker by the minute. We had many top twenty finishes in the four races, but congratulations to Lottie and Lucie (Year 3) who finished 8th and 9th respectively in the Year 3 and 4 Girls race, and to Flora (Year 5) who was 6th in the Year 5 and 6 Girls.

Year 3 Trip to Pizza Express

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Pizza Express this week, designing and making their own pizzas and learning about all the work that goes on behind the scenes in a restaurant kitchen. We hope you enjoyed eating the pizzas at home!

FOPCS Christmas Fair Poster Competition

We'd like to invite all children to enter the FOPCS poster competition for the Christmas Fair. First prize will be used for all the posters put up around Dorking, and second prize will be used for the Christmas Fair programmes. They should be A4 sized portrait designs, with the following wording:

*Powell Corderoy School Christmas Fair
Saturday 9th December 2:00-4:00pm*

Please write your full name and class on the back, and hand to the office by **next Friday, 17th November**. Good luck!

Ducklings' Starting School Photo

The Dorking Advertiser have confirmed our Ducklings' school photo is in this week's Dorking Advertiser on page 26!

Maths Stars of the Week

Well done to the following mathematicians: Ella (Y6) for supporting her partner during our work on converting measures; Ryan (Pandas) for working very hard on his place value and number recognition; Poppy T (Y2) for fantastic work with telling the time; Louise (Y1) for practising and understanding her numbers to 20, including teen numbers; Alicia (Y5) for producing a great pictogram; Jess (Y4) for always actively contributing to whole class learning discussions and also from Y4, Mr Nilsson for providing the staff with exactly 40 premium mince pies at half price (only so he could use the foil containers for his exciting science lesson - ask the Y4s if you want more details!!) There are some very full staff members!!



Exciting Projects!

Following FOPCS's bumper fundraising year in 2016 and even more since then, it may have felt like there was a bit of a pause last year when it came to actually spending the money! Unlike when we buy smaller resources, some of our bigger plans take a little longer to get off the ground (often with tedious details like planning permission or structural surveys.) Now that we have a bit of momentum again, it's high time we shared an update about some of the projects currently underway...

1) A new sound system for the hall

After a few issues regarding the weight-bearing capacity of the hall ceiling and lack of structural support for the equipment needed, we've come up with a new plan and aim to have this up and running for the Christmas shows.

2) Forest Schools and science area

Barry is busy working on developing our outdoor areas to be better resourced for science and Forest School learning. Recently a new storage shed has gone up to house our pond-investigating resources, and we aim to have the area finished ready for lessons in the spring!

3) Playground areas

Barry has also been busy building a beautiful new shaded garden area on the junior playground, which will house some large outdoor games for playtimes.

4) Reading / Chillzone Lodge

FOPCS have pledged the funds to buy a log cabin for the area between our two playgrounds, for an outdoor/indoor chillzone and reading space. Plans are in place and work will begin on this later this academic year.

5) Year 2 Outdoor Classroom Area

FOPCS pledged a donation towards building an outdoor area for the Year 2 classroom (beside the infant steps) following the success of the outdoor areas we built for Year R and 1. We are currently in the process of sourcing and applying for grants for the remainder of the funding.

6) Greenpower Project

A number of the children were involved last year in building our Greenpower car, which was a mammoth undertaking! Having completed the build, the car is having a little rest this term and the team will reconvene in the Spring, when the next round of races start, to put the finishing touches to the car and launch it on the racing circuit. We will keep you updated about their progress.

E-safety Home Learning

When we were last inspected, OfSTED loved the work we did around e-safety, and the prevalence of e-safety in our curriculum. So much so that, along with other evidence, inspectors were considering an *outstanding* judgement for the area 'Behaviour and Safety.' We narrowly missed out and one reason they gave was that we talked about a couple of incidents where children hadn't behaved safely online at home. Whilst we were praised for our response, the inspectors felt we



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could do more to help children transfer their good understanding of e-safety from school to home and personal environments. So we put our [e-safety codes](#) in the school planners for you to share at home, and sent home [printable posters](#) for you to display at home near your computers or work areas. But this is a very important issue, and we want to do more.

We want to give children the opportunity to practice their e-safety habits (safely!) in real-life scenarios and reflect on their personal online behaviours. This is tricky to do in school, where our web access is filtered and internet use carefully monitored. We want them to use personal devices in their home environments, and still make the right choices. As such, we have come up with a programme of activities which will be delivered through the online homework tasks in Years 5 and 6 to put their e-safety to the test...

In our computing lessons, we will teach core messages about staying safe online and will have a different focus each half term. These messages will be taught throughout the school from Reception to Year 6, and the context adapted for the age of the children. Then, in Years 5 and 6, the children will have a termly homework in which they need to demonstrate or practise the e-safety habits that have been taught. For example, if the message is 'Never share your password with others,' they may be set a homework which asks them to disclose their computer password. This is certainly not to catch out or name and shame individuals - it is to enable a class discussion about what % of the class practiced good online safety habits, what influenced them, and what can be done to improve it. There will be a debrief lesson afterwards, in which the class will reflect on their decision making and how well they applied their learning about e-safety in a home environment. In order for this learning activity to be effective, it is important that the children don't know that this homework is going to be set; the learning will be more powerful if they can respond independently and then reflect on the choices they made. We want you as parents to be fully informed though, so you understand why certain homework tasks are being set and can discuss them with your children afterwards. Maintaining an open dialogue with your children about their online habits and encouraging them to share with you what they come across online is the most important thing you can do to help them stay safe.

Sent out with Headlines today is the plan for the year showing the e-safety messages and follow-up activities that will take place. We will run the homeworks in Years 5 and 6, hoping to see an improvement from one year to the next to demonstrate the children have learned from their experiences. Whilst we ask that you don't tell the children about the homeworks being set, we hope you will reinforce the key teaching messages when children are using the internet at home, and reflect on their choices with them afterwards. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs McLaughlin at emma.mclaughlin@pcps.uk.

Inclusion News

For the next few weeks Miss Mitchell will be writing about the kinds of additional needs we have in our school, and what we do to support them.

Week 1 - Dyslexia and specific literacy difficulties: *Children with these types of difficulties are characterised by being delayed with learning to read and also when remembering spelling patterns and words. They can also have weaknesses with speech and language or may take longer to understand and respond to speech and instructions. They may also struggle to see the difference between similar looking words and pictures. In school we have multi sensory spelling programmes, supportive interventions such as BRP (reading), Toe by Toe and upbeat spelling, and additional phonics and booster activities. For further advice and support you can contact Miss Mitchell via the office or at senco@pcps.uk, or your child's class teacher. In addition we have links with the South East Surrey Dyslexia Association (SESDA). You can also take a look at these websites: <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/> or <https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/>, which have advice and ideas.*



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Photocopier woes!

Our photocopier has broken three times this week (it may be on its last legs!!) Each time a technician has to be called out to service it which can take a day or more. Some classes (especially infants!) have struggled to get their homework sheets, newsletters, spellings etc. photocopied to send home on paper when needed. Apologies if there is a delay or you are missing some bits of paper this week - we have made a complaint to the company that provide our copier and hope it will be resolved quickly!

Coming up next week

National Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This will be the theme of our Thursday assembly. This year, rather than holding themed events throughout the week which can be short-lived in their impact, we will be beginning a longer piece of work in working towards achieving the Anti-Bullying school charter mark. We will keep you updated about our progress!



Children in Need - Friday 17th November

This year the School Council has decided to raise money for Children in Need in two ways. Firstly, they would like to invite all children (and staff) to wear their own clothes - preferably with spots on, as a nod to Pudsey Bear - for a contribution towards the charity. The children will be collecting this on the gates in the morning. Secondly, if any of you would be willing to bake or buy cakes or biscuits to contribute to a cake sale after school,

the School Council would like to run this too. Please bring these donations to the library on Friday morning. We hope to raise as much money as possible for an excellent cause.

Golf Club

Ollie Charles, our excellent football, cricket and multi-sports coach is now running a Golf club for years 2-6 every Tuesday morning before school. With only four children currently attending, he may have to cancel the club unless numbers increase. Please ask the office for another letter should you wish your child to join.

Staffing update

Congratulations to Mrs Simms who begins a new full time job soon, meaning sadly we will be losing our swimming teacher and Breakfast Club Assistant. We will be welcoming Mrs Walton to Breakfast Club from 4th December, and looking for a new swimming teacher for future sessions. If you, or anyone you know, teaches swimming - please get in touch!

Staffing next week

There are currently no supply teachers planned for next week, however please note that both Head Teachers are unavailable on Friday afternoon; we will be visiting another school with a co-headship to learn from their experience.

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

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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.

School Office - The school office opens at 8.40am and closes at 3.30pm.

Beam Club

If your child attends Beam Club in the morning please wait outside until a member of staff comes to collect the children. We are unable to let the children in before the club starts as there is no one to supervise them. Thank you.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners - Payment Reminder

Please note the next installment of £40.00 is due on 20th November 2017.



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

Following our meeting on Wednesday a full update on what was discussed will be issued on Monday.

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.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Powell Corderoy Governors
Breakfast & After School Club
Friends of Powell
Parent Council
Surrey County Council: *Hotline to report concerns about a child*
Child Line
Family Line

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