



POWELL
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CORDEROY

HEADLINES

Friday 1st December 2017

DECEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
THOUGHTFULNESS	Larch	Duckling Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

THIS WEEK

Parent Council

A BIG thank you to the two wonderful parents who came to our Parent Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon! It was incredibly useful to be able to talk through some key issues and changes, and have parent feedback, however with such a small turnout we certainly didn't have a representative voice for the whole school. As quite a number of parents requested the reinstatement of the Parent Council but were obviously unable to attend, we have set up a Doodle Poll to try and find a date/time for the next meeting which suits more people. If you'd like to attend, please click here to view the options and indicate your availability: [Spring Term Parent Council Doodle Poll](#)

On the agenda so far for next time will be **After School and Breakfast Club's** (proposed changes) and **residential trips** - further topics will be added if proposed (please email your suggestions to info@pcps.uk). Please see the separate **Parent Council Newsletter** for minutes of this week's meeting, and the **Parent Council Welcome Leaflet** which provides further information about what a Parent Council is and how it all works!

Maths Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children: Mia (Y3) for excellent effort and progress in our arithmetic test; Bradley (Panda) for using his understanding of calculations effectively; Flowsie (Y1) for completing a problem solving activity independently; Harry D (Y2) for his fantastic work making arrays with numicon; Henry (Y5) for checking his work carefully and achieving well in this week's assessment; Frankie (Y6) for working out a maths problem accurately during music this week.



POW Magazine

If you have a business that would like to advertise in POW Magazine, starting at the bargain price of just £5 for a quarter-page advert / £10 for a half page / £15 for a full page, to appear in every edition for a whole year (1 per term), please email editor@pcps.uk for further details.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Breaktime Snacks

Can we remind parents that as part of our Healthy Schools Campaign, children are only allowed to bring a healthy snack of fruit/vegetables to eat at breaktime - please do not send them in with crisps, chocolate bars, sweets etc. Thank you for your support.

Scarlet Fever

We have had three confirmed cases of scarlet fever in the school over the past two weeks. Scarlet fever, also called scarlatina, is an infection that causes a blotchy, pink-red rash. It's most common in young children, but can affect people of any age. Symptoms of scarlet fever develop within a week of being infected. Early signs include a sore throat, a headache, a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), swollen glands in the neck and being sick.

This may be followed by a rash on the body, a red face and a white or red tongue:



Rash - The scarlet fever rash:

- usually starts on the chest or tummy, before spreading to other areas
- is made up of pink-red blotches that may join up
- feels like sandpaper
- may be brightest red in body folds, such as the armpits or elbows
- turns white if you press a glass on it



Red face - The rash doesn't usually spread to the face, but the cheeks may turn very red. This may look a bit like sunburn. The area around the mouth usually stays pale.



White or red tongue - Sometimes a white coating may form on the tongue. This peels away after a few days, leaving the tongue red and swollen. This is known as a "strawberry tongue".

When to see your GP - See your GP or call [NHS 111](https://www.nhs.uk) as soon as possible if:

- you think your child has scarlet fever;
- you have symptoms of scarlet fever;
- you or your child have been treated for scarlet fever but the symptoms haven't improved after a week or are getting worse.

Treatment for scarlet fever - Your GP will prescribe antibiotic tablets (or liquid for young children) to take for five or 10 days. You or your child should start feeling better after a day or two, but make sure you finish the whole course of treatment.

While taking antibiotics:

- rest and drink plenty of fluids;
- take paracetamol or ibuprofen if you're uncomfortable or have high temperature (don't give aspirin to children under 16);
- try to avoid spreading the infection.

How long scarlet fever lasts - Scarlet fever usually clears up within a week, although the skin may peel for a few weeks after the other symptoms have passed. The infection is contagious from before the symptoms appear, until:

- 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment;
- up to two or three weeks later if you don't take antibiotics.

How to stop scarlet fever spreading - Scarlet fever is very contagious. It's spread in the tiny droplets found in an infected person's breath, coughs and sneezes. You can be infected if the droplets get into your mouth, nose or eyes – either by being in close contact with an infected person, or by touching something that has droplets on it.



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To help stop the infection spreading:

- keep your child away from nursery or school for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment – adults should stay off work for at least 24 hours after starting treatment;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – throw away used tissues immediately;
- wash your hands with soap and water often, especially after using or disposing of tissues;
- avoid sharing utensils, cups and glasses, clothes, baths, bed linen, towels or toys.

For further information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/#treatment-for-scarlet-fever>

SPORTS

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all at the Dorking Schools Quicksticks Hockey Tournament last Friday. The team consisted of 9 enthusiastic Year 5 & 6 girls and an ever determined Evan from Year 6. The team got better and better as the tournament progressed and battled against mixed teams from St Paul's, Surrey Hills, The Weald and St John's, and only just missed out on a fabulous win at the end due to a last minute equaliser. Well done to all who took part....I hope you have enjoyed your first experiences of Hockey and continue to improve!

Dorking School Gymnastic Competition

Reminder: Gymnasts need to be at Ashcombe at 9.15am on Monday wearing leotards (vests and dark shorts for boys) and tracksuits to keep warm. Please don't forget your child's packed lunch and their school uniform for the afternoon!

CLUBS

Recorder Club Cancellation - Monday 4th December

Apologies but there will be no Recorder Club on Monday as Mrs Wilson has to attend a meeting after school.

Activity Clubs

Please note that the following activity clubs have now finished for the term;

- Cross Country Club
- Football Club
- Hockey Club

Gymnastics Club

The last Gymnastics After School Club session will be on Monday 4th December.

INCLUSION

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Week 4 on areas of need we support in our school: anxiety. You may have read in the media recently that anxiety in the young is on the rise in our society. You may also have read that support systems run by the NHS (the CAMHS system) are stretched and underfunded. At Powell we have put in place various systems to support children with their anxiety, and to provide advice to parents who are worried their child is displaying anxious tendencies. We employ an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA), Mrs Bull, who works two mornings a week meeting children in groups or independently to help



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them manage and understand their emotions. Our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) Vicki Kelsall is also available all day on a Tuesday to support parents and make suggestions for activities, groups and support networks to help children and families. We have a mindfulness culture in school and a mindfulness tent which children can access when they need to gather their thoughts. In addition we have run workshops and short training sessions for children and families. If you are concerned about your child please talk to their class teacher or Miss Mitchell for advice and support.

Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre

Attached to this week's Headlines are details of the Courses and Workshops run for parents/careers at Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre. If you require more information please contact the centre on 01306 882397 or email reception@dorking.surrey.sch.uk.

COMING UP...



NSPCC Parent Talk - O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces and are on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. In support of this we are running an online safety workshop for parents/ carers on 12th December at 9.00am in the school hall. The hour long workshop will help parents/ carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online. If you are interested in attending the workshop please let the school office know.

Christmas Festivities in the Infants

There has been great excitement in the infant classes this week as rehearsals have taken place and songs have been practised. We are all looking forward to performing to you on the following days:

- Reception Class Nativity - 13th December at 2.00pm
- Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production - 15th December at 2.15pm

Tickets for both performances can be booked online at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. For health and safety reasons you can only book 3 tickets per family for the Reception Class Nativity and 2 tickets per family for the Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production. The booking system will open at 9.00am tomorrow.

Staffing next week

Year 4 had a supply teacher today due to Mr Nilsson being called out for an important meeting. There are currently no supply teachers planned for next week.

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson
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OFFICE REMINDERS

Email: info@pcps.uk - open 8:40am -3:30pm

Dates for the year are now available in our [online calendar](#), via the school website. **Back by popular demand, calendar dates for the rest of this term are now in Headlines (see below) - dates for rest of year will follow in due course.**

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 20th December

The menu for this years Christmas Lunch is below. Children who already have school meals (on a Wednesday) will be served a Christmas Lunch automatically. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school but would like a Christmas Lunch please send £2.25 in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and ‘Christmas Lunch’ (please also let us know if your child requires a vegetarian meal or has any allergies on the envelope). Payment is required only for all junior children. **The absolute deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch is 8th December.**



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.

CALENDAR DATES - **Changes appear in red**

Monday 4th December 9:30am	Years 3 and 4 Quickstep Gymnastics - Ashcombe School
Saturday 9th December 2:00-4:00pm	FOPCS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12th December 9:00am	NSPCC E-safety talk for parents - school hall
Wednesday 13th December - 2:00pm	Ducklings Class Nativity Play
Friday 15th December 2:15 pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production: ‘ <i>Gnome Alone!</i> ’
Wednesday 20th December 9:10am	Autumn Term Awards Assembly
Wednesday 20th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st December 9:10am	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert
Thursday 21st December 1:30pm	SCHOOL FINISHES - Early closure for end of term
Thursday 4th January	START OF TERM

FRIENDS OF POWELL CORDEROY SCHOOL NEWS

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Christmas Fair Update

A big THANK YOU for all the donations this morning. We are still short of bottles for the tombola and lucky dip prizes, if you have anything else you can donate for either stall could you please drop it into the school office next week.

Santa’s Grotto Tickets

These will be available at drop-off and pick-up from Monday - Thursday next week. £2 per ticket.

Bauble Bonanza and Raffle Tickets

Numbers for the Bauble Bonanza and Raffle Tickets will also be available from Monday - Thursday next week. £1 per number or raffle ticket.



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Jam Jars

We hope you have fun decorating your jam jars. Please hand them in at pick up on Monday 4th December or at drop off on Tuesday 5th December. Winners will be chosen on Tuesday and all winners will receive a nice shiny medal and certificate. Winners will be announced in assembly.

Cakes!!

The cafe at the fair relies on donations of delicious cakes and savouries made by family, friends and staff. Please bring any cake donations along next Friday 8th December.

Thanks again for all your support.

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USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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

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