

HEADLINES

Friday 15th September 2017

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
RESPONSIBILITY	Maple	Robin and Goldfinch	Ducklings Class

Dear Parents/Carers,



A warm welcome to our new Ducklings!

Ducklings have enjoyed their first days in School! Everyone settled in quickly and enjoyed playing inside, in the garden and even managed some games out on the field! Lunches start on Monday, which will please all those older siblings who are itching to play with them at school! (A little reminder from Mrs Doyle: please sign up for Cool Milk - lots of children are choosing to drink it!)

Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that we must let you know that Mrs Doyle will be leaving Powell in January, to commit more time to her family and pursue new challenges. Mrs Doyle joined us as a staff member three years ago (having previously been a governor here.) We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Aimee Fairhurst to take over from Mrs Doyle, who some of you will know from her role as a governor and parent at Dorking Nursery School. Mrs Fairhurst will be the lead teacher in Foundation Stage, with Miss Mitchell teaching 1.5 days a week. Parents of Ducklings class have a letter with more detail in their book bags today.

Walking to School Alone Workshop - parents of children in Nightingale and Goldfinch

Thank you to those parents from years 5 and 6 who attended the *Walking to School Alone Workshop* on Monday, we hope you found the presentation helpful. Please remember, if you would like your child to walk home alone from school you must complete and sign a permission slip which is available from the school office.



Maths Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children for achieving the maths star in their class this week: Emily T (Panda) for amazing addition skills, Daniel (Y1) for super effort when writing his numbers, Jacob (Y2) for his fantastic work with place value, Kiera (Y3) for fantastic effort in class and working hard on maths at home, Max (Y4) for taking his time with presentation, Charlotte (Y5) for working hard on her place value and Lauren (Y6) for getting 27 ½ out of 28 in our quiz this week. What an excellent bunch of mathematicians!

Punctuality

Attached to this week's Headlines is a leaflet explaining why being on time for school matters and the procedure we will follow if your child is late for school. The school gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am when morning registration is taken. If your child is going to be significantly late, please call the school office. Once you have arrived at school you must take your child to the school office and sign them in, giving a reason for their late arrival. A child can not sign themselves in. We value the importance of communication between home and school, so if you are having difficulty getting your child to

school please talk to the class teacher, Miss Mitchell (Inclusion Leader) or one of the Head Teachers to discuss ways the school can help and support you.

After School Activity Clubs

All clubs start next week. Gymnastics Club - Wednesday from 3.15pm - 4.15pm is now open to all children in Year 4. There are still spaces available in some clubs - please use the online booking system, powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk, or contact the office if you would like to reserve a place for your child. All restrictions have now been lifted on the booking system.

Infant Playground

Please can you ensure children do not play on the equipment in the playground, including the infant fort after school, and remind children that scooters and bikes must be pushed whilst on the playground or school drive. Thank you in advance.

Is your child in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by 31 October 2017. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools. If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions> or you can call us on 0300 200 1004. Attached is a leaflet for your information.

Parentmail

In order to reduce costs and our carbon footprint, we will be using Parentmail for **ALL** letters home. If you have not signed up for Parentmail or have recently changed your contact detail, please ensure your details are logged with the school office. Paper copies of all correspondence will be available from the office on request but they will no longer be sent out in book bags. We are aware that some parents are having problems with Parentmail and we are currently looking into this.

Children being prepared and ready for the school day

In support of this month's value, we are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their own belongings. Please encourage your child/ren to come to school with everything they need for the school day. If your child has forgotten their school bag, homework, PE Kit, journal, water bottles, pen, pencils etc we will no longer be calling home to ask parents to bring these items into school for them (we will only call home if they have forgotten their packed lunch or for medical reasons). Also, if you realise your child has forgotten something and very kindly bring it in for them during the day these items will be left outside the school office on the blue bench for the child to collect themselves. Please make sure you have labelled all of your child's belongings with their name. If your child comes home without this item it is likely to still be on the bench!! Thank you in advance for your support.

Health Reminder

Please could we remind parents that if your child is unwell with either diarrhoea and/or vomiting they cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last episode. This is to ensure that your child is well enough to return to school and to prevent the spread of infection.



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Nasal Flu Vaccination - Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4

All children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are being offered the nasal flu vaccination and should have brought home a consent form this week. The vaccination is administered by the school nurse and will take place on Wednesday 11th October. If you haven't already done so please can you complete the consent form and return it to the school office by the date indicated on the envelope, even if you decide not to vaccinate your child. Below is some information regarding the vaccination and a telephone number if you wish to contact the school nurse with any questions.

Is the flu vaccine safe?
If there is any reason why your child may not be able to safely receive the nasal flu vaccine an injectable vaccine can be offered instead. If you have any concerns, these can be written on your vaccination consent form.

What about 'viral shedding'?
The vaccine is cold adapted, so it has trouble reproducing at room temperature. Not all of the virus particles will stay in your child's nose, but unlike normal viruses it can't survive long outside.


Will my child get flu?
The most common side effects of the vaccine are a runny nose or a headache. Although this sounds a bit like flu, it is just the body's natural response to the receiving a vaccine.

Is the vaccine effective?
Hospital admissions and GP visits for flu were reduced by over 90% in the vaccine pilot study. The vaccine will not stop your child catching the common cold, but it can keep a serious flu away and help to protect vulnerable family members and others in your community.

Making an informed choice about the nasal flu vaccine for your child

Your child's vaccination consent form needs to be completed and returned to school, even if you decide not to vaccinate your child.

For more information, help completing the form or to discuss your decision further, please contact the school nursing team on:

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for further information online:

Governor Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Marika Elzinga to our governing body this term. Many of you will remember that Mrs Elzinga previously worked at Powell as a Teaching Assistant and French Teacher, and is mum to Basil in Year 2. We very much look forward to working with her again in this new capacity.

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.

Free School Meals

If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals please complete the attached form, hard copies of the form are available from the school office.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners - Payment Reminder. The next instalment of £40.00 is due on Monday 18th September.

Please note the office will close at 3pm on Monday 18th September.



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

The Friends of Powell Corderoy School (FOPCS) are the school's volunteer fundraising body who run events throughout the year. Our AGM will take place on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.15pm in the school hall. It would be lovely to see lots of you there for a glass of wine and to find some volunteers to take over running FOPCS.

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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