

HEADLINES

Friday 26th January 2018

JANUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
HOPE	Chestnut	Goldfinch Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

THIS WEEK

Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2's class assembly celebrated different animals from around the world. We were treated to a reenactment of the story "Meerkat Mail" by Emily Gravett where Sunny the Meerkat goes in search of a new home. The Year 2s all came dressed as different animals and delighted in telling us all kinds of bizarre animal facts (who knew that slugs have four noses?) Well done Year 2 - a super assembly. Thank you, also, for baking and buying cakes which helped the class raise £44.20. The children will decide what to spend this money on next week.



Whole School Antarctica Day



We were very lucky to have Pat Rae come in to school on Thursday for our Antarctica Day. Pat spent two weeks in Antarctica back in 2015 and she gave a talk to all the children about her experiences. She brought with her a little bear called Shackleton who accompanied her on her travels. The children were fascinated by her talk and by seeing the photographs of where she had been and what she had seen. Other Antarctica themed activities included the children writing application forms to go and work in Antarctica, exploring and building with ice blocks, writing character descriptions about penguins, making snowflakes and playing with glittery snow dough.

Values - can you help?

Our Values assemblies for January are about HOPE, and this week we talked about the children's hopes for their futures. Next week, we will be talking about what they hope for other people, and what other people hope for them. We'd love parents to help by sending in some 'hopes' for your children that we can share in assembly. Thank you so much to those who have already commented on Facebook... please email head@pcps.uk or find the post and comment on Facebook to add yours. We know it will mean a lot to the children to see and hear just how much we all care about their futures.

A few polite reminders

We have unfortunately had reports of some dangerous driving on Longfield Road, and an incident where a child was nearly hit by a car due to cars mounting the pavement to pass one another. Please take care as you approach and leave school - the traffic does get busy and there are a lot of young pedestrians about who may be hard to see.

We are also aware that a number of children are being dropped off before 8:40 am. Please be aware that school does not open until 8:40 am, there is often a lot of traffic coming up and down the drive before school, and there is **no supervision** for children arriving before this time.

INSET update

You may remember we asked you whether you'd be interested in an INSET day holiday club. The response was very positive, however for a number of practical reasons we are not able to run one this year. We haven't forgotten, and it is on our long term plan for next academic year.

MATHS STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following maths stars this week: William (Y3) for excellent work using perimeter; Tenny B (YR) for amazing weighing and measuring; Hallie F (Y1) for showing enthusiasm in maths and improving her counting skills; Evie S (Y2) for her excellent recall of times tables facts; Maisie (Y6) for fantastic participation in maths lessons all week.

SAFEGUARDING

Email: head@pcps.uk

In line with most recent guidance, we have introduced this new safeguarding section to Headlines, to ensure parents are getting regular reminders about key safeguarding information. In school, everything to do with safeguarding is coded red, so this section will be too!

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

Please remember that the school has a duty of care to all children and takes safeguarding very seriously. From time to time, if we have concerns about a child, we may be required to refer them to Surrey's **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** for further support. For parents, this can often cause concern but it is important that parents understand this is our legal duty as a school, and is a source of advice for us to ensure we provide the best care we can - **it does not necessarily mean that any further action will be taken.**

E-safety Week

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, the school will be holding an **E-Safety Week** from 5th-9th February, encompassing Safer Internet Day (6th Feb.) Further details about the Parents' session in the 'Coming Up' section below!

INCLUSION

Email: senco@pcps.uk

Speech and language support at our school takes lots of different forms, depending on the type of need your child has. If you have any concerns about your child's speech or language skills please talk to their class teacher, who may suggest



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discussing them further with me. There are a range of assessments we can carry out at school which may point to a simple solution, and we have some supportive games and interventions we can also suggest. If further help is required we can also refer to speech therapy, although there is a long waiting list for support at the moment. We can get things moving, however, and support your child whilst they wait, so do let us know if you have any concerns.

COMING UP...

Years 1 and 2 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre - Wednesday 31st January

To support their work this term years 1 and 2 will be visiting the British Wildlife Centre where they will have the opportunity to see a range of native British species including otters, red squirrels, owls and hedgehogs. The children will learn about wildlife habitats, the countryside and the survival challenges faced by the wildlife in Britain today.

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm - Thursday 1st February

As part of their topic next half term years 3 and 4 will be focussing on 'The Romans' and will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm to learn more about how the Celts and Romans lived.

For both of the above trips the coaches will be leaving promptly at 9.00am and will be returning by the end of the school day. Children should wear school uniform, as well as appropriate clothing for spending parts of the day outside. They will also need to bring a packed lunch, please do not send sweets, fizzy drinks or products containing nuts (including Nutella) and please remind children they are not allowed to eat or drink on the coach.

If you have not returned your child's permission slip for either of the above trips please can you do so by Monday 29th January.



Safer Internet Day - Online Safety Information Session Tuesday 6th February at 2.30pm

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day, which is organised in the UK by UK Safer Internet Centre and this year's theme is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you".

To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, we will be hosting an online safety information session for parents and carers of children in every year group. The UK Safer Internet Centre, who developed this presentation, are experts in the field of online safety education and we highly recommend that you attend this event.

The session will provide practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues, and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online. We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. This session is designed to help you become more aware of the safety messages that your children receive in school in order to reinforce them in your home environment. **Your child should have brought a letter home this week, if you are able to attend please can you complete the reply slip and return to the office by Friday 2nd February so we have an idea of numbers.** We really hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you.



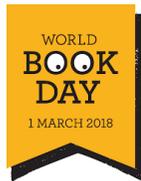
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**BOOK WEEK - Advanced Warning!**

We are very excited to announce that the theme for this year's Book Week is *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. In a change from recent years, we will be reading a wide range of texts - stories, poems and even non-fiction - all themed around weird and wonderful creatures from literature.

Book Week is not until 26th February, but we know parents like as much notice as possible for World Book Day (dressing up day!) which is Thursday 1st March. This year, children are invited to dress up as a curious creature of their choice... real, fictitious, or even something of their own creation. The more fantastical, the better!

PARENTS' EVENING

Our parent/teacher consultation evenings will be held on Tuesday 20th February (4.00pm - 6.30pm) and Thursday 22nd February (3.30pm - 6.00pm). Appointments can be booked online at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. **The booking system opens at 9.00am tomorrow and will close at 4.00pm on Monday 19th February for appointments on Tuesday 20th and at 4.00pm on Wednesday 21st for appointments on Thursday 22nd.** Once logged in please click on the Parents' Evening icon and follow the instructions. A short guide on how to add appointments is attached to this week's Headlines. If you wish to see one of the Co-Head Teachers they are available on the following days;

Mrs E McLaughlin	Tuesday 20th February
Mrs J Wilson	Thursday 22nd February

Due to Parents Evening the following after school activity clubs will not be running in the week after half term:

Tuesday 20th February	Sportshall Athletics, Art and Football
Thursday 22nd February	Zumba, Netball and Times Table Club

CLUBS**Cross Country Club**

Please note that Cross Country Club is cancelled after school on Monday 29th January and Monday 5th Feb. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

After School Club

We are meeting after school today for an initial review of the trial changes made to Tuesdays at After School Club. If you have any comments / feedback on this so far, please do let us know. Please be aware that, due to the rotation of activities we are now operating, children who are collected before 5:00pm on a Tuesday may not have eaten before they come home.



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STAFFING

On Tuesday mornings our Home School Link Worker, Vicki Kelsall, may often be on gate duty from 8.40am until 8.55am. The aim of the Home School Link worker is to ensure that all children enjoy school and are happy and secure. She can offer support to parents/ carers who may need help on a wide range of issues which may impact on their family life e.g. behavioural issues at home, attendance/ punctuality, illness, separation, domestic violence or bereavement. She also supports children who have problems expressing emotions, who are withdrawn or anxious and helps to promote positive behaviour. A personal note from Vicki... *"Please do come and see me if you feel I can be of any help. I'm around all day on a Tuesday, or leave a message with the school office. Whether your concern is big or small, or you just want to talk something through, I am here to offer support"*.



There are no planned supply teachers for next week. There have been a few unplanned supply teachers this week as a number of teachers have been unwell, we wish them a speedy recovery!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Email: info@pcps.uk

School Office Closure: Please note the school office will be closed from 12.00pm on Thursday 1st February.

Box Hill School are currently preparing for their first Open Morning of 2018 which take place on Saturday 3rd February 2018, at 10:15am – 12:00pm. At the Open Morning there will be talks given by the Headmaster, Head Girl & Head Boy, tours of the school with the pupils, and the chance to speak to academic and admissions staff as well as current members of the Parents' Association. Subject teachers will be available in their departments and refreshments will be available in the Dining Room throughout. Places can be booked on our website www.boxhillschool.com or by contacting Claire Jordan at either admissions@boxhillschool.com or on 01372 384 240.



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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.



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CALENDAR DATES (Dates for the year are available in our online calendar, via the school website) **Changes appear in red**

January 2018

Wednesday 31st

February 2018

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd 16:00pm

5th-9th

Tuesday 6th 2:30pm

Thursday 8th 9:10am

Friday 9th 13:30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th 16:00pm - 18:30pm

Thursday 22nd 15:30pm - 18:00pm

Friday 23rd

Monday 26th February - Friday 2nd March

Wednesday 28th 14:30pm

March 2018

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd 16:00pm

Monday 5 March

Monday 12th - Friday 16th March

Monday 12th

Thursday 15th 9:10am

Friday 16th

Tuesday 27th 9:10am

Tuesday 27th 14:00pm

Wednesday 28th 9:10am

Thursday 29th 9:10am

Thursday 29th 10:30am

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April

April 2018

Monday 16th

Friday 20th

May 2018

Thursday 3rd 9:10am

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th 9:10am

Wednesday 9th 15:15pm

Years 1 and 2 - Visit to British Wildlife Centre

Years 3 & 4 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

DSSP - Cross Country

E-safety Week

National Safer Internet Day - Parent Information Session

Year 1 Class Assembly

School Council Talent Show

HALF TERM

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 - Group A

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

FOPCS - Bag2School Collection

Book Week

Dorking Library Rhyme Time in the Library

World Book Day

DSSP - Cross Country

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 - Groups B and C

British Science Week

Year 6 - Epsom and Ewell and Mole Valley Junior Citizen Event

Year 5 Class Assembly

FOPCS - Children's Disco

Years 3 and 4 Class Production (limited seating to parents)

Years 3 and 4 Class Production

Spring Term Awards Assembly

Easter Concert

Easter Concert

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 13.30PM

EASTER HOLIDAY

INSET DAY

Years 5 and 6 Visit to Bough Beech Reservoir

Year 4 Class Assembly

BANK HOLIDAY

Ducklings Class Assembly

Year 6 Thames Young Mariners Parents Meeting



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<p>Monday 14th - Thursday 17th Monday 21st - Friday 25th Monday 21st - Friday 25th Monday 28th - Friday 1st June June 2018 Monday 4th - Friday 8th Wednesday 6th Friday 8th June 9:30am - 13:00pm Monday 11th - Friday 15th Thursday 21st Thursday 21st 9:10am Friday 29th 13:30pm - 15:00pm July 2018 Tuesday 3rd Tuesday 3rd 13:30pm Friday 5th Wednesday 11th 15:15pm - 16:00pm Thursday 12th 14:00pm and 18:00pm Monday 16th 14:30pm Thursday 19th 9:10am Friday 20th 9:10am Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th - Tuesday 4th September</p> <p>Terms Dates for 2018/2019 Autumn Term 2018 Half Term Spring Term 2019 Half Term Summer Term 2019 Half Term</p>	<p>Key Stage 2 SATs Key Stage 1 SATs Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners HALF TERM</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyles Week FOPCS - Bag2school Collection Sports Day and Family Picnic Year 1 Phonics Screening Check National Music Day Music Assembly Summer Festival</p> <p>Induction Day Reception Induction Meeting for new parents School reports go home Parent Drop-in Session Years 5 and 6 Production Parent Helper Thank You Tea Summer Term Awards Assembly Year 6 Leavers Assembly INSET DAY SUMMER HOLIDAYS</p> <p>Tuesday 4th September - Wednesday 19th December Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February Tuesday 23rd April - Wednesday 24th July Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May</p>
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Invitation to FOPCS Meeting

Monday 5th February 2018 2pm, or
Tuesday 6th February 2018 8pm.

Both meetings are being held at Powell Corderoy School.

Agenda: Expansion of Committee
Events Calendar
Reorganisation of summer fair
Upcoming Projects

Even you've never attended a FOPCS meeting before, this is your chance to come along and help shape the next year of fundraising for the school.

New faces and new ideas are VERY welcome!

Refreshments available at both meetings
Crèche available for Monday

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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

01306 868165 chairofgovernors@pcps.uk
07518 697751
parentcouncil@pcps.uk
0300 123 1620
0800 1111
0808 800 5678



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