

HEADLINES

Friday 2nd March 2018

MARCH'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
Coming Up!	Coming Up!	Owl

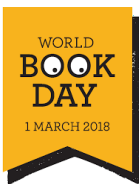
Dear Parents/Carers,

THIS WEEK

Snow Closures

Having taken the decision last night to close the school this morning, it seems the *Beast from the East* is one fantastic beast that has not visited Powell Corderoy (yet!) this week. At present, the forecast suggests more snow later today, with amber warnings for snow and ice tonight and tomorrow, but it should be clearing over the weekend and slightly warmer by Monday. We expect to be open as usual on Monday. It will be a normal uniform day but we still suggest children bring a change of socks as we seem to be forever drying their socks on radiators when there's snow and ice about!

With regard to school closures, parents should always assume the school is **open** unless they hear otherwise, and we will always stay open if it is safe and possible to do so. Unfortunately, we have a lot of staff who commute from different areas (many of which were more affected by the snow) to get into Dorking, and were not able to make the journey safely, and others whose own children's schools were closing, leaving them without childcare to come to work today. We understand that, following late communication from Surrey County Council last night, most Dorking schools have been closed today, however we are not currently aware of any plan to close on Monday.



Book Week

We have had an incredible Book Week here at Powell Corderoy. This year we have focused the week around the book "Fantastic Beasts," inspired by J.K Rowling. Fire-breathing dragons descended on the KS2 playground on Monday (as can be seen on our Powell Corderoy Facebook page) and the children have been treated to daily

assemblies by Newt Scamander (AKA Mr Tree!) retelling legends of trolls and monsters. The highlight of the week was World Book Day where the children (and staff) all came in dressed as their favourite beast or mythical character - even though it was -4 degrees outside! Thank you to Mr Tree for organising such a memorable week for the children, and thank you parents for the *phenomenal* effort that went into costumes this year - we had a lot of fun with a school full of weird and wonderful creatures!



We know many children will be disappointed to miss the final installment of Book Week fun today, so we will be holding it on Monday morning instead.

MATHS STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children this week: Manu (Y3) for great work with missing numbers; Summer-Rose (Y5) for her work on finding missing angles; Monty (Y1) for showing a good understanding of dividing by sharing; Elizabeth (Y6) for fantastic problem solving about angles; Freddie A (Y2) for his excellent reasoning about measures and George (YR) for being a brilliant role-model with his fantastic attitude to learning about addition.

Calling Year 4, 5 and 6 Rock stars! Don't forget to practise your times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars.

In the top 30 there are: 12 Year 6, 14 Year 5 and 4 Year 4. Let's see how this changes by next week. Well done to the top 3: 1st - Gerta (Y5), 2nd - Erica (Y6) and 3rd - Ava (Y5).

SAFEGUARDING**Email: dsl@pcps.uk****Volunteers and Visitors**

We are enormously grateful to everyone who volunteers in school. As a school we are committed to high standards of safeguarding, and require all staff and visitors to share this commitment. If you currently volunteer in school, please remember to wear your lanyard at all times and ensure you are familiar with our [Safeguarding Guidelines for Volunteers and Visitors](#). If you have any concerns whatsoever about a child or member of staff, you should speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Wilson, Miss Mitchell or Mrs Harber - or consult the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for further advice. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that mobile phones must not be used in the school when volunteering.

F.Y.I: Grooming

Grooming is when someone builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse, exploitation or trafficking. Children and young people can be groomed online or face-to-face, by a stranger or by someone they know - for example a family member, friend or professional. Groomers may be male or female. They could be any age. Many children and young people don't understand that they have been groomed or that what has happened is abuse. If you have any concerns about a child who may be a victim of grooming, you can contact trained NSPCC counsellors 24/7 on 0808 800 5000, by email via help@nspcc.org.uk, or [report a concern online via the NSPCC website](#).

INCLUSION and AGT**Email: senco@pcps.uk**

AGT Parent Meeting. Does your child have a talent? Is your child more able or gifted? Do you want to find out how the school is extending them and supporting them to reach their full potential? We are going to hold a parent meeting to explain what we do in school and to ask you for your ideas. We will also report back on the challenge programme which supports children in Key Stage 2. Please contact Miss Mitchell at the email address if you would like to attend, and let her know if a coffee morning at drop off time, or an after school meeting is preferable.



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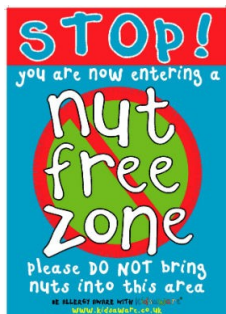
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COLD WEATHER

The children still go out to play during break and lunch time, even in the snow, so please send them to school suitably dressed for the weather, with a warm coat and a change of socks. Thank you.



ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL



Please could we remind you that due to several children with allergies in the school, we strive to be a 'Nut Free Zone.' Please do not send your children into school with any food substances that contain nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.

With the above in mind, following the USA release of the film 'Peter Rabbit', the Anaphylaxis Campaign was very concerned to learn that in one scene, the rabbits deliberately pelt a character in the film with blackberries after learning he has a severe allergy to the fruit. The character reportedly collapses to the ground and had to use his life saving emergency medication. They feel this scene could have a negative impact on those with serious allergies. If you are taking your child/ren to see the film it might be worth discussing the seriousness of allergies and how they impact on people's lives. Please visit <https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/2018/02/12/response-usa-release-peter-rabbit-film/>, where you can get further information.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...



Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Training Groups B and C

The children in Groups B and C will need to bring their bikes to school on Monday morning together with cycle helmet.

Dorking Schools Sportshall Athletics Festival - Tuesday 6th March @ The Ashcombe School 12.30-3pm

Please make sure you have returned your reply slips by Monday at the latest.

Little Movers

Little Movers is an exciting new music and movement workshop for toddlers and preschool children (walking to starting school age). Run by Jackie, the sessions involve catchy dance songs with toys and actions, which children and parents join in with together. Good for physical development, rhythm and coordination, as well as giving children confidence to perform as part of a group. This will start on the 6th March at 2:30pm in the hut, and take place weekly each Tuesday. Sessions are £2 per week. See Little Movers on Facebook for more info.

Ducklings Class - Mothers' Day Tea Party

Ducklings Class would like to invite all of their Mummies to a special Mothers' Day tea party on Wednesday 7th March at 2.30pm. For those who can't make it, Aunties, Nannies, Grannies etc are welcome too!



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Year 6 Netball Match vs St Paul's - Wednesday 7th March @ St Paul's 3.45-4.45pm

CLUBS

Recorder Club

There will be no Recorder Club on Monday (5th March) as Mrs Wilson has a meeting at that time.

Football Club

There will be no Football club on Tuesday 6th March as Mr Darke has a meeting at that time- as we have missed so many weeks, we will have an extra session on Friday lunchtime instead.

STAFFING

Staffing Update

This term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomas, who finishes at Powell on 16th March. During her time at Powell, Mrs Thomas has, with our full support, been completing a foundation course prior to beginning her teacher training course this September. For the end of this year, she moves to a new role at St Michael's Infant school to gain experience of Year 2 before her teacher training begins. We wish her every success with these new challenges, and know she will be a fantastic class teacher!

Due to changing needs within our current Reception Class, we are advertising for a temporary 1:1 support assistant for the rest of this year (deadline is next Wednesday) and anticipate we will be recruiting for a new EYFS practitioner for September in due course.

Applications have now closed for the Year 3 vacancy, and we begin the first round of interviews next week.

Supply Teachers

On Tuesday, a supply teacher will cover Year 3 in the morning and will cover Mrs de la Hoyde in the afternoon while she attends the DSP Sportshall Athletics Event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Email: info@pcps.uk

 **amazon.co.uk**

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****March 2018**

Monday 5 March

Wednesday 7th March - 2:30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th March

Monday 12th

Thursday 15th 9:10am

Friday 16th

Monday 26th March

Tuesday 27th March

Tuesday 27th 9:10am

Tuesday 27th 14:00 pm

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

Wednesday 9th 15:15 pm

Thursday 10th 9.10am

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th

Monday 21st

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 - 13:00 pm

Monday 11th - Friday 15th

Thursday 21st

Thursday 21st 9:10am

Friday 29th 13:30 pm - 15:00 pm

July 2018

Tuesday 3rd

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 - Groups B and C

Duckling Class Mothers' Day Tea Party

British Science Week

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

Year 5 Class Assembly

FOPCS - Children's Disco

Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 Training

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

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Spring Term Awards Assembly

Easter Concert

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SCHOOL FINISHES AT 13.30PM**EASTER HOLIDAY****INSET DAY**

Years 5 and 6 Visit to Bough Beech Reservoir

Year 4 Class Assembly

BANK HOLIDAY

Year 6 Thames Young Mariners Parents Meeting

Ducklings Class Assembly

Key Stage 2 SATs

Ladyland Farm Visit - Duckling Class

Key Stage 1 SATs

Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners

HALF TERM

Healthy Lifestyles Week

FOPCS - Bag2school Collection

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

National Music Day

Music Assembly

Summer Festival

Induction Day



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<p>Tuesday 3rd 13:30pm Friday 5th Wednesday 11th 15:15 pm - 16:00 pm Thursday 12th 14:00 pm 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>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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FRIENDS OF POWELL CORDEROY SCHOOLEmail: fopcs@pcps.uk**Uniform Sale**

Reminder that we will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 6th March after school. All items are priced 50p - £1. We would be very grateful for extra hands setting up and packing away the stall - please comment on the friends page if you can help.

School Disco

Friday 16th March, Infants 6pm – 7pm / Juniors 7.15pm – 8.15pm
Tickets are £3.50 and will be going on sale next week at drop off and pick up.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted textiles to our recent Bag2School collection. In total we collected 170kgs of textiles and raised £68.00

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
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parentcouncil@pcps.uk
0300 123 1620
0800 1111
0808 800 5678



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