



HEADLINES

Friday 27th April 2018

APRIL'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
HONESTY	Maple	Ibis & Kingfisher

Dear Parents/Carers,

THIS WEEK

Greenpower Debut!

Following nearly two years' hard work building our very own racing car from scratch, last Saturday was Powell Corderoy's racing debut as the team took to the track at Plumpton College. It was a rocky start, as the car failed its first checks on body work. Unphased, Mr White and the team dove into the college's recycling, and were able to repurpose some large sheets of cardboard and pass scrutineering. There were three events: the sprint, drag race and lap race. Our team performed well in all three, with every member taking a turn behind the wheel. When it came to the awards, Powell Corderoy was awarded the "Spirit of Greenpower" trophy for their quick-thinking and recycling! Special thanks go to the Hope family for providing transport for the day, to Barry and Tom (from the Priory) for assisting the team with the build, and to Mr White for organising the event. We look forward to the next race day in July, which will be at the famous Top Gear track in Dunsfold... supporters are very welcome to come and cheer our car along!

Dorking Halls delights

We have heard nothing but rave reviews of the fantastic performance from our choir at Dorking Halls on Monday evening. The children joined with other local school choirs to perform "Go, Lightning Vikings!" - a mixture of songs and narration, with different parts to learn. Our thanks to Mrs Henwood, for organising the event and teaching the children their parts.

Ducklings about town

Ducklings class enjoyed a long walk around Dorking on Monday, conducting surveys and measuring distance, to support their learning in maths. Mrs Fairhurst was very impressed with their behaviour and stamina... they walked a total of 3,580 metres!

The Book Fair

Many thanks to all the *Friends* who helped run our Book Fair this week. And thank you to all the wonderful parents, carers and families who visited the Book Fair and helped fund additional books for the school.

Proposed development at The Priory

Several parents / local residents have expressed an interest in the proposed development at The Priory School, where planning permission has been sought for an additional two storey science block near the Powell border, which will enable the school to increase its intake from 750 to 1050 pupils. Full details are available to download or view from the [Surrey County Council Website](#), showing proposed access for construction traffic via the car and coach parks at the top of our

driveway. The school has submitted a response to the plans expressing our concerns, and local residents are invited to submit their representations by writing to Caroline Smith at MWDC@surreycc.gov.uk by 14th May 2018.

Values: *The Big Question*



Is there always a difference between telling a lie and keeping a secret?

Thank you to all the parents who have offered their family's insights on our current **Big Question!** Various classes have been discussing the difference between telling lies and keeping secrets this week, with some interesting points raised all round... in fact, we seem to have more questions than answers now! *Is there **always** a difference between telling a lie and keeping a secret? Does one sometimes cause the other? Can you have one without the other? What is the difference between lies and secrets? When is it Ok to tell a lie? When isn't it OK to keep a secret?* Our **Big Question** just keeps getting bigger! What are the views in your household? Have a natter with your children, and send your thoughts to head@pcps.uk or jump on Facebook and comment... we'll be exploring it more in school next week!

POW Magazine

There are a few issues of the Easter edition left - pick yours up from the office for the bargain reduced price of 50p if you missed it (still with a free chocolate bunny!) The editors have judged the entries to the Chocolate Bar Story competition today, and the winner will be announced in assembly next week!

MATHS STARS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children who have been super maths stars: Harry (Y4) for a clear and effective explanation of his place value knowledge during his work on reasoning; Lucas (YR) for his use of positional language when using the beebots; Harry (Y2) for his amazing addition; Hannah (Y6) for great independent working during our maths mornings and Evie (Y6) for a fantastic attitude to her maths learning in preparation for SATs; Isla (Y3) for persevering with drawing and sorting 3D shapes; Summer Rose (Y5) for her work on column addition and ALL of Owls class who have worked incredibly hard in maths everyday!

Juniors: Don't forget to improve your score on Times Tables Rock Stars. In the top 10, there is currently one Year 4, five Year 5s and four Year 6s. Well done to those children!

SAFEGUARDING

Email: dsl@pcps.uk

Could you be our online safety parent rep?

In line with recent advice, the school now has an online safety group which meets once a term to review our efforts to teach and promote online safety. We currently have three staff members and one governor, and we'd like to recruit a parent representative who could give us insights into how children use the internet at home or on their mobile devices, what concerns you may have about their internet use, and feedback on school actions to promote online safety. The commitment would be to attend one 9:00-10:00 am meeting per term (usually on a Tuesday, though we can be flexible if this doesn't work for you.) Please email emma.mclaughlin@pcps.uk to express an interest.



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ALL After School Clubs

We have had a few incidents in school recently when we are expecting a child to attend an After School Club and the child disagrees. It may be that they have decided to stop going, they are going to a friend's for tea, or it's their birthday and they're doing something different! If this is the case, **parents must inform school**. With enough notice, we will phone you to check, but if your child doesn't mention it until hometime, we cannot just take their word for it and will send them to the After School Club or the activity they are down to attend unless you are able to confirm otherwise. It does create work for teachers and office staff to chase these rumours and confirm what needs to happen and it can be upsetting for the child who is confused, so please call in advance to let us know of any changes to your plans. Thank you!

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. We require all regular volunteers and visitors to have an enhanced DBS check and to visit at least termly to ensure it remains valid. If you have an existing DBS check with the school, please ensure you visit this term (you need to sign in) to maintain it. If you would be interested in volunteering in school, please pop into the office to arrange a DBS check. A big thank you to all of our volunteers and visitors!

F.Y.I: Emotional abuse

Emotional abuse is the ongoing emotional maltreatment of a child. It's sometimes called psychological abuse and can seriously damage a child's emotional health and development. Emotional abuse can involve deliberately trying to scare or humiliate a child or isolating or ignoring them. Children who are emotionally abused are often suffering another type of abuse or neglect at the same time – but this isn't always the case. If you have concerns about a child's emotional welfare, 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 NEWS

senco@pcps.uk

This week we had staff training in how best to support children who are Young Carers. A Young Carer is a child who has to offer more support within the home that would usually happen. For example, when a parent is mentally or physically ill, or a sibling, this can have an impact on the whole family, and children may provide emotional and practical support in advance of their years. Other Young Carers may have a sibling who has special or additional needs, and may need to show a maturity and patience beyond their years. Surrey Young Carers are there to provide support, advice and activities to help these children balance their own needs with that of the family. You can access them directly via their website <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/what-we-do/surrey-young-carers/> or come in to school to talk to your child's class teacher, Miss Mitchell or Mrs Kelsall. Advice and support is available for adult carers too - please ask!

STAFFING

There are no planned supply teachers next week.



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Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a part time Year 1 teacher / Forest School lead (2-3 days per week), and a part time French teacher (2 afternoons per week). Details and application forms available on eteach.com.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

Year 4 - Level 1 Bikeability Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May

Year 4 will be taking part in the Surrey County Council Level 1 Cycle Training course on Monday and Tuesday next week. All children are in the same group, so will need to bring their bikes to school on both days along with their cycle helmet.

Year 4 Class Assembly - Thursday 3rd May at 9.10am

On Thursday 3rd May, Ibis Class will be leading the school assembly. We would like to invite all Year 4 parents/ carers to join us for this class assembly at 9.10am. Don't forget to get baking for the cake sale at the end of the day. Please could your contributions of cakes be brought into the school office either on the morning of the sale or just before the end of the school day. Please remember we are a nut free zone. We do also require a couple of volunteers to help set up the cake stall and sell the cakes. Cakes will be on sale in the Infants' playground at the end of the school day - priced at 30p each for an individual cake or slice of cake. Your help is always very much appreciated.

Author Visit for Infant Classes

On Friday morning, Ducklings, Owls and Robins classes will be visited by local author Grant Koper. He will be reading his book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away', answering the children's questions and signing copies for the children. If you would like your child to have a copy, please complete the form which is in their book bag today and return it with a cheque or cash before next Friday.

Year 2 Pedals - Friday 4th May

Year 2 will be taking part in the Surrey County Council Pedals training course. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to begin their road safety education, and sows the seeds for a safer future. Fun activities such as obstacle courses and games, will be used to reinforce what the pupils have talked about during the session. Children will need to bring in their bicycle, tricycle or a scooter, along with a helmet on Friday 4th May. If your child does not have either a scooter or bicycle, they can still take part on foot. Those children wishing to bring their bike must be able to ride it with or without stabilizers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

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Year 6 Residential Trip - Thames Young Mariners

Please return all Parental Consent and Medical Information forms to the school office by Monday 30th April.

Changes to Online Payment Processing affecting Tucasi/Scopay Schools

Please see the letter attached to this week's Headline regarding the above. Thank you.

Royal Lunch - Thursday 17th May

The children are invited to attend a Royal lunch in celebration of Prince Harry and Meghan's Wedding. Children who already have school meals (on a Thursday) will be served a Royal Lunch automatically.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school but would like a Royal Lunch please send £2.25 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and 'Royal 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 Royal Lunch is 10th May.**



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

April 2018

Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May

May 2018

Thursday 3rd 9:10am

Friday 4th

Monday 7th

Wednesday 9th 15:15 pm

Thursday 10th 9.10am

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th

Monday 21st

Monday 21st - Friday 25th

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Bikeability Level 1 Training Year 4

Year 4 Class Assembly

Pedals Course - Year 2

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



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<p>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 14th June 9.10am Thursday 21st Thursday 21st 9:10am Friday 29th 13:30 pm - 15:00 pm July 2018 Tuesday 3rd 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>INSET Days Tuesday 4th Sept 2018 Wednesday 5th Sept 2018 Friday 19th Oct 2018 Monday 25th Feb 2019 Monday 3rd June 2019</p>	<p>HALF TERM</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyles Week FOPCS - Bag2school Collection Sports Day and Family Picnic Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 3 Class Assembly 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</p> <p>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 SCHOOL Email: fopcs@pcps.uk

Quiz Night
Thank you to all who attended the quiz night, and special thanks to Neil and Emma for running a fantastic evening!



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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*
Child Line
Family Line

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parentcouncil@pcps.uk
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