



HEADLINES 15.02.2019

THIS WEEK'S...

SCHOOL VALUE

Kindness

BIG QUESTION

Can kindness change the world?

STARS OF THE WEEK

Years 3 and 4!

BEST ATTENDANCE

Nightingale Class

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THEME

LATEST NEWS

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- **Our stars of the week *have to be the whole of Years 3 and 4***, for their superb production of *Ye-Ha!* A special mention should go to five of the main characters, played by Manu, Mia, Keira, Lucie and Lottie who between them had to learn over 300 lines of dialogue, and sing a number of challenging solos - all of which they did brilliantly. Thank you to their parents for the hard work learning parts and providing the fabulous costumes, and to our hard-working teachers Mr Leach, Mr Nilsson, Mrs Henwood, Miss Mumford, Mrs Larn and Mrs Jolly, who put in hours of work to pull it all together. We hope you enjoyed the show!
- **Dorking Schools Sportshall Athletics Competition** - Well done to all who took part in the Sportshall Competition yesterday. We were the youngest team there by far, showing lots of promise for the future. Highlights of the afternoon were a fantastic baton changeover between Shay (Y6) and Harry (Y6), bringing them from 4th place through to the lead, some more brilliant throwing from Edna (Y6) and seeing the younger athletes battling out against some much bigger Year 6's from the larger primary schools. A really enjoyable (and very noisy!!) afternoon!
- **Parent Council** will be held again on Friday 8th March at 9:00am. Last time, we did only have two parents attend but we hope to be able to entice more with a juicy agenda (or at least a hot coffee and some expensive cake?) Please see the flyer attached to Headlines for further information.
 - **Uniform** - Changes to the current uniform and exciting updates to our progress with online suppliers
 - **Payments** - What you pay for and how you pay - all up for discussion!
 - **What do your children do all day?** - Life after Tapestry and our proposal for improving communication
 - **AOB** - No really, ANY other business. What do you want to raise? Let us know in advance so we can talk about the topics that matter to you.
- **Book Week** is coming up, and this year's will be slightly different... our book for the week has no words! The school will be studying *The Journey* by Aaron Becker (and well done to Rachel Blennerhassett for guessing this first from our clues on Facebook!) and looking at the role illustrations play in telling a story. Teachers will be sharing some of their childhood picture books, and we are inviting every child to come back to school at 5:15pm on Wednesday 6th March, in their pyjamas, for a bedtime story (further details after half term). We know parents are anxious to know the dressing up theme, so we've kept it simple this year... come as a character from a children's *picture book* (and bring the book to school with you to share!) Think the Cat in the Hat, the Tiger who Came to Tea, Noddy, Meg or Mog... if someone drew it, you can be it!

- **Gooseberry Planet** is a fantastic new programme, designed to educate your child about online safety, which is kindly being funded by our wonderful FOPCS! In Key Stage 2, the children have a login stuck into their home/school diary that can be used at school and at home. By logging onto gooseberryplanet.com they can access the platform. They play as a character called Taff, who faces real life scenarios that they might expect to encounter online. The learning takes place through problem solving, consequence and reward for positive choices and online behaviours. The class teachers control the permissions for the different scenarios and have set them at a suitable level for their class.

As a parent, you can now be part of their learning journey. You can register as a Gooseberry Parent and see how your child is responding within the game to each scenario. The platform will give you an overview of every answer and support and guide you through the right conversations. Do let us know what you think of it!

- **Felt tip pen recycling!** As part of our drive to be more environmentally friendly, we are now recycling old felt tip pens, biro, highlighters, fountain pens etc at school. Please bring in any of these items you have at home and put them into our recycling box in the medical room.
- **Our Sports Assistant** Mrs Brown, who recently started at Powell, is unfortunately unable to continue in the role due to childcare difficulties. This role will be taken over by Mr Scott after half term, who has previously been involved with Powell Corderoy as a volunteer rugby coach. There will be some changes to the clubs we are able to offer - we apologise for any inconvenience, but are trying to ensure minimum disruption. Further details will be sent home after half term, but we can already confirm that:
 - **WEDNESDAY YOGA (Y4+)** has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
 - **THURSDAY BOOTCAMP** will now finish at 4:15pm, instead of 4:45pm

REMINDERS

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- **Parents' Evening** - Year 3 will have their Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 26th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm) and Wednesday 27th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm). For the rest of the school, parents' evening will be held on Wednesday 27th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm) and Thursday 28th February (4.00pm - 6.30pm). Please click [here](#) to book an appointment. **Please note there will be no After School Clubs except Zumba in the first week back after half term, due to Parents' Evenings.**
- **WANTED: Chair of Governors!** Our current chair, Hannah Pearce, sadly finishes her term of office on 13th May. Do you know someone who has what it takes to lead our Governing Body? Further information available via the [eteach website](#), or drop Hannah an email to find out more: hannah.pearce@pcps.uk
- **Monday 25th February is an INSET Day** - we will see you all back in school on Tuesday 26th February.

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- **Youtubers and Social Influencers** have a strong online presence, with primary aged children already following many high-profile online stars. It's important that you talk to your children about who they are following and check out the content of anyone who may be influencing them online. A lot of vlog content on YouTube, whilst acceptable to an older viewer, may not be appropriate for younger children. Here is a list of the [top ten popular Youtubers](#) parents should be aware of (we know children at Powell follow a lot of these!) with details about what their channels contain.

- **Bags2School sacks have been sent home.** If you are having a clear out over half term please do think about donating your old clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. The school receives money for every kilogram we send in. Bags can either be brought to school on the afternoon of Monday 4th March or the morning of Wednesday 5th March.



COMING UP AFTER HALF TERM...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
INSET Day	Year 3 Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.30pm	Years 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons
 	SCHOOL CALENDAR	WEBSITE	RECENT LETTERS	USEFUL CONTACTS