



# HEADLINES

Friday 22nd April 2016

APRIL'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
AMBITION	Chestnut	Nightingale	Sophie H - Yr 2

Dear Parents,

### Welcome to the Pow-Cow!

Our Mini-Moo for the Surrey Hills Cow Parade arrived this week, so if you haven't yet entered a design into the competition, you've still got time - we'll be picking a winner at the end of April. For details on how to enter, pick up your copy of Pow Magazine from the school office while stocks last. Deadline for competition entries: **29th April 2016**.

### Sunday Cricket Morning

It was great to see such a fantastic turnout at the cricket on Sunday - a lovely end to our Healthy Lifestyles Week! A big thank you to Mr O'Reilly and Mr Darke for conceiving and organising the event.

### Night Owl Visit

I hope the children enjoyed their visit from the 'Night Owls' on Wednesday - we look forward to receiving their photos with Whisper, the Barn Owl, some time next week.

### What a performance!

We were enormously proud of the school choir at Dorking Halls on Wednesday night. They joined with choirs from other Dorking schools to perform 'The King has Cold Feet!' to a packed audience. It was a most enjoyable evening and every single one of the children represented our school beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Henwood for organising the event and preparing the performances.

### Anxiety workshop - all welcome!

If you are parent to an anxious child, or have questions about managing anxiety, please come along to our anxiety workshop in the school hall on Wednesday 27th April from 3.30-4.30pm. Learning Space (a local charity) will be holding a workshop and discussion on the theme of helping a child with anxiety. There will be a creche in the library for children, although older children are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

### Star of the Week

This week our biggest star is Sophie H, who earned her GOLD merit award for 60 merits - well done Sophie!

### Parent Council Meeting

Thank you to those of you who came to one of our Parent Council meetings this week, to discuss healthy lifestyles and parking issues. A summary of the discussion and future issues arising will be circulated shortly.

### In the news

You may have read a lot about education in the news recently. Last year saw a complete curriculum reform and, this year, children in Years 2 and 6 will be taking the first round of the challenging new SATs tests.

More recently was the controversial proposal that all schools must become academies by 2020. Luckily, that gives us a nice long time to think about things. This is currently only a 'White Paper,' not law, so we're certainly not going to rush into anything, given how often things change! However we don't want to be unprepared, so the governors have begun researching different options for our school and gathering the information needed to make an informed decision when the time comes. If the time comes. We will, of course, keep you fully informed along the way.

It was also announced that the government have decided to scrap the additional new Early Years baseline which was introduced last September. This was the baseline which was going to be used to measure whether children made enough progress from EYFS to Year 6, however they concluded that the different assessments used were incomparable and not useful. We will continue to complete our usual baseline assessments, and measure progress from EYFS to KS1, then KS1 to KS2, as we have in the past. *"If it's not broke..."*

Finally, only this morning, it was announced that this year's spelling, grammar and punctuation test for Year 2 has been scrapped due to the Department for Education accidentally publishing a test paper which had already been available to schools as a practice test. For this year only, teachers will use their knowledge of children's learning and progress to assess the children instead; there will not be a formal test. Whoops!

### Cross-Country Club- back by popular demand!

Thanks to Mrs Gifford, parent of Flora and Manu, we are now able to offer children in Years 3-6 the chance to continue Cross-Country club on a Tuesday morning, 8-8.30. The first session will be on Tuesday 26th April. Please sign up via <https://powellcorderoy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>.

### Tennis Club!

Starts Monday, there are still a few spaces remaining. Don't miss out on your free place. The club is open to children from Years 2 & 3.

### Forest Schools News

Following the huge success and popularity of Forest Schools Club, we are delighted to be introducing Forest Schooling to the Powell Curriculum! Ducklings class will be trialling half a day each week of Forest School Education, beginning next Friday. Further details have gone home in a letter to Duckling Class parents. We hope the children will enjoy this fantastic opportunity. **Forest School Club begins again on Wednesday 20th April, next week.**

### Safety Reminders

I have had two separate requests to remind parents about the following:

1. Please do not allow children to **cycle or scooter** on the playground or in the car parks before or after school.
2. Please remember that **smoking with children in cars** is now illegal.

### Waitrose Community Matters

If you're shopping in Waitrose don't forget to ask for a green token. By placing a green token in the Community Matters Box in the Dorking store you will be helping to raise money for the Friends of Powell Corderoy. Thanking you in anticipation.



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**NEXT WEEK: Book Fair**

Next week we will be hosting a Book Fair after school in the hall for you to browse and buy a wide selection of quality children's books and stationery from The Travelling Book Company. For every book sold, the school builds credit which can be spent on new books for the library... every little helps! The fair will be open for business every afternoon from 3.00 - 3.30pm except for Wednesday, so come along and spend! Please note, if you buy 3 books, the cheapest book is free.

**NEXT WEEK: Bikeability and Pedals Cycle Training**

Please remember that some Year 5 children are taking part in Bikeability, they will need their bicycles and helmets on Monday morning. Children in Year 2 taking part in the Pedals Cycle Training will need either their bicycle or scooter or alternatively they can still take part on foot on Wednesday.

**Thank you...**

To Mrs Maccarone and the After School Club Team for making the hut look so beautiful with it's lovely tulips for spring!

**Powell Planters' Gardening Day**

Come and join us from 10:00-12:00 on Sunday morning, with your spades, forks and gardening gloves, for the next phase of our gardening project! We will be beginning the process of filling the holes we dug last time with ballast and tackling some major shrubs to clear two large spaces for a children's garden. Loppers and wheelbarrows will be especially useful.

**It's not quite summer yet!**

Please ensure children still bring coats into school every day - it can still turn quite chilly at times.

**Have a lovely weekend, see you on Sunday for a spot of gardening!**

*Mrs McLaughlin*

Headteacher

SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
25th Apr	Year 5 - Level 1 Bikeability	<b>Breakfast Club</b> Please could I remind you that the Club opens at 8am, Monday - Friday and that Breakfast is served between 8.00am - 8.25am. Sessions cost £3.50 per child, to book a place please contact the office.
27th Apr	Year 2 - Pedals Training	
6th May	FOPCS Cake Sale - Dorking Town Centre	
13th May	FOPCS Mufti Day for donations for the hampers to raffle at sports day	
w/c 16th May	Year 6 - Bikeability Level 2	
19th May	Class Photographs	
19th May	Year 5 Residential to Bentley Copse	
27th May	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am - 1:00pm	
30th May—3rd June	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	
6th – 10 Jun	Year 6 Residential Visit	
15 Jun	Bag2School Collection - 9am	
17 Jun	Reserve Sports Day	
21st Jun	Music Assembly - 9:00am	
24th Jun	FOPCS Mufti day for donations for the bottle tombola and lucky dip	
1st July	200th Anniversary Summer Festival 2pm	
5th Jul	New Schools' / Classes Induction Day	
7th Jul	Pixham Athletics 6pm	

**FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS**

Thanks to everyone for their 2p's this week, results to be announced next week. Thank you to the children who diligently counted the coins and to Mrs Butterly for supervising!

Congratulations to Mr B. who won the 200 club this month with winning number 50.

I've just received confirmation that our next cake sale will take place on Friday 6th May. This time and we will



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13th Jul	Showcase Afternoon 2.30 – 3.30pm
13th Jul	Optional Parents' Evening – 3.30pm - 5.00pm
15th Jul	FOPCS Summer Discos
19th Jul	Year 5 & 6 Production 1.30pm & 6pm
20th Jul	Summer Awards Assembly 9:10am
20th Jul	Parent Helpers' Thank You Tea 2:30pm
20th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Bowling
21st Jul	Whole School Beach Trip
22nd Jul	Leavers' Assembly – 9:10am
<b>22nd Jul</b>	<b>END OF TERM</b>

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>Autumn 2016</b>	Mon 5 Sep 2016	Fri 21 Oct 2016
<i>Half term</i>	Mon 24 Oct 2016	Fri 28 Oct 2016
	Mon 31 Oct 2016	Wed 21 Dec 2016
<b>Spring 2017</b>	Tue 3 Jan 2017	Fri 10 Feb 2017
<i>Half term</i>	Mon 13 Feb 2017	Fri 17 Feb 2017
	Mon 20 Feb 2017	Fri 31 Mar 2017
<b>Summer 2017</b>	Tue 18 April 2017	Fri 26 May 2017
	(plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May)	
<i>Half term</i>	Mon 29 May 2017	Fri 2 Jun 2017
	Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 21 Jul 2017

*INSET Days will be set NEXT WEEK!*

be outside Barclays, next to the Food Float. So we will be calling all master chefs for their assistance. Details to follow next week.

Friday 13th May-mufti day. We will be asking for donations for the hampers to raffle at sports day in return for the children dressing in their own clothes. Please can we ask for the following:

Reception, Yr 3 and Yr 6: Barbeque goodies (eg sauces, spice mixes, outdoor candles, crisps, napkins, beer etc)  
Yr1 and Yr 4: World tastes (eg Chinese, Indian, Italian or Mexican foods)

Yr2 and Yr 5: Sweet treats (eg cakes, biscuits, sweets, dessert sauces)

Please make sure that all contributions have a best before date after the 15th June 2016 and please do not send in products that need refrigeration.

Thank you in advance!

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale soon. If you have any outgrown uniform, please give it to Michelle Bower or Chantal Thompson or leave it with the school office. Thank you!

Please also start collecting spare, empty jam jars ready for filling for this year's very special Summer festival.

Date of the next meeting: 3rd May at 7.30pm at Red Bar and 4th May after school drop off at Gayle's house (please see Gayle or Lucinda for details if you are able to come)

#### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Friends of Powell	fopcs@pcps.uk
POW! Magazine	editor@pcps.uk
Parent Council	01306 883373
Surrey County Council	0300 123 1620
<i>Hotline to report concerns about a child</i>	
Child Line	0800 1111
Family Line	0808 800 5678



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