



HEADLINES

Friday 5th February 2016

FEBRUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Tolerance	Larch	Kingfisher	Ryan - Year 4

Dear Parents,

New Value for February

Our new value for February is tolerance - often a tricky one to master, even for adults! Mrs Harber's monthly letter gives you some detail about how we will be approaching it in school.

In the meantime, I am aware many of us are having to tolerate difficult road access at the moment due to some building work on the road accessing the school drive. We understand the builders have been asked to arrange deliveries outside of school traffic hours and are doing so whenever possible. Please could I ask that parents remember not to park on the grass verges, as this further increases congestion and churns up the grass. Thank you to those of you who are parking further away and walking the last bit of the route into school - this helps greatly!

Robin Class Assembly

Well done to Robin's class for their fantastic assembly all about Antarctica. I was very sad to miss the final performance due to an inspection visit, but I hear it was even better than the rehearsal! Thank you to the parents who came to watch and for baking and buying cakes which helped the class raise £41.52. Next week is the turn of Year 1 - don't forget your pennies for the cake sale after school!

Following some polite comments after the Year 2 assembly, could I request that if you bring younger siblings to an assembly and they are finding it difficult to stay quiet enough for the performance to be enjoyed, our library is available for you to slip out and watch through the glass doors. It is a very good viewing area and close to the action, so you can generally hear well. They are welcome to bring toys to play with, though please ensure they stay out of the kitchen area for their own safety.

After School Club Vacancy

As of this September, Mrs Skinner will be stepping down from her role in After School Club and we will be looking for someone to work in the club as an assistant on two afternoons a week (days can be flexible) from 3:00-6:15pm. If you would be interested in this role, please contact the school office on info@pcps.uk for further details.

Safer Internet Day

You should have received a letter this week with details of our Safer Internet Day events for parents and children next Tuesday. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your reply slips - please bring them in on Monday if you have yet to do so.

Star of the Week

This week's Star of the Week is Ryan in Year 4. I have chosen Ryan because *four* different adults have come to tell me how hard he is working and how impressed they are with his growing independence. Well done Ryan, your efforts have been noticed!

Thames Young Mariners

Just a reminder that the next instalment of £37.50 is due today - thank you.

School Talent Show

This will take place next Friday. If your child would like to participate please help them to prepare for it over the weekend. Auditions will be held throughout next week, so your child will need to make sure that they have any music, props or costumes they require in school every day. The best two acts from each class will then be selected to perform to the whole school on Friday.

School Maths Audit

This week we were treated to an audit of our teaching and learning in maths, from the local authority. Two visitors watched a maths lesson in every class, visited maths booster groups and interventions, looked at the work in maths books over time in every class, and talked to the senior leadership team about our work on maths. We were pleased that they recognised some of the improvements we have worked towards over the last year or so, including our progress with calculation skills and with developing thorough and accurate assessments of children's learning in line with the new curriculum. Evidence of good practice noted in the report included:

- ★ A focus on progression in calculation skills is clearly evident;
- ★ Children use a range of practical apparatus to support their learning;
- ★ There is clear progression for the use of manipulatives (practical equipment) through to expanded and more formal methods;
- ★ Teachers clearly modelled tasks and strategies;
- ★ There was evidence of highly effective highly effective starters to lessons where teachers led the learning through sharp, quick but engaging activity to challenge children's mental acuity, which laid the foundation for learning developed throughout the lesson;
- ★ Children were actively engaged throughout the teaching input, demonstrating good perseverance and a willingness to identify and acknowledge errors;
- ★ Teaching assistants showed a good awareness of subject knowledge and pedagogy and were effective at differentiating tasks for individuals;
- ★ Children working with adults support were clearly making progress and showed a positive attitude to their learning;
- ★ Teachers had clearly planned activities... which recognised the need to support and challenge all groups of learners;
- ★ Highly effective wall displays reflected current learning, showing strategies and key vocabulary which the children could use to support their work.

As always, we were given next steps to work towards as well. Our priorities for the next term will be:

- To build in more opportunities for pupil reasoning (*e.g. showing their working out clearly or explaining their thinking in words*).
- To develop *all* children's basic understanding of number concepts and ability to apply them independently (*this objective referred to some younger children identified as still needing adult support with basic concepts*).
- Develop teachers' consistency and confidence in reshaping a lesson when pupils find the work too easy or too hard (*again, this was only noted as needed in a few instances but is something we will continue to work on*).



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The report summary concluded that *'this was a positive audit'* and praised the school's willingness to continue improving. We are happy to have some clear direction about our next steps and have already booked some training for our teachers to help us work towards them.

Have a good weekend, see you next week.

Mrs McLaughlin

Head Teacher

SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
9th Feb	Internet Safety Day	<p>Parent Evening Bookings</p> <p>Our parent/teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 15th March (3.30pm—6.00pm) & Thursday 17th March (5.00pm—7.30pm).</p> <p>Appointments can be booked online from 9am tomorrow. The booking system will close at 4pm on Monday 14th March for appointments on Tuesday 15th March and at 4pm on Wednesday 16th March for appointments on Thursday 17th March. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school.</p> <p>Please visit https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk To book your appointments. (A short guide on how to add appointments is attached to this letter.) Login with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pupil's First Name · Pupil's Surname · Pupil's Date of Birth
11th Feb	Shrove Tuesday Lunch	
15th –19th Feb	Owl Class Assembly – 9:10am SPRING HALF TERM	
22nd Feb	INSET DAY	
24th Feb	Bag2School Collection - 9am	
29th Feb	Nightingale & Goldfinch Class Visit to the Bough Beech Water Treatment Plant	
29th Feb - 4th Mar	Book Week	
1st Mar	FOPCS Parents Quiz Night at Cafe Rialto	
3rd Mar	World Book Day	
10th Mar	Kingfisher & Ibis Class to visit Fishbourne Roman Palace	
14th Mar	World Maths Day	<p style="text-align: center;">INCLUSION NEWS</p> <p>We are creating an Inclusion Handbook for parents. This would aim to answer questions on the ways we support Able, Gifted and Talented children, as well as children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, children who have English as an Additional Language and those who receive the Pupil Premium. We would welcome your ideas for what you would like included. Please drop me a line at senco@pcps.uk or drop me a line via the office. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Kate Mitchell</i></p>
15th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm	
17th Mar	Parents' Evening 5.00pm – 7.30pm	
22nd Mar	Year 3 & 4 Production—1.30pm & 6.00pm	
23rd Mar	Spring Awards Assembly – 9:00am	
24th Mar	Easter Assembly – 9:00am	
25th Mar - 10th Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
22nd Apr	St. Georges Day	
25th & 26th Apr	Year 5 - Level 1 Bikeability	
27th Apr	Year 2 - Pedals Training	
w/c 16th May	Year 6 - Bikeability Level 2	
w/c 23rd May	Year 6 - Bikeability Level 2	
19th May	Class Photographs	
27th May	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am - 1:00pm	
30th May—3rd June	SUMMER HALF TERM	
6th – 10 Jun	Year 6 Residential Visit	
15 Jun	Bag2School Collection - 9am	
17 Jun	Reserve Sports Day	
21st Jun	Music Assembly - 9:00am	
1st July	200th Anniversary Summer Festival 2pm	
5th Jul	New Schools' / Classes Induction Day	
7th Jul	Pixham Athletics 6pm	
13th Jul	Showcase Afternoon 2.30 – 3.30pm	



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13th Jul	Optional Parents' Evening – 3.30pm - 5.00pm
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
22nd Jul	END OF TERM

TERM DATES 2016-17

Term	Start	End
Autumn 2016	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
Spring 2017	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
Summer 2017	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 in the Summer Term

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Thanks to everyone who got involved in the table top sale last weekend, sellers, buyers and cake bakers. Thanks also to Michelle Bower and Sandra Watkins for organising the after school cake sale on Monday to sell the last of the tasty treats.

I hope all enjoy the discos this evening (Infants 6.00pm - 7.00pm & Juniors 7.15pm-8.15pm). Thanks to all those volunteering and to those that have sold tickets this week, a special thanks to Debbie Fenton-Jones for once again organising.

Teams are getting organised and thinking of very creative names ahead of the quiz at Rialto on the 1st March. Entry forms went out with Parentmail last week, you can also collect one from the office or they can be found on the facebook page. Please return completed forms and money (one per team) to the office by February 23rd.

We are keen to hold a second hand uniform sale soon. If you have any uniform to donate, particularly blue polo shirts, jumpers and cardigans, please hand them into the office or to Michelle Bower or Chantal Thompson.

The next bag to school collection is on the 24th February. If you are having a clear out please do think about donating your old clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties in this way. The school receive money for every kilogram we send in! Bags can either be brought into school at school pick up on Tuesday 23rd or before 9am on Wednesday 24th February. Please note that the school is unable to store bags prior to this date. Additional bags are available from the Office

Thank you!



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