



HEADLINES

Friday 12th February 2016

FEBRUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Tolerance	Chestnut	Owl	Manu - Y1

Dear Parents,

Year 1 Class Assembly

What a fantastic assembly from Year 1 yesterday. Our youngest performers entertained the whole school and their parents with their retelling of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', as they have been learning this week about Shrove Tuesday. We were very impressed by Manu's confident and comedic performance as Mr Wolfe, which earns him our 'Star of the Week' mention, as well as the narrators who read beautifully. Thank you to those who baked or bought for the cake sale, which raised £68.54. Year 1 had in fact already spent their money in anticipation of their cake sale, as it was used to subsidise the African craft and music workshops they enjoyed last term. Now that is forward planning!

Powell Gym Stars... and gymnastics scandal!

HUGE congratulations to the Powell gymnastics squad who returned from the Dorking Schools' competition this year with silver medals for the Year 5/6 team, and individual bronze, silver and gold medals for many competitors in both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams. We were very happy that Y3/4 came 5th overall, and Year 5/6 won silver, while St Paul's took the gold. HOWEVER, we later received the results chart and noticed the scores had been added up incorrectly! In fact, Millie D. (Year 4) had won a bronze medal that had been given to another Millie from a different school, whilst Year 3/4 had in fact come in 3rd, winning bronze. Even more scandalously, our Year 5/6 in fact *finished first, in gold medal position!* We immediately contacted the organisers who have agreed that a mistake had been made and promised to send out medals as soon as possible. The team have been asked to return their silver medals and they will be swapped for a gold. The trophy will be collected from St Paul's over half term and presented to the Powell team in a special assembly. Well done gymnasts!

All change!

Today, everyone enjoyed a special lesson of their own choosing - an idea from Lauren (Year 4) when she was 'Headteacher for a day.' Lauren conducted a survey and asked pupils to suggest lessons they'd like the teachers to do, then each teacher planned one of the lessons and the children were all allowed to choose which they'd like to go to. It was lovely to see the age groups mixing well and helping each other in their learning. We had a great range of activities, including exploding volcanoes, balloon rockets, cookery, jewellery making, animal art, computer game design, origami, a French fashion show, a dragon workshop, cricket match... and much more. Everyone seemed to enjoy their lessons, thank you Lauren for a fun day!

Safer Internet Day

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our workshops for Safer Internet Day. I hope the information you heard and received was useful. The children will be following up on the learning from these workshops in class.

Book Week: Advanced Warning

The second week back after half term (week beginning 29th February) is Book Week! Following last year's success, we will once again be studying one book as a whole school in depth, and taking part in lots of activities based on the story. This

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year's book is the classic *'Around the World in Eighty Days'* by Jules Verne. We have several versions of the text for different age groups and will all follow the story with a whole-school story-telling assembly each day.

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and therefore dressing up day! Children are invited to come to school as a character from our book. For those of you who may not know the book, which is set in 1873, they could choose to be explorer Phileas Fogg, his French butler Passepartout, the ship's Captain, Inspector Fix - a policeman who chases them around the world, Indian Princess Aouda, or one of the characters they meet on their journeys such as Indian royalty, Japanese circus performers, Chinese fishermen, native American Sioux warriors, sailors, train drivers... the possibilities are endless! I look forward to seeing the children's costumes and there will be a prize for the best in each class.

Plea for postcards

For one of our Book Week activities, we require a large number of postcards depicting scenes from around the world. If you have any old postcards at home with photographs of other countries (it doesn't matter if they have writing on or are blank) that you could donate to the school, please send them in after half term. Thank you in advance!

Powell's got Talent

I write this Headlines as this afternoon's annual Talent Show, organised by the School Council, is just about to start. As always, we have a diverse and interesting line up to showcase the many, varied talents of Powell pupils: music, dance, comedy, sporting talents and acting all feature this year. Thank you to the parents who have helped the different acts to prepare - and good luck to the performers!

Sports Round Up

Please find with this week's Headlines a half-termly Sports Update letter, which is now back by popular demand to keep you abreast of all we do to encourage healthy lifestyles in school. This term is always a quiet one, sports-wise, but as we enter late spring and summer, things will start to get busy again in no time. Do remember to join our after school clubs if you are interested in playing for a school sports team (especially now we've got a gold medal-winning squad in our midst!)

INSET After Half Term

Don't forget that Monday 22nd February is an INSET Day - children return to school on Tuesday 23rd February.

And finally...

I would like parents to know that, all being well, I will be on maternity leave from September 2016. Although delighted to be expecting (due mid-August), I have also been most concerned about ensuring stability for the school in the time I am away from work. I am therefore very happy that the school has appointed Mrs Emma Smart to cover my maternity leave. As some of you will remember, Mrs Smart was appointed as my mentor and associate headteacher when I first took on the headship at Powell, and worked closely alongside me for over a year, until last March. She was a hugely positive influence on the school and, most importantly, knows us well and fits in brilliantly. It is enormously reassuring to know it will be in the safe hands of someone we know and trust, and that the staff are supportive of this appointment. I fully intend to return following the maternity leave, probably during the early summer term. In the meantime, the senior leadership team and I will be doing all the preparation we can to ensure a smooth transition for the school, and to ensure progress is maintained.

Have a good half term, see you on TUESDAY 23rd February!

Mrs McLaughlin

Head Teacher



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SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16

OFFICE NEWS

15th –19th Feb	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
15th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
17th Mar	Parents' Evening 5.00pm – 7.30pm
18th Mar	FOPCS Family Easter Egg Hunt
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
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

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Term	Start	End
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Parent Evening Bookings

Our parent/teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 15th March (3.30pm—6.00pm) & Thursday 17th March (5.00pm—7.30pm). Please visit <https://powellcorderoy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

School Dinners

The cost of meals for the remainder of the term for children in Key Stage 2 will be £49.45. If you wish to pay weekly, then the weekly cost is £10.75. All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/term.

INCLUSION NEWS

ASD/Speech and Language workshop

Do you have a child with (or an interest in) ASD or speech and language problems? There will be a meeting at school on Thursday 3rd March from 3.30-4.30 for any parents interested in the ways we support children in school, and ideas for helping at home, with the opportunity to make some of the suggested materials. This will also be a chance for anyone interested in the Inclusion parents forum to meet and discuss ways in which we can continue to become an inclusive school.

Kate Mitchell

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs F, lucky number 44 and winner of February's 200 Club draw! If you would like a number in the 200 club so that you too could win some cash each month, please see the office for details.

The next Bag2School collection is the 24th February. If you are having a clear out over half term please do think about donating your old clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. The school receive money for every kilogram we send in! Bags can be brought into school on the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd or before 9am on the 24th February. Please note that the school is unable to store bags prior to this date.



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Autumn 2016 <i>Half term</i>	Mon 5 Sep 2016 Mon 24 Oct 2016 Mon 31 Oct 2016	Fri 21 Oct 2016 Fri 28 Oct 2016 Wed 21 Dec 2016	<p>We will also be holding a second hand uniform sale after school on Thursday 25th February so if you find any unwanted uniform during your clear out (particularly jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts) which you are happy to donate please bring give them to Michelle Bower or Chantal Thompson.</p> <p>If you are keen to come along to the quiz night at Rialto on the 1st March please return your completed form (one per team) and money to the office by the 23rd February. Teams need to be between 4-6 people but if you are short on numbers please email: fopcs@pcps.uk or speak to one of us and we will try to bring smaller groups together. The price is £10 per person which includes supper.</p> <p>Please put the 18th March in your diary! We will be holding a family Easter egg hunt after school. Details to follow!</p>
Spring 2017 <i>Half term</i>	Tue 3 Jan 2017 Mon 13 Feb 2017 Mon 20 Feb 2017	Fri 10 Feb 2017 Fri 17 Feb 2017 Fri 31 Mar 2017	
Summer 2017 <i>Half term</i>	Tue 18 April 2017 (plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May) Mon 29 May 2017 Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 26 May 2017 Fri 2 Jun 2017 Fri 21 Jul 2017	
<i>INSET Days will be set in the Summer Term</i>			



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