



HEADLINES

Friday 26th February 2016

FEBRUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Tolerance	Chestnut	Nightingale	Mrs Simms

Dear Parents,

Coming up... Book Week!

Next week is Book Week and our theme this year is *'Around the World in Eighty Days'* by Jules Verne. The children will all follow the story with a whole-school story-telling assembly each day, and doing follow-up work in class. We will be working on a **school book** as a collection of the children's writing, which we will then publish to celebrate the fantastic writers we have in school. This will be available for parents to purchase later in the term.

Throughout the week, as last year, we will be running **daily competitions** which children can choose to enter, all themed on the book. The competitions are explained in assembly every morning and will be posted on the playground blackboard and school website (go to the homepage and click on 'Children'). Children have overnight to produce their entries and bring them in the next morning, when prizes are awarded in assembly. Last year, we had some amazingly creative entries every day, so we look forward to seeing this year's efforts!

Thursday is **World Book Day**, when children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from the book - either one of the travellers, or one of the many characters they in the countries they visit: France, Egypt, India, Hong Kong, Japan, the USA or Victorian London. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class.

On Friday morning, each classroom will be assigned a different country from the book, and children will travel around the countries with a passport, taking part in various activities to do with each country: an (almost) **'Around the World in 80 minutes'**, to finish our activities for the week! On Friday afternoon, to celebrate all of our hard work in Book Week, we will be showing the film of *'Around the World in 80 Days'* and taking part in a **quiz about the book and film**. Infants will watch a short 'U' rated version, and Juniors the 2004 'PG' rated film. As parental guidance is advised, please speak to the office if you would like further information. We have checked the film carefully and consider it to be suitable for this age group.

Star of the Week

This week's belated Star of the Week is Mrs Simms, who I have been meaning to mention since last half term. We have had a term with unusually high staff absence - for various, often unpredictable reasons - and Mrs Simms has been an absolute star, frequently flying in at the last minute to cover a lunch duty or helping out in Breakfast and After School Clubs when they might otherwise have had to close, in addition to her normal working hours AND the many voluntary hours she gives us as a parent. We've been hugely grateful this term, Mrs S., thank you for all you've done!

Parking

We are aware there are increasing issues with the traffic to and from school being held up by coaches and minibuses. I have asked the Priory to let us know in advance when school events are likely to cause increased problems at drop-off/pick-up times, so we can warn parents and encourage more to walk or consider measures to address the problem.

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I appreciate that parking issues are frustrating for all involved, especially if you are in a rush, and that tempers can become fraught. Please do park considerately and if you do have cause to speak with another driver please be mindful of how this is done, especially in front of children to whom we want to demonstrate good conflict resolution. Please also remember, however much of a rush you may be in, the importance of driving safely and carefully on a road with a high number of pedestrians and children on bikes and scooters.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers - there is a collection box in reception... get collecting!

PE Kits

At the moment, we seem to have a very high number of children in school without a full PE kit and unable to do PE. Please could you check that your child's PE kit is in school, and that it includes a tracksuit for outdoors (Y1-6), and sports shoes. Girls who usually wear tights also need to ensure they have socks to wear for PE.

Loom band challenge

A team of children at Powell have created a loom band chain which has now reached 150 meters. The children have decided to challenge the other local schools to beat us by holding Dorking's first loom band contest. The idea is to eventually join forces to try and beat the world record, which is currently over 12,000 meters long. Any loom band contributions gratefully received - we can connect chains together to make them even longer. Watch this space.....

Calling all Gardeners!

On Saturday 12th March, we will be holding a volunteer gardening day from 10:00 - 12:00am. In preparation for some new developments which will improve the gardening opportunities at school, we need helpers to clear beds, trim, weed, plant and generally tidy up some key areas of the school grounds, including our overgrown school pond. Children are welcome to come and either help out or play on the big field (bring your own bikes, balls and toys!) but remain the responsibility of their parents while on site. Refreshments will be provided. Please complete the form below to let us know if you can help, or email the office on info@pcps.uk, so that we can ensure there are enough refreshments.

Have a good weekend, see you on Monday!

Mrs McLaughlin

Head Teacher

Powell Planters Volunteer Gardening Day - Saturday 12th March

We are able to come and help out on 12th March from 10:00-12:00am.

Number of adults: _____ Number of children: _____

Contact via (child's name): _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you in advance for your help! If you are unable to print this form, just email the office on info@pcps.uk to let us know you plan to attend.



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SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
29th Feb	Nightingale & Goldfinch Class Trip	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
29th Feb - 4th Mar	Book Week	
1st Mar	FOPCS Quiz Night at Cafe Rialto	
3rd Mar	World Book Day	
4th Mar	Inter School Cross Country Event 4pm	
8th Mar	Inter School Netball Tournament - Yr 6	
10th Mar	Kingfisher & Ibis Class to visit Fishbourne Roman Palace	
14th Mar	World Maths Day	
15th Mar	Inter School Netball Tournament - Yr 5	
15th Mar	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm	
17th Mar	Year 5 & 6 Junior Citizen Event	
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	
		<p style="text-align: center;">INCLUSION NEWS</p> <p>Look out for new additions to the inclusion section on the school's website. I have uploaded copies of the training on ASD and dyslexia/literacy difficulties which the teaching and support staff have undertaken this term. I hope you find it useful. Just a quick reminder that next Thursday there will be an ASD workshop and information drop-in meeting from 3.00-4.15 in the art room. All welcome!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Kate Mitchell</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS</p> <p>Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Bag2School collection this week.</p> <p>Thanks to Michelle and Chantal for running the second hand uniform sale yesterday. It is very much appreciated, especially at this time when new uniforms are not available.</p> <p>We are very excited about next week's quiz at Rialto. Please arrive from 7.30pm to ensure you have full glasses and sharpened pencils ready to start at 8pm.</p> <p>On the 18th March we are planning a family Easter egg hunt around the grounds straight after school. More details to follow but put it in the diary!</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm in The Red Bar. Absolutely all welcome!</p>



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