



# HEADLINES

Friday 18th March 2016

MARCH'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
Politeness	Maple	Duckling	Powell Gardeners!

**Dear Parents,**

## **Sport Relief**

A huge thank you to everyone for their donations to Sport Relief- we collected £126.52 on the gate this morning, and with money from the sale of wristbands to be added, our contribution to a wonderful cause is likely to be somewhere close to £250. As I write, classes have begun running laps of the field with most children managing at least a mile. Well done to everyone, however many laps you managed!

## **Stars of the Week**

Another huge thank you must go to the parents and pupils who came out on a misty Saturday morning to dig out our flowerbeds in preparation for the first stage of our gardening project. There's a long way to go yet but it was a lovely way to spend the weekend and great to see so much support for our little school. We hope to organise another date next term!

## **World Maths Day**

This Monday, the whole school enjoyed a fantastic range of maths activities and investigations organised by Miss Watkins for World Maths Day, culminating with a big "Who Wants to be a Mathematician?" quiz in the school hall. It was wonderful to see the team spirit of our school houses and the children supporting one another as they raced to answer maths questions correctly. Well done to ROWAN house, for winning!

## **Netball Tournament**

HUGE congratulations to the Year 5 netball team (which included two Year 4 players) who brought home bronze medals and the small schools' trophy from the netball tournament on Tuesday. Although the teachers were busy with Parents' Evening, we were inundated by post-match reports as the tournament progressed and heard nothing but praise for the fantastic performance from the Powell team - great work girls!

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to those of you who came to our Parents' Evenings this week - it was a great turn out and I hope the sessions were useful. We ran a trial of our new online Parent Survey, which was well received and, as always, has given us some useful feedback with which to continue to plan school improvements. As the Autumn Term survey was only answered by a small number of parents when sent home, we will continue to conduct the survey at Parent Evenings using the school computers to ensure as many people as possible have a chance to have their voice heard.

**Easter Assembly and Year 3/4 production**

Don't forget that our Easter assemblies are next week and if you haven't got your tickets yet, there are still some available for the 2.30pm assembly from the school office. These start at 9.10am and 2.30pm.

Year 3 and 4 have been working hard to rehearse their production of Hoodwinked next Tuesday and some tickets remain available. If you wish to see the 6.00pm performance then act fast as tickets are almost sold out, but plenty remain for the afternoon should you miss out. Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 please ensure children are in school next Tuesday for the afternoon production and return to school between 5.30pm and 5.45pm on Tuesday evening for the evening production starting at 6.00pm. We do expect all children to take part in both - if for any reason your child is unable to return for the evening production, please ensure you speak to the class teacher in advance. Many thanks.

All parents are welcome to attend the Spring Awards assembly on Wednesday at 9.00am, where attendance awards, class teacher nominations and the Governors' Star trophy will be presented. No tickets required!

**Inclusion News - Anxiety Workshop**

We will be holding a workshop/information session for parents and carers, on Wednesday 27th April from 3:30-4:30pm - all are welcome! This will be run by Learning Space, who are a charity specialising in working with children. The meeting will cover the causes and symptoms of anxiety and also how to help your child manage their anxiety. There will be a chance to ask questions, and refreshments.

**Inclusion News - Home School Link Worker (HSLW)**

Karen Edwards, our HSLW, would like me to thank all the parents who came and said hello at the parents' evening yesterday. She enjoyed meeting so many of you, and would like me to remind you that she is here every Friday, and can also be reached through her email address: [edwards.karen@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:edwards.karen@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like to get in touch.

**Health Alert**

Please be aware that we currently have known cases of both chickenpox and scarlet fever in the school. Chickenpox is considered infectious until the spots have crusted over, when children can return to school (this usually takes around 5-6 days from their appearance.) Children diagnosed with scarlet fever should be kept off school until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

**After School Club - FRIENDS GO FREE!**

After School Club remains popular with its regular users, so to add a bit of fun for those who come often and to give others a taste of what they're missing, we'd like to offer any children attending after school club next term the opportunity to bring a friend for free on a Wednesday. We are offering one free place per paying pupil to be used on any Wednesday next half term, subject to availability. Please ensure you have booked in your free guest in advance by contacting the school office, and that guests bring with them a completed registration form (available from the school office). We hope our regulars enjoy sharing their club with their friends!

**Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday!**

*Mrs McLaughlin*

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SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
18th Mar	FOPCS Family Easter Egg Hunt	<p><b>Activity Clubs for the Spring Term</b> Please find attached details of the clubs that will be running in the Summer Term. Please note that the booking system will open at 9am tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Breakfast &amp; Afterschool Club Bookings</b> We are now in the process of confirming bookings up until the end of term, if you would like to book a place at either club, please complete a booking form and return it to the Office. We accept both regular and occasional bookings, so if you need an early start or want to go out for the day then please make use of this extended day care facility. Sessions cost £3.50 for Breakfast Club and £10.00 for Afterschool Club.</p>
22nd Mar	Year 3 & 4 Production—1.30pm & 6.00pm	
23rd Mar	Spring Awards Assembly – 9:00am	
24th Mar	Easter Assembly – 9:00am & 2.30pm	
<b>25th Mar - 10th Apr</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>18th Apr</b>	<b>FOPCS Tower of 2ps</b>	
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	
19th May	Year 5 Residential to Bentley Copse	
27th May	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am - 1:00pm	
<b>30th May—3rd June</b>	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS</b></p> <p>We hope you all have fun at the egg hunt this afternoon and enjoy seeing the special guests! Thanks to everyone that has helped by selling tickets, setting up and organising. A special thank you to Alaina for devising and creating the hunt, a wonderful job!</p> <p>We will be holding a raffle at the Easter assemblies next week. We have very kindly been donated lots of beautiful looking eggs by Mr Butterly, Sainsburys and Waitrose. If you are able to help with ticket selling either in the morning or afternoon, please let me know.</p> <p>We will, once again, be setting a challenge to see which class can collect the most 2p's. The winning class will get the much prized extra playtime! The date for this year's competition is the 18th April, so please get filling those piggy banks!</p> <p>Please also start collecting spare, empty jam jars ready for filling for this year's very special Summer festival.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting: 3rd May at 7.30pm at Red Bar and 4th May after school drop off at Gayle's house.</p> <p><i>Lucinda Perks</i></p>
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	
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	
<b>22nd Jul</b>	<b>END OF TERM</b>	
<b>TERM DATES 2016-17</b>		
<b>Term</b>	<b>Start</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



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<b>Summer 2017</b>	Tue 18 April 2017	Fri 26 May 2017	Powell Corderoy Governors	01306 868165
	(plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May)			chairofgovernors@pcps.uk
<i>Half term</i>	Mon 29 May 2017	Fri 2 Jun 2017	Breakfast & After School Club	07518 697751
	Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 21 Jul 2017	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
<i>INSET Days will be set in the Summer Term</i>				



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