



# HEADLINES

Thursday 24th March 2016

MARCH'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
Politeness	TBC	Ibis	Hannah - Year 4

**Dear Parents,**

### **Happy Easter!**

Thank you for coming to our Easter Assembly this morning - we hope you enjoyed listening to the Easter songs we have been learning.

### **Hoodwinked**

Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 on a fantastic and very entertaining production of 'Hoodwinked,' which played to a packed audience on Tuesday night. There were brilliant performances all round, though a special mention should go to singing superstar Ethan, brilliant comedy actress Evie, and beautiful soloist Alice B. from Year 4, who all had a huge amount of lines to learn and delivered fantastic performances as Robin Hood, the Sheriff of Nottingham and Maid Marion.

### **First week back: Healthy Lifestyles Week**

In the first week back after Easter, we'll be promoting wellbeing with a 'Healthy Lifestyles Week.' Further details can be found in Mr Darke's termly sports round up, but we look forward to lots of fresh air, exercise and healthy activities to kick off the summer term!

### **Next Parent Council meeting**

The next meetings of our Parent Council will be on Tuesday 19th April at 2:00pm in school, and again at 7:30pm in the Falkland Arms. Topics on the agenda include parking and transport, and healthy lifestyles. We hope to see you there!

### **Star of the Week**

Our star of this week is Hannah (Year 4), who impressed everyone with her extensive knowledge of outer space in our lessons with visiting space expert Mr Buswell. He described Hannah as '*amazing... an extraordinary, intelligent person!*' Thank you, Mr Buswell (dad of Sophie and Adam) for sharing with us your fascinating job and expertise - I know everyone enjoyed the workshops, especially learning about how astronauts go to the toilet and brush their teeth!

### **Carpool Database**

If you are not yet on our carpool database and would like to be, please let the office know so we can share your contact details with other drivers in your area and help try to reduce congestion on the way in to school. At the moment, we have very few names on the list - I'm sure we can do better!

### **Inclusion News**

Over the past 3 weeks I have enjoyed visiting classrooms, talking to children and observing lessons and interventions as part of my termly monitoring of all things Inclusion. It has been lovely to see all the ways in which the teachers and staff at the school support, challenge and encourage pupils through a wide variety of means, whilst making it part of the normal school day. We have been asking children for their feedback at the end of interventions and booster groups, and the results have

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been overwhelmingly positive, with almost every child feeling more positive and confident as a result of the extra support. We welcome parent feedback too, so please let me know how you feel things are going for your child either by email at [senco@pcps.uk](mailto:senco@pcps.uk) or in person via the office.

### **ASD and inclusion coffee morning**

By popular request we will be holding monthly coffee mornings for any parents with children with ASD, or any other additional need. Our first one will be on 19th April from 9.00-10.30, and will be an informal chance to chat and meet other parents who understand. Drop in and say hello, no need to book, feel free to bring a cake for the table!

### **IRC update**

We had another monitoring visit from the 'Interim Review and Challenge' group this week who were satisfied that the school is making reasonable progress against its targets and who noted that we continue to improve with every visit. This time, they were especially impressed with the writing progress in Year 2 - well done writers!

### **Dusty Box Society**

Don't forget we are meeting on the first day back after Easter at 6:00pm. I look forward to sharing the progress we've all made with our different aspects of the project.

### **Homework Club**

Please note: there is no homework club in the first week back after Easter as children will not have been set homework.

### **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!

### **Easter Egg Hunt and lambs**

A big thank you to Lucinda and the team for our Easter Egg hunt, and especially for the gorgeous lambs which came to visit and were enormously popular! Thanks also to all those who bought tickets and took part.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Please can I ask that parents don't allow children to cycle or scoot around the car park at the bottom of the drive. Staff cars have been scratched recently by children going in and out on scooters. Please ensure they put them away carefully in the stand and are supervised when on them, thank you.

### **Calling all gardeners back**

Following the success of our enjoyable gardening morning, we will be holding another volunteer gardening day from 10:00 - 12:00 am on Sunday 24th April. We hope you'll join us again for some more fresh air and digging!

**Have a lovely Easter, see you next term!**

*Mrs McLaughlin*

**Head Teacher**



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**SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16**

**25th Mar - 10th Apr** **EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
 18th Apr FOPCS Tower of 2ps  
 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

**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  
 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  
**22nd Jul** **END OF TERM**

**TERM DATES 2016-17**

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

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Activity Clubs for the Summer Term**

Last week you should have received details of the school led clubs that are available next term. Initially you were only asked to book one place to give everyone the opportunity of attending a club. This restriction has now been lifted, so you are now able to book additional places for your child/children.

**School Dinners**

The cost of meals for the Summer term for children in Key Stage 2 will be £73.10 up until May half term or £148.35 up until the end of term. 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.  
**Surrey County Council has a zero tolerance of debt and school meals will not be provided without upfront payment.**

**FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS**

Thank you for another great term.

Please see the newsletter for a roundup of the term's fun and a peek into next term.

Have lovely Easter holidays!

**USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**

Powell Corderoy Governors	01306 868165 chairofgovernors@pcps.uk
Breakfast & After School Club	07518 697751
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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