



HEADLINES

Friday 15th April 2016

APRIL'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
AMBITION	Chestnut	Duckling & Nightingale	Emma H - Year 6

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful first week back, with lots of different activities going on around the school based on our theme of Healthy Lifestyles. Ducklings and Robins classes enjoyed Multisports sessions with Ollie from Football First coaching, Kingfishers played cricket with John Calcutt from Newdigate Cricket Club, Goldhawks Basketball Club came to lead a session with Nightingales and as I write, Goldfinch class are playing Volleyball on the field with coaches from the Ashcombe. Ibis and Owls have tennis and cricket sessions to come very soon, hastily rearranged after Monday's downpours.

As well as the importance of physical activity for good health, many classes have begun to explore ways to keep our minds healthy through mindfulness activities; they have also had a fantastic time creating and eating healthy snacks, our new Fruit tuck shop has been launched for Juniors at break time, and on Wednesday we were visited by John McCorkell, a wheelchair basketball player who led workshops with every class. His message was very inspiring: that his disability can make things harder for him, but does not restrict him in achieving his goals in life.

As if all of these activities weren't enough, every class has spent time this week running laps of the field as Powell Corderoy School attempts to 'Run to Rio'. Active Surrey have challenged our children to cover the 5741 miles between them by the end of term, ready for the summer's Olympic Games. After running for Sport Relief in March we had covered enough distance to get us from Dorking to Exeter, but with all of their efforts this week I hope that the children will have at least left Cornwall and have begun to cover the long journey across the Atlantic Ocean!

Tuck Shop Update from the School Council

The Tuck Shop has had a very successful week and will continue to run with more products being added as the term progresses. A few children have paid for their items and run off without waiting for change - please do remind children to check they wait for change, and please only send in coins (not notes) as prices will only range from 10p-50p.

ASD and Inclusion Drop-in morning Tuesday 19/4/16

Come in for a coffee and an informal chat from 9.00-10.30 in the library. We will have resources and ideas for helping children with sensory needs, books to borrow on a wide range of subjects to do with ASD and advice and information on a range of SEN. More importantly, there will be other parents to chat to, and free tea, coffee and cake!

Inclusion News

Next week the staff will be meeting in class teams to discuss pupil progress and to look at booster groups and interventions. If your child is going to be offered an intervention group, is already attending one, or is ready to move on you should receive letters informing you during the week beginning 25th April. Pupil feedback from interventions has been overwhelmingly positive, with comments on how much they feel they have learned, and how much more confident they now feel. We hold

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these meetings every half term as part of our commitment to meeting the needs and developing the learning of every child in the school.

Sunday Cricket Morning

Thanks to everyone who has signed their children up for this Sunday's Come and Play Cricket event which has been made possible by many parents volunteering their services. It is not too late for your child to be involved, but please remember that you must stay to watch as your child remains your responsibility. Children and families should arrive on the field at 10.45 for an 11am start. There will be games and coaching for an hour, followed by a family picnic from 12-12.45. Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine!

Night Owl Visit

On Wednesday of next week, we have some special visitors in school! 'Night Owls,' a birds of prey demonstration team, will be with us for the morning, talking to the children and holding a flying demonstration. The children will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Whisper, the Barn Owl, as a souvenir of the experience. Photographs will be sent home the following week and there is an opportunity for parents to purchase the photographs afterwards if they wish, however there is no obligation to do so.

Powell Planters' Gardening Day

We are looking forward to our second day of gardening on Sunday 24th April from 10:00 -12:00 am. If you are able to attend, please notify the office so that we can ensure enough refreshments are provided. Thank you in advance.

Star of the Week

This week's star is Emma in Year 6, who has been noted by staff for her care and support of infants when helping as a Fuss-Buster on the infant playground. Well done Emma!

Parent Council Meeting

Parent Council is meeting at 2pm at school or 7.30pm at the Falkland Arms pub on Tuesday 19 April. Topics on the agenda including parking and transport, and healthy lifestyles. And we're always looking out for new subjects that parents would like to raise - any suggestions, please email parentcouncil@powell-corderoy.surrey.sch.uk

After School Tennis Club - NOW FREE!

We are now able to offer After School Tennis Club for free- if you have already signed your child up please go to the office for a refund. There are eight places remaining for children in Years 2 and 3. The first session will now be Monday 25th April.

Cross-Country Club- back by popular demand!

Thanks to Mrs Gifford, parent of Flora and Manu, we are now able to offer children in Years 3-6 the chance to continue Cross-Country club on a Tuesday morning, 8-8.30. The first session will be on Tuesday 26th April.

Forest Schools Club starts on Wednesday 20th April

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Sunday for a spot of cricket!

Mr Darke

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SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
18th Apr	FOPCS Tower of 2ps	<p>School Dinners</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Surrey County Council has a zero tolerance of debt and school meals will not be provided without upfront payment.</p>
20th Apr	Night Owl Visit	
22nd Apr	St. Georges Day	
25th Apr	Year 5 - Level 1 Bikeability	
27th Apr	Year 2 - Pedals Training	
13th May	FOPCS Mufti Day for donations for the hampers to raffle at sports day	
w/c 16th 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	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS</p> <p>Welcome back to the Summer Term from The Friends! Our first fundraiser of this term will be the 2p challenge next week. On Monday the 18th please bring in as many 2p's as you can carry to help your class to win. The class which collects the most will win the much prized extra playtime! So get raiding those piggy banks!</p> <p>We hope to have another cake sale in St Martin's Walk in the near future. More details to follow!</p> <p>Other dates for your diary: Friday 13th May-mufti day. We will be asking for donations for the hampers to raffle at sports day in return for the children dressing in their own clothes. 15th June-Bag2School collection. 15th July-Summer discos.</p> <p>The big event of this term is, of course, the summer festival. If anyone is keen to get involved in helping to organise the fair please do get in contact. We would be very grateful of any help!</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 (please see Gayle or Lucinda for details if you are able to come)</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	
15th Jul	FOPCS Summer Discos	
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
<i>Half term</i>	(plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May)	
	Mon 29 May 2017	Fri 2 Jun 2017
	Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 21 Jul 2017



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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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