



HEADLINES

Friday 29th April 2016

APRIL'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
AMBITION	Chestnut	Kingfisher	Mrs Sidery

Dear Parents,

Star of the Week

I'd like to thank Mrs Sidery (mum of Evie in Ducklings Class) for being such a star by giving up hours and hours every week to help us maintain our school library. It is SO much appreciated and a huge help!

Forest Schools News

Today was the first of the Forest School sessions for Ducklings Class and a great success. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came to help. The class are looking forward to next week's session!

Congratulations

To all of the children who passed their 'Bikeability' course this week or completed their pedals cycle training. Year 6 will have their turn to complete Level 2 of Bikeability before half term.

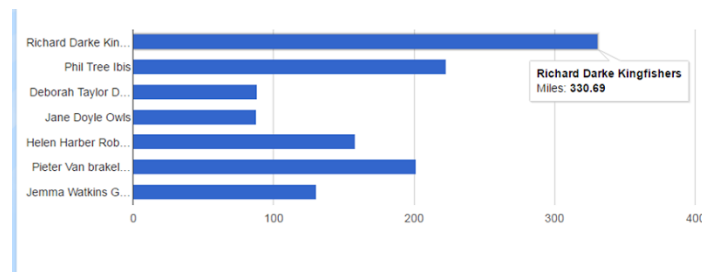
Powell Planters' Gardening Day

We were few in number but achieved great things last Sunday on our volunteer gardening day. We shovelled and carried 3 large bags of scalping onto the class beds ready for cementing, and managed to completely clear one of the two main beds which will be renovated into growing spaces.

The next gardening date will be Saturday 14th May from 2:00pm onwards. The school governors have a meeting at the same time but will come out to lend a hand afterwards, when we will finish with a BBQ to celebrate all of our hard work! Please bring your own choice of meat / veggie option for the grill (to eat or to share); buns and sauces will be provided. Please let the office know if you are able to attend so that we can ensure we cater for the right number of people.

Run to Rio

I can reveal that we have now covered 1159.88 miles over the first two weeks. Pretty impressive, but we'll need to maintain this at least if we are to get there by our deadline of 8th July! Well done to Year 3, who are currently in the lead, and well done Ducklings for overtaking Owls this week too!



Dusty Box Society

We're getting close to the school's 200th anniversary - there's so much going on! The next meeting of the Dusty Box Society will be on Tuesday 3rd May (next week!) at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

Year 5 and 6 Sex and Relationships Education for Parents

I have only had one request for an alternative session following the short notice of last week's meeting, however will be running a second talk for parents at 2:30pm on Tuesday 3rd May (next week) just in case there are others who have not

come forward. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend. We are awaiting confirmation from the Health Service, but currently expect lessons to start on Thursday 5th May.

Dorking Beaver Scouts

We have been asked to let you know that the Dorking 18th Beaver Scouts have four places they can offer immediately to anyone aged between 6 and 8 years old. Beaver Scouts are the first step into Scouting, and the colony rarely has places available, but everyone on the current waiting list is too young to join at this time. Scouting is an inclusive activity, welcoming of boys and girls of all abilities. Many in the Dorking 18th Colony are Powell Corderoy students, so it is very likely the children will have a classmate who is a beaver! Activities include hiking, nature trailing, crafts, BBQs, pond dipping, den building, cinema trips and much more. The Beavers have 'noisy fun and learn along the way.' They meet at North Holmwood Village Hall on Monday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm. Subs are £30 per quarter. For more information, please call Kirsten on 07550 002141.

Swivelly Chairs for Sale!

Following the repurposing of our old IT suite, we have been left with an abundance of office chairs. They are good quality with royal blue fabric backs/seats, adjustable heights and, as the children will attest, they are brilliant for spinning round and round, wheeling across the room at high speeds, or rising and sinking in slow motion. All very entertaining. Now surplus to requirement, they are on sale for the bargain price of £5 - please enquire at the school office while stocks last.

Inclusion News

We enjoyed a good turnout of parents to the anxiety workshop on Wednesday. Lesley Pitt from Learning Space (a local charity) talked to parents and staff and made some very helpful suggestions on managing stress and anxiety. The hand out sheets were full of ideas and are available from the office and can also be found on the school website under Inclusion should you want a copy.

3rd May - 'Let our kids be kids' event

You may have heard of this event publicised online, encouraging parents to keep children off school for the day in protest of the government's recent changes to the curriculum and assessment. Whilst we understand the motive, we cannot condone children being kept off school and missing lessons. We have worked very hard to maintain everything our children love about school alongside implementing the new requirements, and feel a responsibility to ensure that they maintain positive attitudes to their learning. The school remains accountable for attendance on this date, when lessons will continue as normal. We urge any parents who wish to take a stance on this (or any national educational matter) to take more effective action by writing to our MP, Sir Paul Beresford. Letters should be send to: *212, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2DB.*

INSET Days 2016-17

Following discussions at parent council, you may remember the school was considering putting all of the INSET days together in a block to allow parents to take advantage of cheaper holidays. This is still in discussion, with various pros and cons being considered for the future. However it will not be possible next year due to Mrs Smart, covering my maternity leave, needing INSET time for handover and planning. As such, the following INSET dates have been set for next year:

- 5th September
- 6th September
- 21st October
- 3rd January



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- 21st July

Don't forget that Monday is a Bank Holiday - see you on TUESDAY next week!

Mrs McLaughlin

Headteacher

SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
6th May	FOPCS Cake Sale - Dorking Town Centre	<p>Letters this week</p> <p>We send home some letters on paper if they are not available to us digitally or if they require a form to be completed and sent back, as many people say they are unable to print at home. However, we are also aware that some parents have missed letters this way. Here is a list of letters sent out this week. We will publish this in Headlines each week so that you will know if you have missed one. All letters are available to download from the school website or from the school office. This week's letter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR - Forest Schools Letter (paper) • KS2 - Trumpet lessons (paper) • All - Pumpkin Festival (paper) • All - Summer Festival costumes (attached) • All - Colour Run leaflets (paper) • Yr 6 Mock SATs letter (paper) • All - Curriculum Information (paper) <p>Payment reminders</p> <p>Please could I remind you that the following payments are due on Friday 5th May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames Young Mariners Residential (Year 6) - final instalment of £37.50. • Bentley Copse Residential (Year 5) - final instalment of £28.00 <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you!</p>
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	
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	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
	(plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May)	
FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS		
<p>Congratulations to Ducklings Class, who collected the most 2ps per child last week, with an average of £1.34 per child and a grand total of £40.08. In total, £141.95 was raised for the school!</p> <p>Please can I ask you to bake, bake, bake! Next Friday the 6th is our cake sale in town, we will be positioned outside</p>		



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<i>Half term</i>	Mon 29 May 2017	Fri 2 Jun 2017
	Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 21 Jul 2017

INSET DAYS 2016-17

- 5th September 2016
- 6th September 2016
- 21st October 2016
- 3rd January 2017
- 21st July 2017

Barclays Bank, next to the Food Float from 9.30am. If you are able to help sell for half an hour please let Sandra know, at the moment we are low on volunteers. Both sweet and savoury, individual and whole bakes are gratefully received, please make sure all offerings are labelled (along with tins if you want them back!) Thank you!

Michelle and Chantal are kindly running a second hand uniform sale after school on Tuesday the 17th May. Jumpers, cardigans and hoodies are priced at £1, everything else is 50p per item. If you have any uniform to contribute please take it into the office over the next couple of weeks.

Thanks to the volunteers who manned the book fair this week, I hope lots of you picked up some good reads. Mufti reminder for the 13th May. We will be asking for donations for the hampers to raffle at sports day in return for the children dressing in their own clothes.

Please can we ask for the following:

Reception, Yr 3 and Yr 6: Barbeque goodies (eg sauces, spice mixes, outdoor candles, crisps, napkins, beer etc)
Yr1 and Yr 4: World tastes (eg Chinese, Indian, Italian or Mexican foods)

Yr2 and Yr 5: Sweet treats (eg cakes, biscuits, sweets, dessert sauces)

Please make sure that all contributions have a best before date after the 15th June 2016 and please do not send in products that need refrigeration.

Thank you in advance!

Date of the next meeting: 3rd May at 7.30pm at Red Bar and 4th May after school drop off at Lucinda's house (please see Lucinda for details if you are able to come).

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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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