



# HEADLINES

Friday 20th May 2016

MAY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Caring	Chestnut	Duckling	Daniel - Year 5

**Dear Parents,**

### **Ladyland Farm**

Thank you to the parents who came to help out on Duckling Class's trip to Ladyland Farm this week. The children got to meet and learn about all sorts of different animals and have been talking about it ever since - they obviously had a wonderful time!

### **British School Museum Visit**

On Tuesday, the Year 6 experienced a trip with a difference! They were transported back in time to 1880, experiencing a Victorian style lesson - I'm not sure how many of them would like a teacher as strict as the one they met! After lunch, time moved forward to 1940 and life as an evacuee child. Putting on authentic gas masks was an interesting yet slightly daunting experience. They also found that writing with a fountain pen dipped into ink was a skill that was not always easy to master, yet very messy! A thoroughly enjoyable visit was had by all.

### **Bentley Copse**

Year 5 spent last night at Bentley Copse, where they have today enjoyed archery, climbing, zip lining and 'Jacob's Ladder' activities. Although the teachers were less than delighted by the final children falling asleep at around 4:45am, despite an evening of sports, a run-around site quiz and campfire to tire them out, we did all have a brilliant time. My thanks to Mr Van and Mrs Larn for nobly accompanying the class on their adventure, I trust they will all sleep well this weekend.

### **Star of the Week**

Our star of the week has to be Daniel in Y5, whose experience in the scouts served us well at Bentley Copse. He was an absolute star helping out with chores like washing up and clearing up, and collected the best firewood for our campfire, which was quite a mission in damp weather. A pleasure to camp with!

### **Bikeability**

It has been good to see some of our Year 6 pupils learning essential life skills this week with their road -safety lessons. Congratulations to all of those who passed the course - remember to stay safe on the roads and wear your helmets!

### **Powell Planters' Gardening Day**

Thank you to parents, children and staff for their hard work gardening last Saturday. We are making good progress in trying to achieve our gardening goals. We would like to schedule another session, on Saturday 18th June 10am to 12 noon to ensure our grounds are looking their best for the summer festival; all help would be greatly appreciated.

### **SATs Celebrations!**

A huge well done to our Year 2 pupils who have finished taking their SATs this week.

### **Inclusion News**

June 6th - 12th is Young Carers week. Is your child caring or helping to care for a sibling or relative? Do you feel that they have more than the usual amount of responsibilities? Surrey Young Carers can provide help and advice, and even run some after school clubs and groups to help children meet other young carers. Surrey Young Carers have supported children and families at Powell Corderoy in the past with very happy children as a result. If you would like your child to be referred you can chat to Miss Mitchell or contact them directly by ringing 01483 568 269.

### **Multi Skills Sports Club & Choir**

There will be no Multi Skills or Choir next week due to Sports Day

### **Owl Photos**

Several parents have raised concerns over the photographs that were returned to school but I would like to reassure you that these are securely destroyed by the Night Owls team. Please could any remaining photographs and payments be sent to the office as soon as possible.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their vouchers, please could any outstanding vouchers be sent into school as soon as possible as we are in the process of finalising our order.

### **Run to Rio Update**

At the end of last week, the total distance covered by Powell had reached 2886.39 miles- more than half way to Rio on our epic run. Well done to Year 3 who have run the furthest of all the classes, but special mention must also go to Year 1 who have now overtaken the Juniors classes and have run the second furthest. On Saturday our governors began their strategic planning meeting with a lap each too, adding another 2.2 miles to the total- every little helps!

### **Year 6 Residential - Thames Young Mariners**

On Monday 23rd May, immediately after school in the Year 6 classroom, there will be a brief meeting for children and their parents about the Year 6 residential trip to Thames Young Mariners. We will go through the kit list, itinerary, emergency contact information and answer any questions that you may have about the trip. I very much hope all those going on the trip will be able to attend. Please could you bring your child's medical and parental consent forms with you to this meeting.

### **Sports Day Details**

Next Friday, is our school sports day, with events kicking off at 9:30am. The day will start with a round robin of team games, and the children will compete in their house teams of mixed ages for points. Afterwards, they will regroup into classes to take part in races, before a final award ceremony and family picnic lunch.

Parents are welcome to attend and watch all of the morning, or join us at any point. To help the day go more smoothly, please can I ask parents to follow these guidelines:

- Children need to come to school on Sports Day in their usual school PE kit (including a PE jumper) and bring a water bottle to have out on the field. Please ensure long hair is tied up and jewellery is removed.
- Parents arriving for the start, please wait around the outside of the running track until the team games are underway. This means all children can get to the right starting positions on the field easily without getting lost in the crowd. Once activities begin, you can follow your child's group around and stand wherever is most convenient.



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- Parents and young children who are joining us for the family picnic lunch, please allow teachers to take their classes back into school after the sporting events have finished, as they need to be registered and collect any belongings before you take them home.
- Once the picnic begins, the class teacher will hand over any children whose parents are there—they are then your responsibility and can be taken home after the picnic.
- Those attending the morning and picnic are welcome to take children home from 1pm: activities will be provided for any children remaining in school for the afternoon. If your child is going home with someone else, please ensure you have informed their class teacher in advance.

At the moment the weather forecast is looking to be changeable for Friday. In the event of bad weather, a decision will be made on Thursday whether to postpone this event. A message will be posted via ParentMail and will be displayed on the blackboard in the playground, if we have to postpone.

The deadline to order a school packed lunch has now passed, and the caterer has ordered the food for next week. In the event of Sports day being postponed, we will revert back to the advertised menu for that day, and all children who would normally have a school dinner on that day will be served.

### **Music Assembly - Thursday 14th July**

A date for your diary. You are warmly invited to join us at 9am for our annual music assembly to listen to the talented musicians we have in our midst. Please note that this is a change for the original date we had in the calendar.

### **Year 6 Maypole Dancing**

Year 6 will no longer be required to provide a white t-shirt for the summer festival - the school is able to supply these.

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

*Mrs McLaughlin*

**Headteacher**

SPRING TERM DATES 2015/16		OFFICE NEWS
27th May	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am - 1:00pm	<b>Letters this week</b> This week's letters you should have received were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Y6 - Final Information for Thames Young Mariners</li><li>● Whole School - Responses to Parent Questionnaire</li></ul> <b>If you did not receive these letters, please download them from the school website or ask at the office.</b>
<b>30th May—3rd June</b>	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	
6th – 10 Jun	Year 6 Residential Visit	
15th Jun	Bag2School Collection - 9am	
17th Jun	Reserve Sports Day	
18th Jun	<b>Powell Planters Gardening Morning</b> <b>10am- 12 noon</b>	
24th Jun	FOPCS Mufti day	
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	
<b>14th Jul</b>	<b>Music Assembly - 9.00am</b>	
15th Jul	FOPCS Summer Discos	
19th Jul	Year 5 & 6 Production 1.30pm & 6pm	



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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</b>	<b>Start</b> <b>End</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
<b>Summer 2017</b>	Tue 18 April 2017 Fri 26 May 2017
	(plus May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May)
<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

**FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS**

Thanks to those that organised and ran the second hand uniform sale, always useful and also raised £32.10. Please can we make a plea for volunteers to help sell tea, coffee and raffle tickets next Friday at sports day? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

I'm afraid it's unlikely that a week will pass now without me mentioning the Summer festival, apologies! We still have some availability for advertising if any parents or friends have businesses that they would like to promote so please do get in touch. Approximately 500 of the A5 colour programmes will be handed out on the day so it's a great opportunity! Prices are a bargain at £20 for a whole page, £15 for a half page and £10 for a quarter page. Please submit print ready PDF's by the 20<sup>th</sup> June to [fopcs@pcps.uk](mailto:fopcs@pcps.uk). There is also, of course, the option to donate a raffle prize and get your name in the programme for free! The stash for the raffle is coming along but could really do with a boost. Please help if you can!

In order to make the bicentenary year's summer festival even better than normal we really do need some man (and woman) power please? If you possibly can please add yourself to The Doodle Poll kindly set up by Kay, please follow the link on The Friends facebook page (also below). If technology really isn't your thing (I can empathise) just let Laura, Nicola or Lucinda know in the playground. Thank you!

<http://doodle.com/poll/cirmkt58yvfhrtws>

**USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS**

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Breakfast & After School Club	07518 697751
Friends of Powell	
<a href="mailto:fopcs@pcps.uk">fopcs@pcps.uk</a>	
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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