



HEADLINES

Friday 9th September 2016

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
Thoughtfulness	N/A	Nightingale	N/A

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

Welcome to the start of a new year at Powell Corderoy! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and have come back excited about the start of a new term. Many thanks for the welcome I have received from parents and children on Wednesday morning at the school gate. I feel part of the team again and very much look forward to meeting everyone in the coming weeks. This week the children have been getting to know their new teachers and we look forward to welcoming our new 'Ducklings' into Reception on Monday. Many thanks to Mrs Ockenden who over the summer knitted a Powell uniform for the Reception class duckling!

Staffing update

Thursday 17th August saw the safe and exciting arrival of Francesca McLaughlin weighing 9lb 1oz. I have spoken to Mrs McLaughlin this week and Frankie is doing well. Mrs McLaughlin wants to say a huge thank you for all the gifts, cards and messages she has received. We all look forward to meeting Frankie soon.

A special welcome back to Mrs Fricker who has returned from maternity leave and who will be teaching in Robin Class Thursdays and Fridays. We also would like to welcome Mrs Deloford who has joined our Reception team and who will be working every Tuesday plus Thursday afternoons. A big congratulations to Mr Van who got married in the summer holiday.

Vacancy

We are still on the hunt for an After School Care assistant for Thursdays and Fridays. If you or anyone you know may be interested in the role please pop into the school office for details.

Maths and Phonics Focus

This year our focus curriculum areas are maths and phonics and we look forward to the many exciting ways we can extend our maths and phonics teaching and learning. Each week teachers will be identifying a child who has worked exceptionally well in maths over the week and we will be celebrating their achievement in Headlines. Please continue to support us by grabbing any opportunity you have to promote maths skills at home and to encourage the use and application of phonics within your child's reading and writing.

Walking to School meeting

With the evenings still being light I am very aware that we have children who walk to and from school by themselves. Obviously this is very much part of the children developing their independence and preparing them for secondary school. However, keeping your child safe is paramount and so with this in mind I will be running a Walking to School meeting for children and parents of Nightingale and Goldfinch classes on Monday 12th September 3.30-4.00 in the hall.

An introduction to Google Classroom Homework for Parents and Children

Mr Van will be running 2 workshops next week to introduce our Google Homework to Year 4 parents and children plus any new families in Years 5 and 6. The sessions will be on Thursday 15th September at 3.30-4.40 and 5.30-6.30. Please join us for an informative and hands-on session.

Inclusion

You should be receiving letters about any extra support your child may be receiving early next week. If you have any questions or concerns please ask your child's class teacher or Miss Mitchell, the Inclusion Leader/SENCO. Peer mediators are being trained next week ready to start the following week. We have 14 children hoping to make the grade!

Uniform

A gentle reminder that children need to be wearing school shoes and that trainers are only for PE. Long hair needs to be tied back using accessories in the school colours. Please ensure shirts are tucked in and that jumpers are not tied around waists.

Homework

This week children from Years 1 to 6 will bring home their Reading Journals and over the weekend we would like them to decorate them ready to use next week. Class homework will commence next week - do remember to read at home every day in the meantime.

Have a good weekend, see you next week!

Mrs Smart

Head Teacher

CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 12 Sep – Wed 14 Sept Mon, 12 Sep, 09:00 – 10:00	Reception class mornings only New Reception Class Parents' Coffee Social Drop In	School Meals/KS2—Autumn Term 2016 There has been a slight increase to the cost of pupil meals, from September the cost of meals will be £2.20 per day/ £11.00 per week. The cost for the autumn term will be £70.40 up until October half term or £154.00 up until the end of term. Please remember that if your child is currently in Year 2, then you will have to pay for school meals as they move into Year 3. All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/term. Calendar Dates Please add the dates to your diary but check Headlines each week for any updates - any changes will appear in red . Calendar dates can also be found on our school website
Mon, 12 Sep, 15:30 – 16:00	Walking to school on my own meeting for parents and children Years 5-6	
Thu, 15 Sep Thu, 15 Sep, 15:30 – 16:30	Reception Class full time An introduction to Google Classroom Homework for parents and children in Years 4, 5 and 6	
Thu, 15 Sep, 17:30 – 18:30	An introduction to Google Classroom Homework for Parents or parents and children in Years 4, 5 and 6	
Fri, 16 Sep, 10.30	Surrey Advertiser to take photograph of Reception Class	
w/c Mon, 26 Sep Mon, 26 Sep	National Inclusion Week European Day of Languages	



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Mon, 26 Sep, 09.00 – 09.20	Reception Class Stay & Play Session	<h3>Data Collection Sheets</h3> <p>You will be receiving a Data Collection sheet early next week via your child. Please could you check that all details are correct and amend where necessary. It would be very helpful, if you could include your main email address whether it be a work or home email address</p> <h3>Parentmail</h3> <p>Just a reminder that after this week, to further reduce our carbon footprint, we will be using Parentmail for ALL letters home. If you have not yet signed up for Parentmail, please ensure your details are logged with the office. Paper copies will be available from the office on request but they will no longer be sent out in book bags unless there is a form which needs to be completed and returned. All letters can also be downloaded from the school website.</p>
Mon, 26 Sep, 19.30	FOPCS AGM	
Sat, 1 Oct	Global Day of Play	
Fri, 14 Oct	School Maths Day	
Sat, 15 Oct	World Maths Day	
Wed, 19 Oct	School's 200 th Anniversary	
Thu, 20 Oct, 09:10 – 09:40	Harvest Festival	
Thu, 20 Oct, 14:30 – 15:00	Harvest Festival	
Fri, 21 Oct	School Closed – INSET Training Day	
Mon, 24 Oct - Fri, 28 Oct	Half Term	
Mon, 31 Oct	Individual Photographs	
Tue, 1 Nov, 15:30 – 18:00	Parent Evenings	
Thu, 3 Nov, 17:00 – 19:30	Parent Evenings	
w/c Mon, 14 Nov	National Anti-Bullying Week	
Tue, 13 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15	Duckling Class Nativity Play	
Thu, 15 Dec, 14:15 – 15:15	Owl and Robin Class Christmas Production	
Mon, 19 Dec, 09:10 – 09:40	Autumn Awards Assembly	
Mon, 19 Dec, 12:00 – 13:00	Christmas Lunch	
Mon, 19 Dec, 13:30 – 15:00	Staff Pantomime	
Tue, 20 Dec, 09:10 – 10:10	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert	
Wed, 21 Dec - Mon, 2 Jan	Christmas Holidays	
Tue, 3 Jan	School Closed – INSET Training Day	
Thu, 2 Feb, 09:10 – 09.30	Owl Class Assembly	
Fri, 3 Feb	NSPCC Number Day	
Tue, 7 Feb	National Safer Internet Day	
Fri, 10 Feb	School Council Talent Show	
Mon, 13 Feb– Fri, 17 Feb	Half Term	
Tue, 21 Feb, 15:30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	
Thu, 23 Feb, 17:00 – 19:30	Parents' Evening	
w/c Mon, 27 Feb	Book Week	
Thu, 2 Mar	World Book Day	
w/c Mon, 13 Mar	British Science Week	
Thu, 16 Mar, 09.10- 09.30	Robin Class Assembly	
Tue, 28 Mar, 14:00 – 15:00	Kingfisher & Ibis Class Production	
Thu, 30 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40	Spring Awards Assembly	
Fri, 31 Mar, 09:10 – 09:40	Easter Assembly	
Fri, 31 Mar, 14:30 – 15:00	Easter Assembly	
Mon, 3 Apr – Mon, 17 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Tue, 18 Apr	Children return to school	

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Here we go again for another great year and welcome to all the new parents. The Friends of Powell Corderoy School (FOPCS) are the school's volunteer fundraising body who run events throughout the year. Our AGM will take place on Monday the 26th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. It would be lovely to see lots of you there for a glass of wine and to find some new volunteers!

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Powell Corderoy Governors	01306 868165
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Breakfast & After School Club	07518 697751
Friends of Powell	fopcs@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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