



HEADLINES

Friday 16th December 2016

DECEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
Unity	To be announced on Monday...	Kingfisher	Matilda (Year2)

Dear Parents,

This week at Powell...

OFSTED

Although unfortunately you will have to wait until mid January for our OFSTED outcome and final report I can say how much the inspectors enjoyed their time at Powell this week. The inspectors spent a large amount of time in class observing teaching and learning, in discussions with children, staff, senior leaders and governors, as well as looking in detail at the children's books. At the end of the 2 days we were confident that they had seen everything we have to offer to our families here at Powell Corderoy from Breakfast Club through to After School Care. I would like to convey how much the Powell team appreciated the many positive and glowing comments parents wrote on the ParentView page. The Ofsted Lead inspector warned Mrs McLaughlin and I that the comments would bring tears to our eyes, and she was right! I also want to say how proud we all were of the children. From the Reception Nativity to the interviews with a cross section of randomly selected children, everyone spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and clarity about their school. Unity has been a particularly apt Value for December and one that has been demonstrated in abundance this week. Thank you from us all.

Christmas Festivities in the Infants

This week has been an absolute treat to see our youngest children perform with such enthusiasm and confidence. The Reception children thoroughly embraced the moment with their Whoops-a-Daisy performance on Tuesday afternoon. Dancing, singing and lines were all learned and proudly performed to an appreciative audience. Hard to believe these children haven't even completed one term in school yet!

On Thursday afternoon we welcomed the families of Years 1 and 2 children to watch their Santa's Hat performance. Again the children were a delight to watch, with everyone playing a part in helping Santa to find his missing hat. As always the children relished the enjoyment shown by the audience and rose to the occasion. Well done everyone.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fair last Saturday, whether buying raffle tickets, coming and spending your money on the day, baking for the cafe, donating items, but especially to the wonderful team from FOPCS who organised such a brilliant event. We are all so grateful for the hard work that went into organising, running the fair and clearing up afterwards. Great fun was had by everyone, and lots of money was raised too!

Inclusion News



As part of our happiness project, we now have a marvelous Mindfulness tent. Thank you to the wonderful friends of Powell Corderoy School (FOPCS), who provided the school with £500 to spend on buying and furnishing the tent. Thank you also to Mr Sears for batteries and tent building expertise. This tent will have many uses, but the main one is to provide a space for children to focus their thoughts and ready themselves to return to their learning. Research has shown that mindfulness is just as beneficial to children as it is for adults, contributing to reducing stress, improving quality of sleep as well as heightening the ability to focus alongside increasing happiness levels.

Star of the Week

It's always daunting to stand in front of a large audience and perform, but even more daunting when you're standing in for someone else and only find out five minutes before the show begins! All of our performers have been fantastic this week, but well done to Matilda in Year Two for bravely stepping in to play Rudolph at the very last moment!

Maths Stars of the Week

Panda Maths - Hannah, for amazing shape knowledge, Emma (Year 5) for increasing independence with her work, Harry (Year 3) for fantastic problem solving with fractions, Alice (Year1) for her fantastic work with coins, Callum (Year4) for plotting coordinates to finish shapes, Lucie (Year2) for describing properties of shapes , and Lorna (Year 6) for persevering with percentages.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for your contributions for wearing your Christmas jumpers today- we have raised just under £171 for Save the Children.

The week ahead...

And the festive fun continues..

Next week will begin at 9.10am with a whole school Rewards Assembly, celebrating progress, attendance as well as the Governors' Star of the Term Award. This term the award will focus on the value of Co-operation. Lunch on Monday will be our traditional Christmas dinner followed by the highlight of the term, or so I've been told...the staff pantomime! This year we will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk which guarantees to be hugely entertaining (oh yes it does!)

Tuesday will be the turn of our junior children to set to the stage to perform their Christmas Carols at 9.10am and 2.15pm which I know will be a triumph hearing their rehearsals this week. They all looked so festive in their Christmas Jumpers today during rehearsals- please could they bring their jumpers again on Tuesday to wear during the performances.



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Staffing news

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McTigue, Miss Young and Mrs Bradfield at the end of term. All three ladies have been with the school for for over 34 years in total and shown great commitment to the children and families over such a long time. I know you will join me in wishing them every happiness in their next ventures.

In January we welcome back Miss Lawton as full time class teacher in Year 4 as Mr Van begins a new role teaching Computing in the Infant and Junior classes, and all day in Year 3 every Friday.

Out of the mouths of babes!

As we come to the end of a busy autumn term, I just wanted to share with you some choice words from our youngest learners when I spoke to them this week about Christmas...

Who is Jesus?

-God of Son

-Son's God

-a baby who likes to sleep in hay

Who was the angel Gabriel?

-a boy

-a girl

-a lady

-a man

-Charlotte

-me! (Whoops-a Daisy)

What is an angel?

-My nanny is an angel

-a person who flies

-someone who flaps their arms

Where was Jesus born?

-in his mummy's tummy



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-in his house

-the place where the kings sleep

What animals were there when Jesus was born?

-giraffes, lions, tigers, monkey, a funky gibbon, elephants, kangaroo, chimpanzees.

What gifts did the 3 wise men bring?

-prizes

-teddies

-milk

-a squeaky toy

Priceless, I'm sure you'll agree. Have a fabulous fun filled break and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th January 2017!

Mrs Smart

Head Teacher

CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 19 Dec, 09:10 – 09:40	Autumn Awards Assembly	Activity Clubs - Spring Term Details of the Clubs that will be available after the Christmas holidays are attached to this week's Headlines. The booking system opens tonight at 8pm. Tickets for Junior Carol Concert Still Available Places can be booked online, using our parents evening system https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk Dinner Money - KS2 The cost for the spring term term will be £61.60 up until February half term or £127.60 up until the end of term. Meals cost £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/term. Outstanding Payments Please could all outstanding payments be paid by Wednesday 21st December. Thank you!
Mon, 19 Dec, 12:00 – 13:00	Christmas Lunch	
Mon, 19 Dec, 13:30 – 15:00	Staff Pantomime	
Tue, 20 Dec, 09:10 & 14.15	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert	
Wed, 21 Dec	Last Day of Term	
Thur, 22 Dec - Mon, 2 Jan	Christmas Holidays	
Tue, 3 Jan	School Closed – INSET Training Day	
Wed, 4 Jan	Children return to School	
Mon, 9 Jan	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Sun, 15 Jan	Final day for Reception 2017 applications to Surrey CC	
Fri, 27 Jan	FOPCS Children's Disco	
Thu, 2 Feb, 09:10 – 09.30	Owl Class Assembly	
Fri, 3 Feb	NSPCC Number Day	
Tue, 7 Feb	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	
Tue, 7 Feb	National Safer Internet Day	
Fri, 10 Feb	School Council Talent Show	



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Mon, 13 Feb– Fri, 17 Feb	Half Term
Tue, 21 Feb, 15:30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening
Thu, 23 Feb	Bag 2 School Collection
Thu, 23 Feb, 17:00 – 19:30	Parents' Evening
w/c Mon, 27 Feb	Book Week
Thu, 2 Mar	World Book Day
Mon, 6 Mar	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners
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
Tue, 18 Apr	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners
Tue, 25 Apr – Fri, 28 Apr	Book Fair
Wed, 26 Apr, 09:00 – 12:00	Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5
Thu, 27 Apr, 09:00 – 12:00	Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5
Fri, 28 April 2017, 09:30 –12.00	Pedals Course - Robin Class
Mon, 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon, 8 May	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners
Mon, 8 May – Fri, 12 May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Mon, 15 May – Fri, 19 May	Key Stage 1 SATs week
Mon, 15 May – Fri, 19 May	Bikeability Level 2 - Year 6
Wed, 17 May	Duckling Class Ladyland Farm Trip
Thu, 18 May, 09:00 – 12:00	Class Photographs
Mon, 22 May – Fri, 26 May	Year 6 Residential Thames Young Mariners
Thu, 25 May, 09:10 – 09:30	Duckling Class Assembly
Mon, 29 May – Fri, 2 Jun	Half Term
Mon, 5 Jun– Fri, 9 Jun	Healthy Lifestyles Week
Thu, 8 Jun	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri, 9 Jun, 09:30 – 13:30	Sports Day
Mon, 12 Jun – Fri, 16 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thu, 15 Jun – Fri, 16 Jun	Year 5 Residential to Bentley Copse
Mon, 19 Jun– Fri, 23 Jun	Bikeability Level 2 - Year 6
Wed, 21 Jun	National Music Day
Wed, 21 Jun, 09:10 – 10:10	Music Assembly
Fri, 30 Jun	Summer Festival
Tue, 4 Jul, TBC	Secondary School Induction Day
Tue, 4 Jul	Children move up to new classes

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

An enormous thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair last week. It was a great success with a good time had by all and a total of £2229.25 was raised. The wonderful Christmas productions this week have raised further funds through the raffles. A huge thank you to Broccoli Marketing (Elese and Regis Fisher) for sponsoring the beautiful hampers. There will also be one more raffle at the junior production next week, so do bring your pennies along!

If you still have some Christmas shopping left to do please do sign up on the Give As You Live website and choose The Friends of Powell Corderoy School as your charity, then simply do your online shopping from any of the thousands of retailers listed, each time you do the school receives a percentage (at no cost to you). Thank you!

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<i>Hotline to report concerns about a child</i>	
Child Line	0800 1111
Family Line	0808 800 5678



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