



HEADLINES

Friday 6th January 2017

JANUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
Happiness	Maple	Owl	Support Staff

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone and a very happy New year to you all. As always it has been a delight to hear about holiday adventures and festive events the children have participated in. I hope you all managed to get *some* rest over the Christmas period and are energised for the term ahead. This term promises to be action-packed as always and we look forward to continuing to work with you to provide the best provision possible for our Powell pupils.

Every Day Counts

At the end of last term we had our regular visit from the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who checks our registers and highlights any children of concern, children who are persistently absent or late, or from whom we have not received a reason for absence. The EWO also agrees the attendance target for the school and this has been increased to **97.1%**. This can only be achieved with the support of parents in ensuring children get to school on time every day. This week I have met with parents to offer additional support to increase attendance levels or to reduce the number of late arrivals to school. Please do let us know if there is anything you need from us to help as our Home School Link Worker, Vicki Kelsall, is available via the school office.

Reading Rangers Needed

Our children would greatly appreciate more Reading Rangers in school; parents, Grandparents, aunts, uncles, anyone who has some spare time to come into school regularly to hear children read. Mr Tree, our Literacy Leader, will provide training so our reading Rangers know what to do to support our early readers. If you have anytime to spare during the week and would be willing to spend it with our lovely children please contact Mr Tree (phil.tree@pcps.uk).

Inclusion News

In order to ensure that we meet the needs of all children, we regularly review our additional provision and support. If your child's provision or support is going to change at all, you will be informed either in person or by letter. Please do ask your child's teacher, or Kate Mitchell, the SENCO, if you have any questions. senco@pcps.uk

This week at Powell...

Stars of the Week

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful team of office staff, Teaching Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors who worked tirelessly to clear, clean and tidy the school prior to Christmas, despite the end of term exhaustion! We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking group who always give everything for the benefit of the school.

Maths Stars of the Week

Panda Maths - Chloe - for being able to halve and double numbers through perseverance, Aaron and Nova from Year 6 for being the first to achieve their '144 Tables Challenge', Leona (Year 5) for consistent effort and improved confidence with addition and subtraction, Ava-Mae (Year3) for excellent work this week on Place Value, Stacey (Year 2) for independence when working with fractions, Poppy K (Year 1) for persevering when finding quarters of numbers, and Rhys (Year 4) for persevering through problem solving.

The week ahead...**Owls in the Forest!**

Next Friday will see the Owl class beginning their weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Eastell which will run until half term. The class will be split into two groups, one spending the morning in the Nower woods, the second half the afternoon. Next week Mrs Eastell will be reminding the children of the importance of staying safe in the woods. Then the children will be learning about how to keep warm in the cold weather which will involve an exercise trail. She will be linking exercise to our Value of the Month happiness, discussing how 'brain bubbles' (chemicals) get released when we exercise making us feel happy! Each week a Parent Mail message will be sent to year 1 parents outlining what the children will need to wear so please check for notifications.

Egyptian Workshop Years 5 and 6

Next Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 will take part in an Egyptian themed workshop to introduce our new topic. During this half term we will be learning about the mummification process, the discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamun and also finding out about Egyptian Gods before creating some of our own. We will also be reading The Phoenix Code by Helen Carter, an exciting Indiana-Jones style adventure where two children become archaeologist heroes trying to escape from a terrifying cult.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

Mrs Smart

Head Teacher

CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 9 Jan	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners	Activity Clubs - Spring Term Start next week, unless specified on the original letter. Please note that Homework Club will start week commencing Monday 16th January as no homework has been set this week.
Sun, 15 Jan	Final day for Reception 2017 applications to Surrey CC	
Fri, 27 Jan	FOPCS Children's Disco	Cookery Club To date only four children have signed up to this club, so to make it financially viable we are now opening the Club up to Year 3 as well. In the event this Club is then oversubscribed, children placed on the waiting list, will be offered a place after February half term
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	
Mon, 13 Feb– Fri, 17 Feb	Half Term	



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Tue, 21 Feb, 15:30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	<p>Thames Young Mariners Just a reminder that the next instalment of £40.00 is due on Monday. If you are experiencing difficulties making payments then please speak to the Office</p> <p>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.</p> <p>School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018 Whilst the INSET dates for the next academic year will not be decided until the Summer Term. Please find detailed below the school term and holiday dates for 2017/2018.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Autumn Term 2017</td> <td>Mon 4 Sept - Thurs 21 Dec</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Term</td> <td>Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring Term 2018</td> <td>Thurs 4 Jan - Thurs 29 Mar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Term</td> <td>Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer Term 2018</td> <td>Mon 16 Apr - Mon 23 Jul</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Term</td> <td>Mon 28 May - Fri 1 Jun</td> </tr> </table>	Autumn Term 2017	Mon 4 Sept - Thurs 21 Dec	Half Term	Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct	Spring Term 2018	Thurs 4 Jan - Thurs 29 Mar	Half Term	Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb	Summer Term 2018	Mon 16 Apr - Mon 23 Jul	Half Term	Mon 28 May - Fri 1 Jun
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w/c Mon, 27 Feb	Book Week													
Thu, 2 Mar	World Book Day													
Mon, 6 Mar	£40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners													
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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													
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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													
Thu, 6 Jul	School Reports go home													

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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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