



HEADLINES

Friday 3rd February 2017

| FEBRUARY'S VALUE | WINNING HOUSE | BEST ATTENDANCE | STAR OF THE WEEK |
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| Love | Larch | Ducklings | Mrs de la Hoyde |

Dear Parents,

This week at Powell...

Sportshall Athletics

Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 athletes took on seven other local schools in the annual Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Ashcombe, in events such as long jump, javelin throw and many races and agility courses of different distances. As always, our pupils did us proud with their attitude and teamwork, but the afternoon also brought victory after victory after victory! In the overall competition we were awarded the small schools trophy, and in the Girls' competition we were delighted to finish in first place for the first time ever! Well done to every child who took part!

Year 1 Class Assembly

Thursdays assembly saw the hall fill up with not only children and parents but animals from the wild! The Owls class confidently shared with us their learning linked to their topic of 'Animal Magic', which included a well told story of The Egg by M.P. Robertson, a rhyme 'Mice' and some creative art work based on their most wanted pet....beware. Dragons were on the list! Well done, Owls class for a confident and entertaining performance. Thank you also to all the parents who made cakes and to the Year 1 Friends who helped to organise and sell them at the end of the day.

Free Fruit!

The junior children were treated with a healthy snack this week when a car full of fruit arrived via Mrs Duffell. Kuoni kindly donated to us their surplus fruit which they had following their attempt to reduce the number of biscuits being consumed! Many thanks!

Reading Festival

On Wednesday, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a Reading Festival at the Priory, lead by author and creative writing expert Maz Evans. Maz talked about her new book, *Who Let the Gods Out*, including what inspired her novel and her passion for Greek mythology. Maz also encouraged children in their own creative writing and reading journeys. The children really enjoyed the event and were also given the opportunity to buy the book.

Inclusion News

South East Surrey Dyslexia Association (SESDA) are a friendly group of teachers and dyslexia specialists. They hold regular parent information evenings, which are not expensive to attend, and which can be mines of information. Their visit to our school last term proved very popular. They are holding an information evening for parents on Thursday 9th February on 'Understanding Dyslexia' from 8pm at Holy Trinity Church, Redhill. If you are interested in attending, please ring them on 01737 556173 or email the helpdesk. on sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com to book a place.

AGT: Maths at the Priory

Today five talented mathematicians from Year 5 joined a class of similar children from other local primary schools to take part in a maths session at The Priory School. Ella K, Isla C, Frankie A, Alice H and Ethan W took part in fun maths activities involving measurement and the use of scatter graphs, monkeys, kangaroos and even Michaelangelo's perfect circle!

Star of the Week

A special mention must go to Mrs de la Hoyde this week for her fantastic coaching of our athletes. She puts in many extra hours every week to give children the opportunity to participate in clubs and events. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Maths Stars of the Week

For Panda Maths it is James S for learning his 10, 11 and 12 times tables. Jacob (Year 1) for his work with missing number calculations, Muntaha (Year 5) for hard work and progress with percentages, William (Year 6) for amazing work with place value of decimals, Eva (Year 2) for halving numbers accurately, Sophie (Year 3) for her superb work with multiplication methods.

NSPCC Number Day

Today is National Number Day so I thought it would be a good idea to share some great websites and games that children could play at home to practise their number skills.

A firm favourite with the children (& staff!) <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - great for number bonds, doubles, halves, square numbers, times tables and division facts.

<http://mathsframe.co.uk/> - a website with some free games on it covering many aspects of number (be aware that some games are not free)

Counting games for EYFS / KS1 - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Counting and ordering games for KS2 -

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

Don't forget to keep practising your times tables - here are some of the favourite songs to help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzVyBQ5uTbo> - 3X table

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fddxui9y0U - 4Xrap

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9os1VUUUp5io&scrlybrkr=71a55911> - 6X table

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X620leUkYE> - 8X song

The week ahead...

OFSTED Celebration

Next Wednesday the whole school will be enjoying a well deserved treat for their efforts during our OFSTED inspection. It will remain a surprise until then, but it is something we're sure they will all enjoy. Thank you to FOPCS for their generosity in paying for this. More details in Headlines next week!

Safer Internet Week

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and as our OFSTED report pointed out "A very small number of pupils do not always make the right choices when using online technology away from school". Obviously we will be continuing to teach the children how to stay safe on the internet at school, but as parents we also have a responsibility to ensure our children are supervised



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and applying their learning to their use outside of school. An education pack for parents and carers can be downloaded [here](#) which includes conversation starters to use with your children alongside other resources.

We are still aware of very young children in our school with their own Facebook and Instagram pages. This is a huge concern to us. [The NSPCC Net aware site](#) has plenty of ideas on how to keep your children safe online, whilst [Centre for Parenting Education](#) outlines how much supervised screen time a child should have per day and how to limit this.

Please support and encourage your children to apply the e-safety learning from school at home, supervising their use, their access to age appropriate sites, and ensuring we keep our children safe.

Staffing update

It is with much regret that Miss Taylor and Mrs Fricker have decided to move onto 'pastures new' at Easter. Miss Taylor is planning to relocate and Mrs Fricker has decided since becoming a mum her family commitments quite rightly need to take priority. We will greatly miss both teachers who have played a huge part in the school over the years.

For the summer term and to ensure consistency for the children, Mrs Harber has offered to teach year 2 an additional day per week and will be in class Monday-Thursdays. Mr Darke will teach the class every Friday in preparation for year 3.

For the summer term in year 1, Mr Van, who has been teaching the children ICT this term will teach Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Miss Mitchell will teach Tuesdays and Fridays. Miss Mitchell also knows the class well having taught them Thursday afternoons last term.

Home School Communication

Thank you to the infant parents who are now collecting children at the end of the day from the junior playground. The infant information noticeboards have arrived and Barry will be positioning them on the walls of the infant building over half term. Having discussed how to further develop communication between home and school, the staff will be sharing at the end of day your children's positive achievements. So please don't be concerned if you are asked to 'see the teacher' at the end of the day!

Date Change

In light of our recent OFSTED, the INSET day at the end of the summer term (Friday 21st July) has been moved to Monday 5th June to enable the staff training we have booked to have more impact on our classroom practice in the summer.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

Mrs Smart

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| CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017 | | OFFICE NEWS |
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| Tue, 7 Feb | £40.00 Instalment due for Thames Young Mariners | <p>Sportshall Athletics and Gymnastics With both Sportshall and Gymnastic competitions over the last after school sessions for these clubs will be next Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. Netball will begin on Wednesday 22nd February and will continue until Easter, ready to practice for the Year 5 and 6 competitions in March (14th for Year 6 and 21st for Year 5). Netball club will run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Places for Netball Club can be booked online using the parents evening system.</p> <p>Parent Evening Bookings Our parent/teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 21st February (3.30pm—6.00pm) and Thursday 23rd February (5.00pm—7.30pm).</p> <p>Appointments can be booked online now.The booking system will close at 4pm on Monday 20th February for appointments on Tuesday 21st February and at 4pm on Wednesday 22nd February for appointments on Thursday 23rd February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school. Please visit https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</p> <p>To book your appointments please login with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pupil's First Name · Pupil's Surname · Pupil's Date of Birth <p>Year 6 Residential Trip - Thames Young Mariners Payment Reminder - the next instalment of £40.00 for the year 6 residential trip is due on Tuesday 7th February.</p> |
| 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 | 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 | |
| Thu, 2 Mar | World Book Day School Lunch | |
| 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 | INSET Day | |
| Tues, 6 Jun– Fri, 9 Jun | Healthy Lifestyles Week | |
| Thu, 8 Jun | Bag 2 School Collection | |
| Fri, 9 Jun, 09:30 – 13:30 | Sports Day | |



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| 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 |
| Wed, 12 Jul | Duckling Class Garsons Farm Trip |
| Thu, 13 Jul, 14:00 – 15:00 | Year 5/6 Production |
| Thu, 13 Jul, 18:00 – 19:00 | Year 5/6 Production |
| Mon, 17 Jul, 14:45 – 15:15 | Showcase Afternoon |
| Mon, 17 Jul, 15:30 – 16:30 | Parent Drop-ins |
| Mon, 17 Jul, | Year 6 Bowling in Horsham |
| Tue, 18 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40 | Summer Awards Assembly |
| Tue, 18 Jul, 14:30 – 15:00 | Parent Helpers' Thank You Tea |
| Wed, 19 Jul | Whole School Beach Trip |
| Thu, 20 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40 | Leavers' Assembly |
| Fri, 21 Jul | End of term |

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.

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| 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 Jun |
| Half Term | Mon 28 May - Fri 1 Jun |



World Book Day School Lunch

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day with a special lunch menu.

Little Red Riding Hood's Popped Coated Chicken

Or

George's Marvellous Mac Bites (V)

Served with

Horrid Henry's Herby Diced Potatoes

Batman's Baked Beans & Mary Poppins' Peas

Followed by

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's famous Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Also available

Famous Five a Day Fresh Fruit

If your child currently brings a packed lunch to school but they would like to have our special World Book Day lunch, please send £2.15 in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and if they require a vegetarian meal to the school office by Wednesday 22nd February.

FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Thanks again to all those that helped before and during the discos last Friday, lots of fun was had by all as always! A special thanks to Debbie Fenton Jones for organising her last discos after many years of dedicated service to The Friends, you will be missed!

Entry forms are coming in fast for the quiz on the 21st February. If you haven't already done so, please return yours to the office with the correct money (in cash or cheque made payable to FOPCS). The price is £10 per person which includes supper.

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale next Thursday the 9th after school. All items either 50p or £1.



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There is another Bag2School collection booked in for the 23rd February so if you are having a clear out over half term please think about donating your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. Bags will come home next week, please ask the office if you need more. The school get money for every kilo we donate.

Thanks!

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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| Powell Corderoy Governors | 01306 868165 |
| chairofgovernors@pcps.uk | |
| 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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