



# HEADLINES

Friday 19th May 2017

MAY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
TRUST	Rowan	Goldfinch Class	Year 2

Dear Parents,

## Parent Survey

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to our questionnaire at parents evening last term. The response rate was good and again higher than when we asked you to complete the survey at home. Thank you to the many positive comments we received in relation to the following areas:

- 100% of respondents feel their child is happy, safe and well looked after
- 99% of respondents feel the school is led and managed effectively and that parents are informed of their child's progress.
- 98% agreed that teaching is good at the school, that their child's learning is supported and that the school promotes healthy lifestyles
- 97% of parents feel that particular needs are met and that the school takes account of suggestions and concerns.

The areas that received lower than 95% agreement were:

- 94% of respondents think a good the range of activities are on offer
- 92% agreed their child receives appropriate amounts of homework
- 90% agreed that unacceptable behaviour is dealt with effectively.

In response, clubs on offer are determined by staff availability and with budget cuts taking its toll on all schools, we do have fewer staff to run clubs than in previous years. We do always invite parents with skills and time available to support the running of clubs, so do let us know if you are free.

Homework is reviewed throughout the year and only last week we were discussing the possibility of setting holiday homework linked to our Values. We will also be reviewing our use of Google classroom this term to ensure we are making the most of the opportunities it presents.

In relation to behaviour, the school follows a behaviour policy [which can be found on our website](#). The process in school is a graduated response, starting with the class teacher adopting agreed behaviour strategies in the class, escalating to member of the Senior Leadership and then onto the headteacher if behaviour continues. The staff have focused this year on ensuring effective transition periods throughout the day that result in children settling quickly to their class activities after coming in from the playground. 'Readiness for learning' has been a key area of development for the school, ensuring children are at their optimum levels to learn after an energetic playtime or busy start to the day. We use strategies such as glitter jars, Mindfulness, morning challenge questions, Morning Role Models, and calming music.

**This week at Powell...**

**SATs Update**

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

**Swimming Gala**

Congratulations to Lucy M, Tarn, Noah (Year 3), Gabby, Harry, Noah, Callum (Year 4), Isla, Lauren, Elizabeth (Year 5) and Ava, Jasmine and Flora (Year 6) who represented the school on Monday at the Dorking Schools Swimming Gala. We finished a creditable 5th of the eight Dorking Schools, with a few individual first, second and third places.

**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!

**Bike Breakfast**

Thank you to all of the children, siblings and parents who arrived bright and early for the Bike Breakfast on Wednesday - we hope you enjoyed the food, drink and entertaining video clips. Lal from Sustrans was hugely impressed by the turnout and will be back with her 'smoothie bike' and games for the Summer Festival. Moving forward, we are looking to improve our cycle storage, which was clearly not enough for the ninety-six enthusiastic cyclists, walkers and children on scooters this morning!

**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! Group B will have be taking part on this fantastic course w/c 19th June.

**Inclusion News**

We have appointed a new ASD Ambassador, Elizabeth S, who has already spoken eloquently to her classmates about the condition. She is joined by Evan J, who is representing the siblings of those with ASD. Both children will be attending the ASD coffee morning on 19th June at 9.00am. This coffee morning is open to all parents, not just those with diagnosed children, so do come along for coffee, cake and fun.

**Stars of the Week**

Year 2, who have worked SO hard to complete their SATs tests all week - well done Year 2!

**Maths Stars of the Week**

Panda Maths - who all learned to count in 3s and 4s at speed this week - fantastic effort. Pippa in Year 4 for focus and concentration in her work on fractions this week.

**The week ahead.....**



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### **Year 6 Residential Trip**

Don't forget your kit, packed lunch, sleeping bag and medication if required on Monday. If your pupil does require medication during the week, you will need to complete a medication request form, which will be available for you to complete on Monday morning. Please can all luggage be taken to the Hall. Whilst we are not due to leave school until 10.30am, children need to come to school at the normal time.

### **Cricket Club Cancelled**

Please note there will be no Cricket Club on 25th May as Mr Darke will be attending the Year Six residential.

### **Coming up after half term....**

#### **Sponsored Run for Cancer Research**

We were approached by Dorking Friends of Cancer Research earlier in the year about running a sponsored event for them—cancer affects so many of our lives and many of our children will have friends or relatives who have received treatment for it, so we were delighted to agree to raise as much money as we can for Cancer Research UK.

Your child will have brought home a sponsor form with them today for our sponsored run which takes place on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th June in school time. It would be wonderful if they could collect as much sponsorship money as possible, for participating rather than by the lap of our field. Each class will have a fixed amount of time to run, jog or even walk around the field, and every child will be awarded a medal for their involvement. Once the sponsored run is complete, cash can be brought to the school office where it will be passed on to the kind volunteers from the Dorking Friends of Cancer Research group.

#### **Sports Day Details**

Friday 9th June 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 we 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.
- 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.



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- 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.

In the event of bad weather, a decision will be made on Thursday 8th June 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.

If your child normally has a school dinner the kitchen will provide them with a packed lunch if you wish. Please see the letter attached to this week's Headlines. 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.

### A polite reminder...

Please keep toys at home during the school day - they are just too much of a distraction in school and we cannot guarantee their safety. Toys brought into school will be kept by the teacher and may be collected by parents at the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Smart and Mrs McLaughlin*

Co-Head Teachers

CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 22 May – Fri, 26 May	Year 6 Residential Thames Young Mariners	<b>Year 5 Residential Trip to Bentley Copse - Payment Reminder</b> - the final payment of £28.00 is due on Friday 26th May. Thank you.  <b>Change to Menu - Week 1</b> Please note that Cottage Pie which is served on a Thursday is now being replaced by Chilli Con Carne which seems to be a more popular choice with the children.
Fri, 26th May	£28.00 due for Year 5 Residential Visit - Bentley Copse	
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	
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	
Mon, 19 Jun, 9.30 - 10.30	ASD Coffee Morning	
Wed, 21 Jun	National Music Day	
Wed, 21 Jun, 09:10 – 10:10	Music Assembly	
<b>Fri, 23 Jun</b>	<b>Mufti Day - Summer Festival Donations</b>	
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

Thanks for all the donations for the sports day hampers that we received this morning-what a great selection! We've been able to make up overflowing boxes to be won on the 9th June. Thanks also to the volunteers who stayed behind this morning to help organise it all.



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Thu, 6 Jul	School Reports go home	<p>Next Friday we will be handing out empty jam jars to give the eager ones among you a head start on your creations! The theme for this year will be announced next week. Decorated and filled jars can be brought in on Friday 23rd or Monday 26th June for judging-good luck!</p> <p>There is a Bag2School collection on the 8th June so if you are having a clear out over half term please put aside unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties to bring in. The school receive money for each kilo we collect. Thanks!</p>
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	
Thu, 20 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40	Leavers' Assembly	
Fri, 21 Jul	Whole School Beach Trip	
Fri, 21 Jul	End of term	
<b>School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018</b>		
Below are the school term and holiday dates for 2017/2018.		
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	
We have now set our INSET Days for the next academic year, please see below.		
INSET DAYS		
Mon 4th and Tue 5th Sept 2017		
Fri 20th Oct 2017		
Mon 16th April 2018		
Mon 23rd July 2018		

## 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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