



HEADLINES

Friday 26th May 2017

MAY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STARS OF THE WEEK
TRUST	To follow	Ibis	See below

Dear Parents,

Governor News

As you know, Alex Cliff stepped down as the Chair of Governors on the 8th May. We would like to thank her on behalf of the school for her commitment, time and dedication she has invested in Powell Corderoy Primary School. Alex's contribution to the school has had such a positive impact in so many ways including helping the school to achieve 'Good' at our latest OFSTED inspection. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to her at the end of the Summer Term when she will be leaving the governing body after 5 ½ years.

Matt Sears has also stepped down from his role as Vice Chair and also deserves a big thank you for all the hard work and effort he has put into the role - Matt will continue in his role as Parent Governor.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Chair of Governors, Hannah Pearce and Vice Chair, Andy Margolis. Hannah and Andy have been governors at the school for many years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience that they can bring to their new roles.

Manchester Bombing

It was with great sadness that the news of the bombing at Manchester Arena on Monday evening was announced, and our thoughts go out to the families of the victims and the injured. Understandably the older children have been aware of the news and as a result class teachers have spent time this week reassuring them, clarifying the facts, praising the efforts of the emergency services as well as the communities that rallied around to offer support, but most importantly offering 'time to talk' for any children wanting to speak about their feelings or concerns.

This week at Powell...

Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners

At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting the return of Year 6 from their adventures. We will update you next week on how they got on, but have heard very positive reports from some of the staff who returned early!

Special Assembly - The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told

Yesterday the school was treated to a play performed by the Hobgoblin Theatre company in assembly. "The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told" was a 60 minute play that the whole school watched together. The play features lots of well known Fairy tale characters all mixed up together in each others' stories, and it's down to The Three Little Pigs to sort everything out! The "Stupid Pig" seemed to be a very popular character amongst both pupils and staff alike. Overall, everyone thoroughly enjoyed this performance. Our thanks to Hobgoblin for this complimentary performance.

Inclusion News

Do you have any worries about how the school is meeting your child's needs? Have you any questions about a particular area of difficulty or type of learning need? You can talk to your child's class teacher or ask to meet us both to discuss your

child in greater depth. In addition I am always available by email (senco@pcps.uk) or you can contact me via the school office if you want a chat. Best wishes for a happy holiday! *Kate Mitchell*, Inclusion Leader/SENCO

Stars of the Week

Mr Darke, Mr Tree, Mrs Maccarone, Mrs Fuller and Josh Edwards are without a doubt our stars of the week for spending their days and nights in teepees, supervising the Year 6 residential. Although Mr Darke always claims he gets more sleep on the residential than he does at home with baby Wilf, we know it's an exhausting week for staff, who all have to juggle family commitments and their own class responsibilities in school with working away from home. We salute them for their dedication to ensuring yet another successful trip to Thames Young Mariners - THANK YOU!

Maths Stars of the Week

In Owls, Lucy M and Joshua Y for wonderful use of reasoning to solve maths problems. Alicia in Ibis Class for her growing confidence in maths and Alice B from Nightingale Class for challenging herself.

Coming up after half term....

Healthy Lifestyles Week

In the first week back after half term, we'll be promoting wellbeing with our 'Healthy Lifestyles Week'. The week will include the sponsored run and daily assemblies focussing on healthy lifestyles. We will also be running our healthy fruit tuck shop for Juniors at breaktimes - items will cost between 20p and 70p, please bring change in each day if you would like to buy a healthy snack. The classes will also be having a competition to see who can do the most walking and cycling to school, so try to walk and cycle as much as you can! We will finish the week with our annual sports day on the Friday.

New After School Coding Club

We held a special assembly for Key Stage 2 children on Tuesday to introduce a new computer science based club which will be running after half term: **Junior Game Creators**. Children will discover how to become a creator of apps and games, rather than just a consumer of them. The club will teach the basic skills of app/game creation, coding and de-bugging. They will start with relatively simple 'scratch' coding, but extend to more complicated projects that the children build from their own plans.

This 6 week course will start on Friday 9th June (3.15pm until 4.15pm) and is open to all children in Key Stage 2. The cost will be £39 (£6.50 per week) and places are limited to 15. If you would like your child to be part of this exciting initiative, please read the attached flyer and follow the instructions to register for a place.

Sports Day - Friday 9th June

Events will start at 9.30am. Please make your way around to the field through the side gate for this time. Children should wear school PE kits to school, bring a water bottle and, if we are blessed with sunshine, apply plenty of sun cream. After the races, the teachers will register their classes then sign children over to parents for the picnic lunch (you can take children home from 1:00pm). If we need to cancel due to bad weather we will let you know on Thursday 8th June.

Sports Day Lunches

Unfortunately, only 4 families requested a packed lunch from our caterers for sports day and after speaking with the Catering Manager they have advised that it is not economically viable for the kitchen to open on this day. With this in mind



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all children will need to bring a home packed lunch on Sports Day please, as the kitchen will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.

Online Safety Parent Support Evening - Tuesday 11th July 7.00pm - 8.30pm at The Priory

The Dorking Schools' Partnership have organised a special event focusing on the growing concern of how to keep our children safe online or when using social media. The evening will include looking at potential scenarios and how parents would deal with them. At Powell the children are taught explicitly how to keep safe online but despite this we do have children who access social media sites which are not appropriate for their age, and OFSTED quite rightly highlighted this during their visit in December. We urge you to attend this event specifically aimed at parents of children 9-11, to ensure your children take the information they are taught at school into their everyday lives. Please see the attached invitation and return the slip to us or email willis.stella@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk to reserve places.

A polite reminder...

In the last few weeks we have had a large number of children leaving school for dentist appointments. Please can you make every effort to book any non urgent medical appointments out of school hours as children are missing valuable learning time.

Staffing update

We are delighted to announce that the governing body have appointed Mrs Jo Wilson to replace Mrs Smart in September, as co-head with Mrs McLaughlin. Mrs Wilson comes to us from Sevenoaks in Kent, where she has taught for the last ten years and is currently assistant head. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and making her feel welcome at Powell! Mrs Wilson spent the day in school today and will be joining us for a few more events this term, to get to know everyone.

Hello Powell Corderoy! I am Jo Wilson and I will be the new Co-Head from September. I am really looking forward to joining the team and getting to know all the children and families here. During my recent visits to the school, I have really enjoyed seeing the school in action and I must say how impressed I have been by the quality of the children's work and their behaviour. I look forward to working with you all.

Mrs Wilson

Have a lovely half term and remember that **Monday 5th June is an INSET day**. Will it be the first INSET day when no one forgets and turns up by accident? There's always at least one! We will see you at school on **Tuesday 6th June** (not before!)



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CALENDAR DATES 2016/2017		OFFICE NEWS
Mon, 29 May – Fri, 2 Jun	Half Term	<p>School Dinners The cost for meals for the remainder of this term is £72.60. 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>Photography Club starts Friday 16th June Thank you for your continued patience in waiting for this club to start. I am pleased to advise you that the Club will run for three weeks, on the dates below: Friday 16th June, Friday 23rd June & Friday 7th July. Whilst I appreciate that there has been a change of day for this Club, hopefully your child will still be able to attend. Thank you to Mrs Hornung, one of our Governors for running this Club and to Mrs Bower who has volunteered to help.</p> <p>Bentley Copse Payment Reminder Thank you to everyone who has already paid the balance of £28.00 for the above residential visit. Please could all outstanding balances be paid when your child returns to school after half term. Thank you!</p>
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	
Mon, 12 Jun	Year 3 Trip to Dorking Museum	
Tue, 13 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Dorking Museum	
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	
Fri, 23 Jun	Mufti Day - Summer Festival Donations	
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	
Thu, 20 Jul, 09:10 – 09:40	Leavers' Assembly	
Fri, 21 Jul	Whole School Beach Trip	
Fri, 21 Jul	End of term	
School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018		<p>FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS</p> <p>The sun is out and ice pops are now on sale on every Friday after school until the end of the year. Just 20p each!</p> <p>Alongside ice pops this afternoon, we will also be giving out empty jam jars ahead of the Summer Festival Jolly Jar competition. If you have some spare time over half term, why not get ahead and decorate and fill your jar with small toys or individually wrapped sweets (not chocolate as they melt and no nuts please). The theme for the jars this year is "Musicals". Entries can be</p>
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	



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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

brought into school on Friday the 23rd and Monday the 26th June. Good luck!

Bag2School sacks will be coming home today, so if you are having a clear out please help raise money for the school by filling the bags. They accept unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties to bring in. Please bring in full bags on the afternoon of the 7th June or morning of the 8th. Thanks!

Thanks to those who kindly offered to have a Patrick Gardner Summer Festival board outside their house, the boards will be going up from tomorrow. Not only do we receive £5 per board but they have also kindly sponsored the inflatables for the fair.

We really, really, really need people to volunteer for both Sports Day (raffle ticket selling and coffee/teas) and the Summer Festival. If you can help please let us know. Kay Bull has kindly set up a Doodle Poll on Facebook for the Summer Festival so do complete that but if you're happier with other forms of communication please email or speak to one of us. Thank you!

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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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