



HEADLINES

Friday 29th September 2017

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
RESPONSIBILITY	Chestnut	Robin Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a tough week at Powell with inclement weather, lots of children and staff being hit by illness, and our mains electricity supply taking most of the week to repair. Thank you for your patience with our various difficulties and disruptions - we hope to be back to fully operational next week.

Ducklings Class Stay and Play, Communications and Parent Meeting

Please accept our apologies for the confusion caused by Ducklings' cancelled Stay and Play session today. We are aware that, in Mrs Doyle's absence, parent access to Tapestry (our main source of parent-communication in EYFS) is not yet up and running and the children have not yet had their home-school communication books which would normally have been sent home last week. We have been in touch with Mrs Doyle who expects to return to work on Thursday, and thanks everyone for their well-wishes. Mrs Doyle will organise home-school contact and reading books when she returns on Thursday. In the meantime, please continue to speak to Mrs Thomas in Reception Class with any general daily messages, or arrange to see one of the headteachers via the office for any bigger issues.

In the meeting on Wednesday next week at 2:00pm, as well as discussing staff changes, we will introduce you to Tapestry so that this can be used from home. To confirm, this meeting is followed by a Stay and Play session for parents at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there.

Congratulations to our new POW editors

Year 6 were given the opportunity this term to apply for the prestigious role of editor of POW Magazine. The application involved editing a written article which was full of mistakes, and making suggestions for further improvements. There was a lot of interest in the position and competition was fierce, so we had to be very strict about the applicants with the most ruthless and accurate editing skills. Congratulations to Alice B., Alice H., Elizabeth, Isla and Lauren, the newly appointed editorial team for this year.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children: George (Y2) for his fantastic mental calculations, Alec (Y3) for a great start to using Mymaths online, Emily D (Y4) for persevering with column addition after initially finding it tricky, Shay and Caiden (Y5) for working enthusiastically on long multiplication, Chloe, Ryan, Zachery and Bradley (Panda maths) for cracking the exchanging code in addition and Isla (Y6) for always working amazingly hard and Owen (Y6) for fantastic work this week on times tables and long multiplication.

Inclusion News

BEAM and sensory circuits will be starting again next week, run by Mrs Jolly. If you think your child would benefit from this early intervention, or would like to know more about it, please ask your child's teacher or Miss Mitchell for more information.

Parent Council Resurrection

Last year, due to some key people moving on, our Parent Council ceased to be! The Parent Council is/was an open forum that met just once a term to discuss key issues or decisions the school encountered, and give the parent body a voice in our decision making. It was very valuable to the school leadership team and we'd love to have it back. We have a number of topics to put to a Parent Council for your views, including extended services (Breakfast/After School Club), our use of web-based services and social media, and payment plans for trips and other expenses... to name but a few! If you'd be interested in helping resurrect our Parent Council (with our support) - either by chairing meetings, taking minutes, advertising meetings, or simply setting up chairs and refreshments - please let the office know. Thank you in advance.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reception Class and Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

At the request of the School Nurse, we have been asked to change the date of the nasal flu vaccinations to Friday 13th October, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

The infographic is divided into several sections. At the top left, a green box says 'Keep kids home from school for 48 HOURS after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course'. To the right, a white box with a hand icon says 'Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus'. Further right, a green box with the number '25' says 'different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK'. Below these, a light blue box titled 'Home Treatment' contains three items: a bottle of paracetamol with the text 'Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains', a water bottle with the text 'Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids', and a slice of bread with the text 'If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods'. At the bottom left, a blue box says 'If your child already has a serious symptoms last longer days, contact your GP or seek advice visit nns.uk/norovirus'. Logos for NHS Choices and the Food Standards Agency are at the bottom.

Health Reminder

We have had a number of children off this week with a vomiting bug. Please could we remind parents that if your child is unwell with either diarrhoea and/or vomiting they cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last episode. This is to ensure that your child is well enough to return to school and to prevent the spread of infection.

Absence From School

Following on from the above, it is very important that you phone or email the school office to let us know if your child will not be in school due to illness (please phone/email everyday your child is off ill - this is especially important if your child

walks to school by themselves), medical appointments, secondary school visits etc. If we haven't heard from you by 9.30am a member of the office staff will contact parents/carers to ascertain the reason for absence. If we leave a message please call back - if the school does not hear from parents/carers by 9.45am, the office will seek to telephone all known contacts for the child until they have a response. This is a safeguarding issue and will enable the school to be certain about your child's whereabouts, safety and wellbeing. Should there be no known reason for the child's absence office staff will pass this information to a senior leader who will take the appropriate action. You can contact the school office on 01306 883373 or email info@pcps.uk.



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Coming up next week and beyond...

Years 5 and 6 Trip to a Buddhist Temple

This term Years 5 and 6 are learning about Buddhism during their RE lessons. To support this we have arranged for them to visit a Buddhist Temple on Tuesday 3rd October. All children need wear their smartest school uniform and bring a waterproof coat, water bottle and a packed lunch (no sweets, fizzy drinks or products containing nuts please.) The coach will be leaving school at 9.00am so the children will need to be in their classes as soon as the school gates open at 8.40am. All permission slips need to be returned to the school office by Monday 2nd October.

World Maths Day

This is advanced warning that on Friday 13th October (2 weeks' time) we will be celebrating World Maths Day with a full day of maths for the whole school. Our theme this year is patterns, and we invite all of the children to come to school in any clothes with repeating patterns for the day. We look forward to seeing what they come up with!

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Dates for the year are now available in our [online calendar](#), via the school website. Any changes to dates will also be announced via Headlines throughout the year.

St. Martins Scouts

St Martins Scouts are working to start new Beavers and Cubs groups in Dorking (open to both boys and girls, age range 6 to 10 1/2). Adult helpers are needed to get this off the ground, and helpers' children go to the top of the list to join.

There is a planning meeting, to consider taster sessions, for anyone potentially interested in helping, at the Scout Hut, Rose Cottages (the lane between the Old House and Cobbett's), West Street, next Tuesday 2nd October at 7PM. You're not making any commitment by attending the meeting.

The bigger the potential team, the more likely this is to happen. Running the unit could be done in a team by rota on a flexible basis, there are many ways to help.

For more information or register interest please email claire.morris@scouts.org.uk - or just turn up!



Some parents have asked if there is anything the school 'needs' in light of our ever-diminishing budget. We are finding it increasingly difficult to fund the 'extra' resources that really enhance our lessons and the children's learning. For this reason we have set up an *Amazon Wish List* - a list of items we would like to have, to use with the children. If you would like to purchase something from our *Wish List* please search for 'Powell Corderoy' in the

Amazon Wish List search (under 'Your Friends'), and you'll find a wide range of useful educational resources, starting from just £2.99, that could be used across the school.

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The Friends of Powell Corderoy School (FOPCS) AGM has been rearranged and will take place on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.15pm in the school hall. It would be lovely to see lots of you there for a glass of wine and to find some volunteers to take over running FOPCS.

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: <i>Hotline to report concerns about a child</i>	0300 123 1620	
Child Line	0800 1111	
Family Line	0808 800 5678	



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