



# HEADLINES

## Friday 8th September 2017

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE	STAR OF THE WEEK
RESPONSIBILITY	N/A	Ibis Class	Xenia - Year 3

**Dear Parents,**

### **Welcome back!**

We hope everyone had a good summer! We are delighted to welcome you back to school, and are very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Thank you to those of you who came to *Meet the Teacher* sessions this week - we hope they were useful. Of course, if you want to speak to your child's class teacher at any point, you are always welcome to pop in and make an appointment to see them.

### **Star of the Week**

Our first star of the week this term is Xenia (year 3) for her excellent effort in maths all week. Well done Xenia - keep up the good work!

### **New year, new staff!**

A message from Mrs Wilson: *"My name is Mrs Wilson and I am the new Co-Head Teacher. Thank you to everybody (parents, children and staff) for making me feel so welcome. My first week has been very busy but I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing how the school runs. Please do come and say hello when you see me around school. "*

We would like to welcome our new teachers Mr White (Year 5) and Mr Nilsson (Year 4), and support staff Mrs Neilly, Mrs Maitland (EYFS), Mrs Gray (Year 3) and Mrs Costello (Year 6) who joined us this week! We also have a few changes in current staff to make parents aware of...

Mr Darke and Miss Watkins are now phase leaders for infants (YR-2) and juniors (Y3-6) respectively. Class teachers are still your first port of call as parents if you have any questions or concerns, but phase leaders will now be a second contact for you if you need another person to speak to (please contact the school office for an appointment). We hope this will provide a more structured route of communication, as phase leaders work more closely with the classes on a day to day basis and are better placed to deal with classroom issues. If problems remain unresolved, an appointment can be made via the office to speak to one of the head teachers. Mrs Wilson will lead on matters for infants, and Mrs McLaughlin for juniors, although either will be happy to speak with any parents in case of an emergency.

For your information, the co-headship is organised as follows:

MONDAYS - Mrs Wilson (all day)

TUESDAYS - Mrs McLaughlin (all day)

WEDNESDAYS - Mrs Wilson (all day) **and** Mrs McLaughlin (afternoon only)

THURSDAYS - Mrs Wilson (morning only - Mr Darke available in the afternoon if needed)

FRIDAYS - Mrs McLaughlin (all day)

### **New year, new books!**

The children will have come home this week with their brand new planners, replacing home/school contact books, reading records, homework diaries, spelling books and times tables books (where applicable.) We have designed these in response to parent feedback (via last year's survey) about home/school communication. You asked for more reminders about key information, less books going to/from school to keep track of, and more information about what children should be learning at different stages in their education. The front section of the book contains reminders of key information, the middle pages are our new reading/spelling/maths practice record (please see the page on how to fill these in!) and the back section contains key information to help with homework and learning at home. We will continue to provide more individual information on request or via parent evenings, but hope these new contact books are a good start. There is also a section for messages to/from school. Please check this each day and, if there is a comment, initial to indicate it has been read/received. As we have invested in what we hope will be a valuable resource for the children, we do expect them to look after them. There will be a charge of £3.90 for a replacement planner should they go missing.

### **Homework this week**

The children's homework this week is to read through the Home/School Agreement in the new school planner, and for both children and parents to discuss and sign the agreement. It is the same one you will have signed when you joined the school.

### **Nut Allergies**

We would like to remind all parents we strive to be a nut-free school due to having both staff and pupils with serious nut allergies that could have life-threatening consequences. Please do not send in any food containing nuts in packed lunches, or any packaging of products which may contain nuts, e.g. for junk modelling. Thank you in advance.

### **Updates to Pupil Attendance Policy**

Please ensure you read the letter about changes to our Pupil Attendance Policy which has been sent home today.

### **Walking to School Alone Workshop - parents of children in Nightingale and Goldfinch**

If you would like your child to walk to/from school on their own, then please attend our *Walking to School Alone Workshop* at 3.30pm on Monday 11th September. If your child is in Year 6 and attended this workshop last year, then you do not need to attend and your consent form is still valid. We will be discussing ways to keep the children safe and asking you to sign a consent form to give your permission for your child to walk home alone. Your child will not be allowed to leave school on their own if we do not have a completed consent form. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Inclusion news**

Mrs Vicki Kelsall, our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) will be in school every Tuesday from 8.30am until 4.00pm. She can help with many areas of school and home life and can be contacted by email on [kelsall.vicki@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kelsall.vicki@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk) or via the school office. Mrs Bull, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) will work on Monday and Wednesday mornings. She can help children with a range of emotional needs including friendship issues, bereavement, anxiety and anger management. You can contact her via the school office.

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

*Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson*

**Co-Head Teachers**



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## 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.

### Activity Clubs

Attached to this week's Headlines is a list of activity clubs for the Autumn Term. Clubs start week commencing Monday 18th September and finish week ending Friday 14th December (except where stated). Places for school led activity clubs can be booked on-line at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. You will need the following information to login:

- Pupil's First Name
- Pupil's Surname
- Pupil's Date of Birth

Once you have logged in, you will need to select Events and proceed from there. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you. For those clubs provided by an external provider please contact them directly. You can book school led activity clubs from 9.00am tomorrow.

### Asthma Inhalers

If your child needs an inhaler in school please can you hand it into the school office (not the class teacher) as we need to keep a record of who has medicine in school. Please ensure you also supply a child's spacer.

### Summer Festival - Flower Girls Photo (last year's Year 1)

We now have the flower girl photos available in the school office if you would like to view them/ purchase them.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please be aware both these clubs are over subscribed this term and both currently have a waiting list. We are unable to expand both clubs at the present time, due to space and staffing. We will be sending out booking forms for the Spring Term within the next few weeks and would advise you return your forms to the school office as soon as possible in order for us to accommodate the days you require.

## FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Thanks to your phenomenal support, FOPCS are very excited to be funding a number of large projects this year, which include...

- Development of the school pond area to create and resource an outdoor classroom for Science and Forest Schools
- Building a Log Cabin between infant and junior playgrounds for Chillzone (reading and indoor games at playtimes)
- Installing bird feeders around the school
- Replacing playground water fountains
- Buying new football goals for playtimes and PE
- Installing a new sound system in the hall to allow the use of microphones for performances

We are **hugely** grateful to Lucinda, Laura, Nicola and the amazing FOPCS team for their record-breaking work over the last two years which has made all of this possible. However, we are in desperate need of successors to take over for the year ahead and continue their great work, so please do come to the next FOPCS meeting if you are able to help!



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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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