

Friday 17th November 2017

NOVEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
PEACE	Larch	Owls and Goldfinch

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many spots in school today for Children in Need. The School Council managed to raise £166.88 from your generous donations, which will be added to the money raised from their cake sale after school. Well done School Council!

Attendance and Punctuality

We had our termly visit from the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) yesterday. The EWO checks our registers and highlights any children of concern, children who are persistently absent or late, or from whom we have not received a reason for absence. The EWO also agrees the attendance target for the school and this year has been set at 96.1%. This target can only be achieved with the support of parents in ensuring children get to school on time every day. Over the last few weeks we have met with parents to offer additional support to increase attendance levels or to reduce the number of late arrivals to school. If you are having problems getting your child to school please do let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

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

Keep kids home from school for



48 HOURS

after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice
Visit nhs.uk/norovirus

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

Health Reminder - Sickness Bug

We have had a number of children and staff off this week with a vomiting bug. Please could we remind you 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.

Health Alert - Headlice

We have been made aware of a few cases of headlice in school this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and carefully and treat if necessary. There is no need to keep them off school.

After School Club

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, then please remember us at after school club! Pre-loved toys and games in good condition are always hugely appreciated - just take them to the hut before or after school. Thank you in advance.

We are also pleased to announce that, due to popular demand, we will be increasing the capacity of After School Club to 24 on a Tuesday from January onwards. This is on a trial basis and, should it prove successful and sustainable, may be rolled out to other days in the summer term (Tuesdays are currently our most oversubscribed day.) We will be using a sports coach to run games on the field or in the hall which groups of children from After School Club will have a turn to visit, to prevent the hut becoming over-crowded. We are also considering the option, on less busy days, of offering additional places that run to 4.30 pm at a reduced cost. Any thoughts or feedback on this suggestion can be emailed to info@pcps.uk

Welcome new governor!

Welcome to Cheryl Arumugum, mum to Amélie in Ducklings Class, who joined our Governing Body this week as our new Local Authority Governor. Cheryl will be taking responsibility for monitoring the teaching of science and foundation subjects across the school. We very much look forward to working with her.

Tapestry Feedback

Thank you to those of you who responded to our Facebook poll on whether you'd like to see Tapestry rolled out across the infant phase. The response was 100% 'Yes!' so that gives us something to work towards! We plan for the current Ducklings to continue with it next September into Year 1, at the end of which we will review the impact and whether or not to take it into Year 2.

Look out for more Facebook polls as a quick and easy chance to have your say on topical issues we're discussing in school. (We will continue to use parent surveys for any major consultations, as we know not everyone is on Facebook.)

Year 5 Trip to Dorking Museum

Year 5 very much enjoyed their trip to Dorking Museum, learning about World War II and how it affected people of Dorking. Mr White was very proud of their excellent behaviour in the museum, and interesting questions.

Infant Trips and Visits

This Tuesday, Owls class enjoyed a walk on the Nower to look at how Autumn has changed the woods around our school. Last week both Owls and Robins classes were visited by a local storyteller, who shared his very entertaining versions of Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Snow White and many other stories, which have inspired us in our writing this week!



School Photos

You should have received a proof this week. All orders need to be placed by **Friday 24th November**. Late orders will incur a surcharge of £3.00. We are aware that some parents are not happy with the proof they have received. We have not yet had a response from the photographer to the questions raised, but will let you know as soon as we have one. In the meantime, if you are unhappy with the photograph, please return it to the school office with the reasons you are not happy, so we can provide this feedback to Simply Portraits.



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Maths Stars of the Week

Another fantastic week. Well done to: Lucie (Y3) for her enthusiasm with My Maths; Isla (Y6) and Mrs Wills (Y6) for perseverance with some really tricky Y6 maths calculations to solve; Lloyd (Y1) for independently choosing to practise his numbers even when finding it tricky; Cristiano (Y4) for brilliant work on ordering decimals. Also from Panda class well done to Emily T for working through logically all her subtractions this week.

Inclusion News

Week 2 of our explanation of the areas of need we support in our school: **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. We have a number of children within our school who either have a diagnosis of ASD or are going through the process of assessment. ASD is the name for a range of similar conditions, including Asperger syndrome, that affect a person's social interaction, communication, interests and behaviour. In our school we have an Autism Ambassador, Elizabeth S, and a Sibling of ASD Ambassador, Evan J. These children give talks to parents and their peers, and also work 1-1 with children who have ASD and their siblings. All teaching staff have been trained in ASD and our ELSA and Home School Link Worker support children and their parents. We also run social groups and hold coffee mornings once a term for parents and carers, and have outreach visits from Linden Bridge. If you are concerned that your child may be showing traits of ASD please do talk to your class teacher or directly to Miss Mitchell senco@pcps.uk for advice and support. Helpful websites include <https://thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/> and <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

Coming up.....

Parent Council Meeting - Wednesday 29th November at 2.15pm

The Parent Council is an invaluable discussion group which puts forward the issues you as parents want to raise with the school, and ensures we have your honest feedback on how things are going. On the agenda for the meeting are the following topics:

- Online homework - recent changes and e-safety
- Communication, including social media
- Parking and access via Longfield Road
- Payments and bookings - proposed changes to current systems
- Staffing - recruitment, retention and management of transitions
- School Dinners

If there is anything else you would like added to the agenda, please email the school office. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can also send in any views/comments in advance, to be read out at the meeting. We hope that in due course we may be able to persuade some of you to help run future meetings (it's only one a term!) to ensure the Parent Council can continue to run and - more importantly - be a true representation of your views and priorities as our parent body. We hope to see you there!



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Mufti Day - Friday 1st December

Children can come into school in their own clothes in return for donations for the Christmas Fair. This year we are asking for the following donations from each year group:



Reception	Lucky Dip prizes for Boys (value approx £1)
Year 1	Lucky Dip prizes for Girls (value approx £1)
Year 2	Small gifts for women – <i>Presents for Parents</i> stand
Year 3	Lucky Dip prizes (value approx £1)
Year 4	Bottles for the bottle tombola
Year 5	Small gifts for men – <i>Presents for Parents</i> stand
Year 6	Bottles for the bottle tombola

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 20th December

The menu for this years Christmas Lunch is below. Children who already have school meals will be served a Christmas Lunch automatically. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school but would like a Christmas Lunch please send £2.25 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and 'Christmas Lunch' (please also let us know if your child requires a vegetarian meal or has any allergies on the envelope). Payment is required only for all junior children. **The absolute deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch is 8th December.**



Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast British Turkey with a Chipolata Sausage

Or

Quorn Cracker

served with

Sage & Onion Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

followed by

Festive Biscuit



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Staffing next week

There are currently no supply teachers planned for next week. Year 4 had an unplanned supply teacher this week due to Mr Nilsson being off sick. Mr Skates, who was working at Powell for the first time this week, also spent a brief session in Year 2 while Mr Darke attended a meeting which had been rescheduled. He reported that both classes were a delight to work with and very welcoming, which was lovely to hear! Year 1 also had an unplanned supply teacher on Monday as Mrs Harber was unwell, and were very well-behaved and welcoming too. On Thursdays starting next week, Mrs Fairhurst will be visiting Ducklings class to begin to get to know them before she starts in January. This is in addition to the usual staff who work on a Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS - The school office is open from 8.40am until 3.30pm

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.

Years 5 & 6 Swimming

Please may all children in Year 5 & 6 bring long sleeved pyjamas (tops and bottoms) as well as their costumes/trunks for swimming next Thursday (23rd). No onesies please! This will be their last swimming session for this year. Thank you.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Years 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at St. John's School, Dorking - Friday 24th November 2017 12.30-3.30pm

Years 3 and 6 Quicksteps Gymnastics Competition at The Ashcombe School, Dorking - Monday 4th December 2017 9.30-12pm

Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners - Payment Reminder

Please note the next installment of £40.00 is due on 20th November 2017.

amazon.co.uk

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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FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Christmas Fair Doodle Poll

Q: What's a Doodle Poll? A: An easy way to sign up for a time slot to help on a stall at the Christmas Fair.

If you are able to help with being on a stall on Saturday 9th December for the Christmas Fair, or happy to help with the set up / take down of the fair then this is the place to let us know.

Please click on this link: <https://doodle.com/poll/4x93hygkkqy7vuyx>

It will take you to the Doodle Poll – all you need to do is select a time slot that you are able to help. If you have a preference of a stall then please indicate in the comments, otherwise we'll let you know which stall we have allocated. It's that simple.

We currently have enough help to run about a third of the stalls for the fair.

Also, many thanks for all the Bag2School donations.

Sam, Katy & Elese.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Powell Corderoy Governors
Breakfast & After School Club
Friends of Powell
Parent Council
Surrey County Council: *Hotline to report concerns about a child*
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Family Line

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