



HEADLINES



Friday 15th December 2017

DECEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
THOUGHTFULNESS	To Follow	Owl

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been incredibly busy in school this week with all of the Christmas events taking place... and there are more to come! Please read Headlines carefully as there is lots going on in school next week. Please note that the last Headlines for the term will be sent home next WEDNESDAY.

THIS WEEK

Ducklings' Nativity

On Wednesday, Ducklings Class appeared in their debut Powell performance, *'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'*, a retelling of the traditional nativity. The children learned and performed their parts with confidence and very much enjoyed sharing the story with their families. Very well done Ducklings Class and thank you to Mrs Doyle and the Early Years team for their hard work.

Gnome Alone!

This afternoon, it was Owl and Robin Classes' turn to take the stage with their alternative Christmas Production, *'Gnome Alone.'* It told the story of Norman the Christmas elf who was too small to help... then ended up with the most important job of all! Once again, very well done to the children for their talented performances, and thank you to our Year 1 and 2 teachers for their hard work. Thank you also to the children in Art Club for painting the scenery, and to parents who provided the dazzling array of costumes - they looked amazing!



Maths Stars of the Week

Even with the excitement of Christmas, nativities, productions, children are still working hard in maths. This week, an extra special well done to the following children: Erica and Maisie (Y6) for fantastic work on percentages (finding bargains with my Christmas shopping!); Ezme (Y1) for using the scales for weighing and recording her work carefully; Robin (Y2) for fantastic work with measures this week, Callum (Y5) for great independent working in area and perimeter; Evelina (Y3) for great work on rounding and Bradley (Panda) for understanding halving quickly.

We were asked...

We were asked this week why we share photos of children on our website but not on our social media pages. The reason is quite simple. Our website contains images on pages that are viewed, whereas posts to social media can be liked, shared, commented on, discussed, etc. which we feel is a very different kettle of fish. We are happy for parents to share photos of their own children of course, that is your choice, but as a school we have decided not to. Please remember if you are sharing photos of school events, that you get permission from the parents of any children in the photographs first.

We were asked *"Why isn't the school doing Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day this year?"* We are conscious how often we ask for donations, costumes, contributions... it can all get a bit much! We decided to limit our charity fundraisers to one a

term, and this term the School Council chose Children in Need. However we *know* you love your Christmas jumpers, so **please do wear them on the last day of term for our Carol Concert if you'd like to!**

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS UPDATE

Thanks to all the fundraising FOPCS have done, there are a number of big projects underway in school which parents may not be aware of! We think it's important you know where all that money is going! Our new sound system for school productions has arrived this week and Mr White has been very busy assembling it. We had *so* hoped to show it off at our Christmas productions, but an essential part is missing! The part is on order, delivery due any day... watch this space.

Other projects which Barry is busy working on such as the outdoor sheltered garden for games, and Chillzone Cabin, are weather-dependent. Plans are well underway but foundations need to be laid that can't be done in bad weather. Work has also begun on developing the pond area for Science lessons - our storage shed is up and resources on order. We are looking forward to the spring, when we can kick-start the work needed. With these bigger building and premises projects, it does inevitably take a little longer to see the fruits of your fundraising work, but we hope it will be worth the wait.

In the short term, FOPCS have funded a lovely new carpet rug for Ducklings class which should be arriving for the new term in January - at least they'll be nice and snuggly inside for the winter!

CHOIR

The choir are singing at St Paul's Church on Sunday at 5:00 pm - please arrive at 4:15 pm for a rehearsal. They need to wear school uniform at the church please, as they will be representing the school.

ADMISSIONS for 2018

A reminder to parents with pre-school siblings, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**. Online applications are encouraged, however you can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

CLUBS

There are no school-run clubs after school next week.

Details of the Clubs that will be available after the Christmas holidays will be sent out early next week via ParentMail , as we are still confirming the final details.

After School Club in January

As you know, we are trialling a new system on Tuesdays in January which will allow us to take more children in After School Club. The children will be split in groups and each group in turn will get a session of games with Ollie, our lovely sports



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coach. Please be aware that this means if you collect your child very early, they may not have had a chance to have their games session with Ollie or - if they are in the first games group - have their meal/snack. Children who are in the games group will be in the school hall, but please still go to the hut for collection and we will send for them if needed.

INCLUSION

Email: senco@pcps.uk

Next term we will be looking for parents to join us on the Inclusion Parent Group. This group meets to provide the parental viewpoint on all things Inclusion which includes Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Able, Gifted and talented, Pupil Premium and English as an additional language. Watch this space, or contact Miss Mitchell directly for more information. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

COMING UP...



Christmas Dinner

This is on Wednesday next week - children may bring in a Christmas hat to wear if they wish (there is no competition - it is just for fun!)

Autumn Awards Assembly

9:10am on Wednesday. Invites only, for parents of children receiving awards.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts

9:10 am and 1:00 pm on Thursday - booking needed. Please book online to reserve your seat. All children may wear Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers if they wish, but do not require costumes.

Last Day of Term

Please remember we finish at 1:30pm on the last day of term (Thursday.)



POW Magazine on sale!

This term's Christmas-themed POW Magazine will be on sale after school Mon-Wed next week, still at the bargain price of just £1. The editorial team this term have been fantastic, with lots of new ideas. This term they have sought the advice of Miss Mitchell to produce our first Dyslexia-friendly issue, with a change to the formatting to help make it more accessible. Next term, they will be bringing in an infant-insert with pages aimed specifically at younger readers. It really is all the children's own work and makes a great Christmas-holiday read!

Staffing next week

There are no supply teachers planned for next week.

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

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OFFICE REMINDERS

Email: info@pcps.uk

Dates for the year are now available in our [online calendar](#), via the school website.

Monies Owing

Payment reminder letters for monies owing for dinner money, breakfast & afterschool Club have been sent out today. Please can all outstanding amounts be paid to the Office by Wednesday of next week at the very latest. An increasing amount of time is being spent chasing up outstanding payments.

In the event that payments are not made, then we will no longer be able to provide your child/children with a school dinner and you will be asked to make alternative arrangements for childcare until the debt has been paid.

Dinner Money - KS2

The cost for the spring term will be £60.75 up until February half term or £126.00 up until the end of term. Meals cost £2.25 per day or £11.25 per week All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/term. **If we do not receive a payment then your child will not be served with a school meal.**

Change of Menu

Please note that there will be a change of menu for Thursday. The following meal will now be served Fish & Chips or Vegetarian Bake.

Breakfast & After School Club Bookings - Spring/Summer Term

Please could all outstanding confirmations of acceptance be returned to the Office by Monday morning, along with an initial payment to cover the cost of the first week's sessions. If we do not receive the required documentation and payment, then we will assume that you no longer require the places booked and will offer the places to other families on the waiting list.

Please be aware that the office is currently understaffed and may be closed for short periods if necessary. You can always email info@pcps.uk with any urgent messages, or phone and leave a message on the answer phone. Please do not repeatedly dial the school office and then hang up without leaving a message. Your call will be returned as soon as there is a member of staff available. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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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CALENDAR DATES - Changes appear in red

Wednesday 20th December 9:10am

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Thursday 21st December 9:10am and 1:00pm

Thursday 21st December 1:30pm**Thursday 4th January**

Autumn Term Awards Assembly

School Christmas Dinner

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert

SCHOOL FINISHES - Early closure for end of term**START OF TERM****FRIENDS OF POWELL CORDEROY SCHOOL NEWS**Email: fopcs@pcps.uk**Christmas Fair Update**

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last week and spent their hard earned cash and to those who have purchased raffle tickets, Christmas Trees and/or Christmas Cards over the last month or so. Thanks also to everyone that has helped before, during or after the fair in any way (including all our wonderful bakers who produced a bumper crop of cakes for the café this year). Our combined Christmas fundraising activities have succeeded in raising well over £2,500.

The monies are certainly being put to good use in helping to enhance the day-to-day school experience for all of our children. These events provide really important extra funding for the school at a time when budgets are at their tightest.

At next week's carol performances we will be running a raffle to win a lovely festive hamper. Tickets are 50p each on the door when you come in.

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Friends Of Powell Corderoy School

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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

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