



HEADLINES

Friday 2nd February 2018

JANUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
HOPE	Larch	Goldfinch

Dear Parents/Carers,

THIS WEEK

Values Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who so kindly sent in 'hopes' for your children's futures. We shared them in assembly on Tuesday and the children heard everything you hope for them. It really got us thinking about what it means to care for each other, and led us nicely into our next value for February... love.

Years 1 and 2 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre

Year 1 and 2 spent the day at the British Wildlife Centre on Wednesday, learning a wealth of information about the species of animals that we have in our school grounds, local woodlands and back gardens. The children got to see many animals up close, including otters, deer, wildcats and badgers. Flo the fox and Turbo the hedgehog were particular favourites, but the parent helpers weren't at all keen on the overhead tunnels of rats! We received an email this morning from the centre saying: "May I just say how well behaved they were during the visit and especially comment on the lack of mess they made when they had their picnic – very rare!" Well done Years 1 and 2, you've made us Proud to be Powell!

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

On Thursday, Year 3 and 4 learned lots about The Romans and Celts during a trip to Butser Ancient Farm. Despite the cold weather, the children were wonderfully enthusiastic throughout and were able to make Iron Age jewellery, dig like archaeologists, visit a Roman villa, practice Roman maths and even have lunch in a Celtic roundhouse! Thank you to the parent helpers that gave up their time to support the trip.

Vehicle Access to the School

Please do not drive up and down the drive from 8:00am - 9:00am, and 3:00pm - 4:30pm as children are walking in and out of school at these times. We will shortly be installing a sign with this request. Thank you for your understanding.

Makaton Training

Thank you to Tracy King who has been in school for the last two weeks training our Early Years staff in the use of Makaton. We look forward to making good use of this new skill to support different children across the school.

Staff Absence and Homework

When teachers are off sick, we do our best to ensure everything continues as normal with whoever is covering. If the teacher has not set the homework for the week before they become ill (which may be the case as often teachers will wait to see how the children do during the week before setting follow-up homework) then children should complete their usual

reading, spellings and times tables practice but may not have additional homework that week. We suggest they make an extra effort with their reading, spellings and times tables, and we will do our best to ensure that this is a very rare occurrence!

MATHS STARS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children this week: Keira (Y3) for her work on Roman Numerals; Elsie (YR) for her brilliant work on weight, capacity and length and for baking independently at home using all her skills; Alice W (Y2) for looking to challenge herself with tasks in maths this week; Frankie & Isla (Y6) for amazing scores in their reasoning tests this week (they were tricky!) and Louise F (Y1) for solving missing problem calculations using a number line method.

SAFEGUARDING

Email: head@pcps.uk

Changes to the teaching of Sex & Relationship Education and PSHE

The Department for Education (DfE) is considering how to update the existing Sex and Relationship guidance which was last revised in 2000. The updated guidance will support schools to deliver the new subjects of Relationships Education at primary schools and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at secondary schools, as well as, potentially, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). The DfE have provided a [guide for parents/carers](#), school and college staff, governors and other education professionals who are invited to contribute their views on the content of the subjects and how the current guidance on sex education should be updated. The guide outlines the questions being asked which can then be answered via an online survey. [Guidance has also been published](#) for young people to help the DfE understand how they can improve the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education and PSHE. The guide summarises the questions being asked and responses are requested via the same online survey. Details of the surveys can be found via the links above.

BBC Own It

The BBC have launched an online safety website for 9-12 year olds, [Own It](#), to help them navigate life online. The site contains videos and content to equip children with the skills to make the most out of the online world without the danger of harm.

Children on Social Media

The Office of the Children's Commissioner have produced [simplified terms and conditions for popular apps](#), Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, Snapchat and Facebook to help children and young people make informed choices about their life online. The documents could be used to spark discussion or shared with parents to support their conversations about online safety. We think they are really useful!

Online Safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre have published [advice for parents](#) if their child sees something upsetting online. The article offers recommendations on how to prevent your child from seeing this type of content and how to support your child if they are distressed following something they have seen.



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Internet Matters have published an [article](#) on how parents can support their children if they are worried they are being groomed and radicalised online. It includes signs to look out for, types of grooming, how to talk to your child and how to prevent your child being groomed online.

INCLUSION

Email: senco@pcps.uk

Next Tuesday we will be hosting a coffee morning focusing on childhood anxiety and how best to help. We will be discussing common forms of anxiety, its causes and symptoms, and how we can work together to help your child. Our Home School Link Worker, Vicki Kelsall, will be on hand with practical advice and ideas on ways to get support from other agencies. Please drop in to the library between 9.00 and 10.00, where tea and biscuits will be provided. We hope to see you there.

COMING UP...

FOPCS Meetings - Monday 5th February at 2.00pm or Tuesday 8th February at 8pm.

You are warmly invited to attend either of these meetings, a creche will be provided on Monday 5th February. Please see the flyer attached to Headlines this week for further information.

Year 1 Class Assembly - Thursday 8th February at 9.10am

On Thursday 8th February, Owl Class will be leading the school assembly. We would like to invite all Year 1 parents/ carers to join us for this class assembly at 9.10am. Don't forget to get baking for the cake sale at the end of the day. Please could your contributions of cakes be brought into the school office either on the morning of the sale or just before the end of the school day. Please remember we are a nut free zone. We do also require a couple of volunteers to help set up the cake stall and sell the cakes. Cakes will be on sale in the Infants' playground at the end of the school day - priced at 30p each for an individual cake or slice of cake. Your help is always very much appreciated



Safer Internet Day - Online Safety Information Session Tuesday 6th February at 2.30pm

If you are able to attend our Online Safety Information Session please can you complete the reply slip and return to the office by Friday 2nd February so we have an idea of numbers.

School Talent Show

On Monday, Mr Darke will be inviting children to apply to take part in the school talent show, which will be run by the School Council on Friday afternoon. All acts will be welcomed, so you may want to encourage your child to take part and showcase their talent! They will need to audition as we will choose the best two acts from each class. Auditions will take place throughout the week. Following previous School Talent Shows and for our own sanity, the teachers are banning anyone from singing 'Let It Go' from Frozen. Sorry... there's only so much we can take.

PARENTS' EVENING

Our parent/teacher consultation evenings will be held on Tuesday 20th February (4.00pm - 6.30pm) and Thursday 22nd February (3.30pm - 6.00pm). Appointments can be booked online at <https://powellcorderoy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>. **The booking system is now open and will close at 4.00pm on Monday 19th February for appointments on Tuesday 20th,**



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and at 4.00pm on Wednesday 21st for appointments on Thursday 22nd. Once logged in please click on the Parents' Evening icon and follow the instructions. A short guide on how to add appointments is attached to this week's Headlines. If you wish to see one of the Co-Head Teachers they are available on the following days;

Mrs E McLaughlin	Tuesday 20th February
Mrs J Wilson	Thursday 22nd February

Due to Parents Evening the following after school activity clubs will not be running in the week after half term:

Tuesday 20th February	Sportshall Athletics, Art and Football
Thursday 22nd February	Zumba, Netball and Times Table Club

CLUBS

Multiskills Club - CANCELLED next week

There will be no multi skills club next week as Ollie is attending a coaching course

Art Club - CANCELLED next week

There will be no art club next week as Mrs McLaughlin is required to attend a meeting.

Cross Country Club

Please note that Cross Country Club is cancelled after school on Monday 5th Feb. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club

When children arrive late to breakfast club, it can be difficult to ensure they have time to eat a proper breakfast before school starts. Breakfast Club need to have cleared up and washed up before 8:40 am. From Monday, breakfast will be served until 8:20 am. Children arriving after this time will be offered fruit but may not be served breakfast so please ensure they have eaten before they arrive.

After School Club

Please can we remind parents that an **adult** must sign children out of After School Club. This needs to be a known adult who has permission to collect your child. They will need your child's password if they are not known to us.

We met last week to discuss After School Club and the future. In the short term, we will continue developing the system using a sports coach to increase the capacity on a Tuesday (our most popular day) but will not be rolling this out to other days at the moment, due to the other activities in and around that compete for use of space. We will review the Tuesday arrangements again before the summer term. In the long term, we are pursuing plans to replace the hut with a larger building, to allow us to increase the capacity of our extended services and run other activities. We will keep you posted with our progress - we are currently looking for sources of funding.



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STAFFING

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a friendly and responsible person to work Monday-Wednesday 12:15pm - 1:15pm (plus INSET days as required - usually 2 per year) as a Midday Supervisor. The role involves assisting in the supervision of children both in the dining area and in play areas to ensure the orderly conduct, welfare and safety of pupils during school lunch breaks. You would be led by our head midday supervisor and be working as part of a large team, so good communication skills and the ability to be flexible are essential. For further details of the role and what is required, please see link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job.aspx?vacno=817793>

St Michael's CE (A) Infant School - Temporary Learning Support Assistant – February 2018



St Michael's CE (A) Infant School is looking to recruit a temporary Learning Support Assistant to support a child with particular needs until the end of the summer term. The pupil has an EHCP. The post is 15 hours a work from 9am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday. They are looking for someone who has experience of, and loves, working with children, preferably within an educational setting, someone kind, caring and calm under pressure to support the pupil in his academic learning and also in social situations interacting with other pupils. This temporary post may suit someone who already works part-time in another school wishing to increase their hours and/or experience, or someone wishing to gain experience in learning support. Please contact the school for further details.

Supply Teachers

There have been a lot of unplanned supply teachers this week due to staff illness. We apologise for the disruption and hope to have the staff team back to full strength next week... fingers crossed!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Email: info@pcps.uk

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL LETTERS - These are due in by WEDNESDAY next week to secure your place.

 **amazon.CO.UK**

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 (Dates for the year are available in our online calendar, via the school website) **Changes appear in red****February 2018**

5th-9th

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 6th 2:30pm

Tuesday 6th February

Thursday 8th 9:10am

Friday 9th 13:30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th 16:00 pm - 18:30pm

Thursday 22nd 15:30 pm - 18:00pm

Friday 23rd

Monday 26th February - Friday 2nd March

Wednesday 28th 14:30pm

March 2018

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd 16:00pm

Monday 5 March

Monday 12th - Friday 16th March

Monday 12th

Thursday 15th 9:10am

Friday 16th

Tuesday 27th 9:10am

Tuesday 27th 14:00 pm

Wednesday 28th 9:10am

Thursday 29th 9:10am

Thursday 29th 10:30am

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April

April 2018

Monday 16th

Friday 20th

May 2018

Thursday 3rd 9:10am

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th 9:10am

Wednesday 9th 15:15 pm

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th

Monday 21st - Friday 25th

E-safety Week

FOPCS Meeting - 2.00pm

National Safer Internet Day - Parent Information Session

FOPCS Meeting - 8.00pm

Year 1 Class Assembly

School Council Talent Show

HALF TERM

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 - Group A

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

FOPCS - Bag2School Collection

Book Week

Dorking Library Rhyme Time in the Library

World Book Day

DSSP - Cross Country

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 - Groups B and C

British Science Week

Year 6 - Epsom and Ewell and Mole Valley Junior Citizen Event

Year 5 Class Assembly

FOPCS - Children's Disco

Years 3 and 4 Class Production (limited seating to parents)

Years 3 and 4 Class Production

Spring Term Awards Assembly

Easter Concert

Easter Concert

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 13.30PM**EASTER HOLIDAY****INSET DAY**

Years 5 and 6 Visit to Bough Beech Reservoir

Year 4 Class Assembly

BANK HOLIDAY

Ducklings Class Assembly

Year 6 Thames Young Mariners Parents Meeting

Key Stage 2 SATs

Key Stage 1 SATs



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<p>Monday 21st - Friday 25th Monday 28th - Friday 1st June June 2018 Monday 4th - Friday 8th Wednesday 6th Friday 8th June 9:30am - 13:00 pm Monday 11th - Friday 15th Thursday 21st Thursday 21st 9:10am Friday 29th 13:30 pm - 15:00 pm July 2018 Tuesday 3rd Tuesday 3rd 13:30pm Friday 5th Wednesday 11th 15:15 pm - 16:00 pm Thursday 12th 14:00 pm and 18:00pm Monday 16th 14:30pm Thursday 19th 9:10am Friday 20th 9:10am Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th - Tuesday 4th September</p> <p>Terms Dates for 2018/2019 Autumn Term 2018 Half Term Spring Term 2019 Half Term Summer Term 2019 Half Term</p>	<p>Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners HALF TERM</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyles Week FOPCS - Bag2school Collection Sports Day and Family Picnic Year 1 Phonics Screening Check National Music Day Music Assembly Summer Festival</p> <p>Induction Day Reception Induction Meeting for new parents School reports go home Parent Drop-in Session Years 5 and 6 Production Parent Helper Thank You Tea Summer Term Awards Assembly Year 6 Leavers Assembly INSET DAY SUMMER HOLIDAYS</p> <p>Tuesday 4th September - Wednesday 19th December Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February Tuesday 23rd April - Wednesday 24th July Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May</p>
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Invitation to FOPCS Meeting

Monday 5th February 2018 2pm, or
Tuesday 6th February 2018 8pm.

Both meetings are being held at Powell Corderoy School.

Agenda: Expansion of Committee
Events Calendar
Reorganisation of summer fair
Upcoming Projects

Even you've never attended a FOPCS meeting before, this is your chance to come along and help shape the next year of fundraising for the school.

New faces and new ideas are VERY welcome!

Refreshments available at both meetings
Crèche available for Monday

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

01306 868165 chairofgovernors@pcps.uk
07518 697751
parentcouncil@pcps.uk
0300 123 1620
0800 1111
0808 800 5678



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