



# HEADLINES

Friday 9th February 2018

FEBRUARY'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
LOVE	To Follow	Owls & Goldfinch

Dear Parents/Carers,

## THIS WEEK

### Year 1 Class Assembly

Year 1's class assembly celebrated animals from around the world and was full of interesting animal facts, as well as a very catchy song! The children retold the story of "Handa's Surprise", a tale about a little Kenyan girl called Handa, who carries a basket of fruit on her head. The children loved dressing up as different animals and it was lovely to hear the children speaking so clearly and confidently to such a big audience. Well done Year 1! Thank you, also, for baking and buying cakes which helped the class raise £55.90. The children will decide what to spend this money on when we return after half term.



### E-Safety Week

All week, we've been talking about E-safety in school. We've had daily assemblies, drama workshops, done work in class each day and even learned a song. We hope the children have been talking to you at home about their learning, and their online behaviours, and really got the message that they need to take responsibility for staying safe online. A big thank you to those of you who attended our Safer Internet parents' session this week. We run these sessions every year as we think it's incredibly important we KEEP talking to each other about what our children are doing online. If you missed it, a lot of the information is available [here](#) and via the school website.

### Cross Country

A huge well done to all of our cross country runners who braved the cold to race last Friday at Dorking Rugby Club. Special mention must go to Lucie and Lottie (Year 3) who were 4th and 5th in the Year 3 and 4 Girls Race, to William (Year 3) who came 5th in the Year 3 and 4 Boys, and to Isla (Year 6), Flora (Year 5) and Lauren (Year 6) who were 4th, 5th and 7th in the Year 5 and 6 Girls Race. There can be 70-80 children in each race, so all of our runners should be extremely proud of their performances, which moved us up to sixth in the overall Cross Country League. Fifth place is in sight with one race to go!

### Gym and Dance Performance - The Priory School

Years 4, 5 and 6 (and some lucky staff) were treated to a fabulous Gym and Dance performance by The Priory School yesterday. There was a variety of performances to dazzle and inspire our students: neon orb twirling, amazing ballet, all genres of dance from around the world and some amazing acrobatic and gymnastics displays!

### The School Talent Show

...is taking place as this is being written! It sounds amazing! Well done to the successful acts that made it through the gruelling audition stages and are performing this afternoon, and thank you very much to all the parents who helped children prepare and practise. It is fabulous to see such an array of talent on display, and the children enjoying themselves at this ever-popular event. The blindfolded pianist this year is especially exciting!

## MATHS STARS OF THE WEEK



**Well done to the following children this week:** Faraj (Y3) for working with grid method multiplication; Finley R (Y1) for using his mathematical skills to complete some questions; Ava-Mae (Y4) for incredible enthusiasm and hard work in our fractions lessons; Lucas F-J (Y2) for fantastic problem solving with fractions; Alice H (Y6) for always working hard in every maths lesson and having a great attitude when given a challenge.

## SAFEGUARDING Email: [head@pcps.uk](mailto:head@pcps.uk)

### UPDATED: Guidance on searching, screening and confiscation at school

The government's 'Searching, screening and confiscation at school' guidance has been updated. The main change is that staff may now lawfully search electronic devices, without consent or parental permission, if there is a suspicion that the pupil has a device prohibited by school rules, or the staff member has good reason to suspect the device may be used to cause harm, disrupt teaching, break school rules, commit an offence, cause personal injury, or damage property. It also states that any data, files or images that are believed to be illegal must be passed to the police as soon as practicable, including pornographic images of children, without deleting them, and that any data, files or images that are not believed to be unlawful may be deleted or kept as evidence of a breach of the school's behaviour policy. We will be updating our school policies to reflect this new guidance in due course.

### Advice for pre-teen girls

[Betty.me](http://Betty.me) is a great website, aimed at pre-teen and teenage girls to help them understand puberty. It has now got new resources for ages 8+, and there is also a [Parents' Hub](#) with advice for Mums and Dads of teenage girls.

### Raising awareness of child abuse and safeguarding

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, the school regularly shares information with parents about issues which pose a risk to children's safety, and ways in which you can access help. Some of those issues may be difficult to read about, but it is only by raising awareness that we can play our part in addressing them. We will be including more of this type of information in Headlines, and will mark these sections as **'F.Y.I.'** in a red box, so that you know they've been included to raise awareness of the issue (rather than because an incident has occurred!) The first one we have chosen to fit in with E-safety week...

**F.Y.I: Online abuse**  
Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the web, whether through social networks, playing online games or using mobile phones. Children and young people may experience cyberbullying, grooming, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or



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emotional abuse. Children can be at risk of online abuse from people they know, as well as from strangers. Online abuse may be part of abuse that is taking place in the real world (for example bullying or grooming). Or it may be that the abuse only happens online (for example persuading children to take part in sexual activity online). Children can feel like there is no escape from online abuse – abusers can contact them at any time of the day or night, the abuse can come into safe places like their bedrooms, and images and videos can be stored and shared with other people. If you have any concerns about a child being abused online you can contact trained NSPCC counsellors 24/7 on 0808 800 5000, by email via [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk), or [report a concern online via the NSPCC website](#). You can also report abuse online to CEOPS using the button on the school website.

**INCLUSION** Email: [senco@pcps.uk](mailto:senco@pcps.uk)

Thank you to the parents who came to the anxiety coffee morning on Tuesday 6th. We plan to hold another one after school in the Summer term, but if you are concerned about your child’s emotional wellbeing before then, please ask Mrs Mitchell for copies of the handouts, which contain some very useful websites and ideas.

**COMING UP AFTER HALF TERM...**

**Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Training Group A - Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd February**

Year 6 will be taking part in the Surrey County Council Level 2 Cycle Training course after half term. The course teaches skills for independent cycling on quieter roads. The instructors and trainees cycle around a risk assessed area to gain experience on different roads and junctions. Those children in **Group A** should bring their bikes to school with them on the morning of Monday 19th February, together with a cycle helmet. Bikes can be stored at school overnight but at your own risk.

**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). If you haven’t book an appointment please do so online at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. Once logged in please click on the Parents’ Evening icon and follow the instructions. Please note the following clubs are cancelled due to parents’ evening.

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

**Ducklings Assembly and Special Invitation**

Please note we have changed the date of Ducklings assembly from Tuesday 8th May to Thursday 10th May at 9.10 am.

Ducklings Class would also like to invite all of their Mummies to a special Mothers’ Day tea party on Wednesday 7th March at 2.30 pm. For those Mummies who can’t make it, Aunties, Nannies, Grannies etc. welcome too!



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**UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS**

We have the following sports events after half term:

Year Group	Event	Date	Time
5 and 6	Dorking Schools Sportshall Athletics	Tuesday 6th March	12.30pm
6	Dorking Schools Netball Tournament	Monday 12th March	3.45pm
3 and 4	Dorking Schools Football Tournament	tbc	tbc

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Parents must accompany their child/ren to Breakfast Club and sign them in. For safeguarding reasons children should not be dropped off at the car park/walk down the school drive and/or arrive by themselves. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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>

**Supply Teachers**

There are no planned supply teachers for the week after half term.

Have a lovely half term,

*Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson*

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OFFICE REMINDERS

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**Year 6 Residential Trip - Thames Young Mariners - Payment Reminder**

The next instalment of £40.00 for the year 6 residential trip is due on Monday 19th February 2018. Thank you.

**Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5**

Please can you return your consent form together with payment (cheque made payable to 'Powell Corderoy Primary School') to the school office by **Monday 19th February**. Thank you.

**World Book Day School Lunch**

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day with a special lunch menu. If your child currently brings a packed lunch to school but they would like our special World Book Day lunch, please send £2.25 in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and if they require a vegetarian meal to the school office by Wednesday 21st February.



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.

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

**February 2018**

- 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
- Wednesday 7th March - 2:30pm**
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th March
- Monday 12th

**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
- Duckling Class Mothers' Day Tea Party**
- British Science Week
- Year 6 - Epsom and Ewell and Mole Valley Junior Citizen Event



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Thursday 15th 9:10am Friday 16th <b>Monday 26th March</b> <b>Tuesday 27th March</b> 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 <b>April 2018</b> Monday 16th Friday 20th <b>May 2018</b> Thursday 3rd 9:10am Monday 7th Wednesday 9th 15:15 pm <b>Thursday 10th 9.10am</b> Monday 14th - Thursday 17th Monday 21st - Friday 25th Monday 21st - Friday 25th Monday 28th - Friday 1st June <b>June 2018</b> 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 <b>July 2018</b> 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	Year 5 Class Assembly FOPCS - Children's Disco <b>Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 Training</b> <b>Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 Training</b> Years 3 and 4 Class Production (limited seating to parents) Years 3 and 4 Class Production Spring Term Awards Assembly Easter Concert Easter Concert <b>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 13.30PM</b> <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>  <b>INSET DAY</b> Years 5 and 6 Visit to Bough Beech Reservoir  Year 4 Class Assembly <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> Year 6 Thames Young Mariners Parents Meeting <b>Ducklings Class Assembly</b> Key Stage 2 SATs Key Stage 1 SATs Year 6 Residential Trip to Thames Young Mariners <b>HALF TERM</b>  Healthy Lifestyles Week FOPCS - Bag2school Collection Sports Day and Family Picnic Year 1 Phonics Screening Check National Music Day Music Assembly Summer Festival  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 <b>INSET DAY</b>
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<p>Tuesday 24th - Tuesday 4th September</p> <p><b>Terms Dates for 2018/2019</b></p> <p>Autumn Term 2018 <b>Half Term</b></p> <p>Spring Term 2019 <b>Half Term</b></p> <p>Summer Term 2019 <b>Half Term</b></p>	<p><b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b></p> <p>Tuesday 4th September - Wednesday 19th December <b>Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October</b></p> <p>Thursday 3rd January - Friday 5th April <b>Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February</b></p> <p>Tuesday 23rd April - Wednesday 24th July <b>Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May</b></p>
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**FRIENDS OF POWELL CORDEROY SCHOOL**Email: [fopcs@pcps.uk](mailto:fopcs@pcps.uk)

Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Monday. Sadly, Sam Emmerson has stepped down as Chair of the Friends due to illness and we welcome Sarah Pendry (Reception) as the new Chair of FOPCS! Welcome Sarah and thank you. The committee has also been expanded which is brilliant, we welcome all new members. We have some exciting plans going forward that we can't wait to share with you.

**Bag2school - Friday 23rd February**

Bag2School sacks were sent home this week so if you are having a clear out over the half term please do think about donating your old clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags and ties. The school receives money for every kilogram we send in. Sacks can either be brought in on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd February or at drop off on the morning of 23rd February.

**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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07518 697751  
[parentcouncil@pcps.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@pcps.uk)  
0300 123 1620  
0800 1111  
0808 800 5678



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