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THIS WEEK'S...

SCHOOL VALUE

Respect

BEST ATTENDANCE

STAR ACHIEVER

Barry!

WINNING HOUSE

E-SAFETY MESSAGE

Never share your passwords.

WELCOME BACK!

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It has been lovely seeing so many keen and eager faces coming down the drive, ready for the new school year! We hope everyone had a lovely summer, and that the children have enjoyed the first two days in their new classes. We have lots of new staff and children this term, so welcome to those who are joining Powell for the first time.

REMINDERS

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- **Meet the teacher sessions** take place next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon for most classes. This is a chance to pop into your classroom and meet the new teacher, find out about the topics and events coming up for your child's class during the year, and ask any questions you may have. You only need to attend on one of the days for each class. **Year 2's sessions will be on Wednesday and Thursday (not Tuesday), and Year 6's will have only one session on Monday 17th, due to other commitments for both teachers.**
- **Homework this week** is the same for everyone: please re-read, discuss and sign (parents and children) our Home/School agreement, which can be found in the children's school planners.
- **Welcome** to Mr Edwards, who has joined us as a trainee teacher on the SCITT programme, and will be working with Mr Darke all year in Year 2. Many of you know Mr Edwards well from his previous voluntary work in the school, running sports clubs and supporting in different classes.
- **HUGE thanks to our star of the summer, Barry**, who has been busy with the help of a few friends building our new Chill Zone cabin, funded by FOPCS! It's nearly finished, so the children can look forward to the grand opening in the term ahead.
- **Children who walk home on their own** need to have signed permission to do so, and to have attended our "Walking to school on my own" workshop, with a parent. This will take place on **Monday 10th September at 3:30 pm**, in the school hall. We suggest this is appropriate for Years 5/6. Please discuss with us first if your child is younger than Year 5 and may need to walk to/from school on their own, so that we can support you in ensuring their safety.
- **Reading at home:** Please remember that all children are expected to read at home each evening, and have their school planner signed by an adult. Children should bring home a school reading book, but can read an appropriate book or other material from home if they prefer, as long as they are reading regularly!

- **Please remember** that we strive to be a nut-free school, and children should not bring in nuts or products containing nuts in their snacks / lunches. Please could we also remind you that children should not bring in cakes / sweets for birthdays, as we just have too many of them!
- **Medication in School:** If your child needs any medication in school (including Inhalers for Asthma) please make sure you take it to the school office as you will need to complete a 'Medicine in School' form. Thank you.
- **Our School Code** is a set of ten rules we've had in place for years... But it's too many to remember! In assembly today, Mrs McLaughlin and Mr Darke both tried to break the rules up, but they were too strong - we couldn't break them - so we had to throw them out. The children have been asked to think of some new rules - we will have a maximum of three - which are memorable and which encompass everything we need to remember about how to act in school. **The School Code** board in the entrance hall has been made blank, and there are some Post-Its for children (or parents!) to add their suggestions. We will finalise our new, short, memorable School Code next week!
- **If you volunteer in school**, we need you to come to a brief training session regarding safeguarding children in school, and to re-sign a form saying you agree to uphold our school safeguarding policies. Mrs Butterly is in the process of sending these out to everyone, and the training session will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 2:45 pm in the hut. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing commitment to supporting the children's learning.

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- **Band Runner** is a new online game for 8-10 year olds from ThinkUKnow, which helps children learn about how to stay safe online.
- **Attendance and Penalty Notices:** Just to remind parents that if there is an unauthorised leave of absence for 5 or more school days, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child and the amount payable is £60.00 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3:30 pm - Walking to school on my own workshop</p> <p>Edith Corderoy's birthday - special assembly!</p>	<p>2:45pm - Meet the teacher (Years 1/3/4/5)</p>	<p>2:45pm - Meet the teacher (Years 1/2/3/4/5)</p>	<p>2:45pm - Meet the teacher (Year 2)</p>	