



HEADLINES 18.01.2019

THIS WEEK'S...

SCHOOL VALUE	BIG QUESTION	STAR ACHIEVER	BEST ATTENDANCE	RECOMMENDED
Ambition	<i>Is it worse to fail badly at something, or not attempt it in the first place?</i>	Mrs Bull	Ducklings Class	IXL Maths and English gives you a wealth of opportunities to practise key skills. Well worth a look.

LATEST NEWS

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- **Year 5 and 6's trip to Haslemere Museum today** Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to accompany the trip.
- **Home School Link Worker, Vicki Kelsall,** is on gate duty on Tuesday mornings. The aim of the Home School Link worker is to ensure that all children enjoy school and are happy and secure. She can offer support to parents/carers who may need help on a wide range of issues which may impact on their family life e.g. behavioural issues at home, attendance/ punctuality, illness, separation, domestic violence or bereavement. She also supports children who have problems expressing emotions, who are withdrawn or anxious and helps to promote positive behaviour. A personal note from Vicki... *"Please do come and see me if you feel I can be of any help. I'm around all day on a Tuesday, or leave a message with the school office. Whether your concern is big or small, or you just want to talk something through, I am here to offer support"*.
- **Please note the office will be closed from 3.15pm on Thursday 24th January for staff training.**
- **After School Club** are now running a theme each week for their activities and games (alongside the usual free play opportunities). The theme for next week will be SPACE!
- **After School Club** are in need of doors for a double kitchen cupboard. If you are upgrading your kitchen and have any doors that could be recycled, we'd love to have them.
- **The Chillzone Cabin,** donated by FOPCS for children to have a quiet zone at break and lunchtimes, will have its grand opening on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming the local press and some members of FOPCS as we cut the ribbon. FOPCS are also funding a set of 18 tablets to be used across the school, as well as a visualiser for every classroom (a clever camera which lives stream onto the whiteboard!) These will make a huge difference to our teaching and learning, so we are very grateful to FOPCS and everyone who has supported their fundraising events over the last few years - this was no small investment. Thank you.
- **A huge thank you to our star achiever, Mrs Bull,** who has handmade six sets of curtains for our new Chillzone Cabin... and she did it overnight! Thank you Mrs Bull, you are a star!
- **Surrey County Council's 2018 Parking Review** proposes a number of changes to parking across Dorking, including the addition of double yellow lines to the roundabout on Longfield Road. To view and comment on the proposed changes by the deadline of 24th January, please visit the [Surrey County Council website](#).



THE ALL-NEW POWELL CORDEROY TIMES TABLES CHALLENGE

One thing that has never changed is the importance of knowing your times tables! Generally speaking, children who know and can recall all of their times tables at speed before they enter Year 6 (or even Year 5) make brilliant progress and are well prepared for secondary school, whilst those who don't find the going much much tougher.

To help raise the profile of times tables and hopefully give children a bit more of an incentive to master them, we are introducing the '**Powell Corderoy Times Table Challenge.**'

This basically means that all children in Years 3 - 6 will be expected to learn / practise a times table every week as part of their homework (Year 2 will be starting this soon.) They should stick to learning/practising the *same* times table every week until they score 12/12 on their weekly in-class test.

The tables have been grouped into award bands and children will be tested for these awards once every half term, by our Maths leader, Mr Leach (although to get it up and running there will be an extra opportunity this half term). This will be done in the hall and children must score at least 23/25 to achieve the award - following which they will be given a nice shiny award sticker in their planner to show you! Children will need to be able to answer each question within about 5 seconds to do achieve this.

The tables are grouped as follows:

- **Bronze award:** 1, 2, 10 and 5 times tables.
- **Silver award:** 3, 4, 8 and 6 times tables
- **Gold award:** 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

For those children who are already fabulous at their tables and who will undoubtedly reach their Gold award very quickly, there is a speed test for them to attempt called '100 club' (100 questions in 60 seconds, with 40 being the 'pass' mark.) If they meet this challenge then they can attempt the final, much sought after, 'Tables Grandmaster' award. We will send out more information and useful tips and resources to help children learn their tables over the coming weeks. Good luck and get practising!



REMINDERS

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- **Year 2 Class Assembly** will be on Thursday 24th at 9.10am and we would like to invite all Year 2 parents/ carers to join us. Cakes will be on sale in the Infants' playground at the end of the school day - priced at 30p each. Please could all donations of cakes be brought to the school office either on the morning of the sale or just before pick-up. Please remember we are a nut free zone. We also need a couple of volunteers to help set up the cake stall and sell the cakes. Your help is always very much appreciated.
- **FREE Keeping up with the kids in maths course** - all booking forms must be handed in by **25th January**. **We do require a minimum of 6 parents to run the course.**

SAFEGUARDING

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- **Volunteers and Visitors:** We are enormously grateful to everyone who volunteers in school. As a school we are committed to high standards of safeguarding, and require all regular staff and visitors to share this commitment. We require all volunteers and visitors to have an enhanced DBS check and to visit at least termly to ensure it remains valid. If you have an existing DBS check with the school, please ensure you visit this term (you need to sign in) to maintain it. If you would be interested in volunteering in school, please pop into the office to arrange a DBS check (ask for Mrs Butterly.) A big thank you to all of our volunteers and visitors!

A MESSAGE FROM BOX HILL SCHOOL...

"We wanted to let you know about a series of Wellbeing Talks that we are organising for parents and carers both within and outside the 'Box Hill School community' as part of our commitment to proactively foster pupil wellbeing. We organised two separate events last term on 'Navigating the Teenage Years' and 'Digital Relationships' which proved very popular with both current and prospective parents. These talks are designed to support parents and carers in understanding and dealing with some key issues facing our young people today.

We would like to extend an invitation to any interested parents from Powell Corderoy, to attend any of our talks which will take place at Box Hill School as follows:

- *Monday 11th February, 5:00 – 6:30pm – 'Managing Screen Time and Preventing Screen Dependency' – Dr Aric Sigman (external speaker)*
- *Tuesday 26th March, 5:00 – 6:30pm – '3 Key Skills for Promoting Good Mental Health & High Self-Esteem' – Natasha Devon MBE (external speaker)*
- *Tuesday 30th April, 6:30 – 7:30pm – 'Supporting Your Child Through Exams' – Lynsey Buhagiar (Box Hill School Wellbeing Director)*

Further information about our wellbeing programme is in the attached flyer, send out with Headlines this week."

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Year 2 Class Assembly
at 9.10am in the school hall

Years 5 and 6
Swimming Lesson



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