



HEADLINES 08.03.2019

THIS WEEK'S...

SCHOOL VALUE

Patience

BIG QUESTION

Is too much patience a bad thing?

STARS OF THE WEEK

Kavya - Year 4
William - Year 4

BEST ATTENDANCE

Kingfisher Class

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THEME

Next week: *Ireland and St Patrick's Day*

LATEST NEWS

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- **Book Week** is over, and we hope the children have enjoyed themselves. It was wonderful to see such a fabulous array of costumes yesterday, and to have so many children eager to come back for a bedtime story on Wednesday evening. We will be putting up a display in the hall of some of the work completed this week based on our feature book, "The Journey," so do pop in and take a look to see what everyone has been up to. There is still time to enter our Book Week competition - we have extended the deadline until Monday as so many people asked to have the weekend to work on their entries. If you'd like to enter, you need to design a front cover for an imaginary book entitled "The Journey" - the rest is completely up to you! Entries to the office by Monday, with your name and class written on the back please. A big thank you to Miss Watkins for organising Book Week this year, and to all the parents who provided costumes or organised hot drinks and cakes for everyone waiting on Wednesday evening.
- **Our cross-country runners** braved the cold on Monday to complete the third and final event of the year at a rather soggy Weald School. After points were calculated for all three races across this school year, there was lots of success for runners from Powell. Our Year 3 and 4 runners finished an excellent 3rd of all the Dorking Schools in the team event, only one point from second and five points off first place. Our Year 5 and 6's came a creditable 5th, which meant overall we came 4th, Powell's best ever finish. Individually, Flora (Year 6) earned a bronze medal for being the third best girl in her age range for the year, Lottie (Year 4) earned silver for hers, and William (Year 4) won gold in Year 3 and 4 Boys overall after winning his individual race again. A huge congratulations to all our runners, and a massive thank you for Mrs de la Hoyde and Lesley from Dorking and Mole Valley Athletics Club for their support training our athletes!
- **Times Tables Rockstars** leaders are now displayed each week in the school hall. Well done to everyone who made it onto this week's leaderboard:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Total Coins	Gerta M Y6	Sophie B Y6	Henry H Y6	Ava J Y6	Harry S Y5	Adam B Y3	Gemma B Y6	Toby H Y3	Anjana L Y3	Thomas L Y5
Fastest	Gerta M Y6	Henry H Y6	Sophie B Y6	Gemma B Y6	Adam B Y3	Thomas L Y5	Ava J Y6	Toby H Y3	Isla P Y4	Haeden B Y6

- **This term's Times Table Challenge** is nearly upon us, and will be on Wednesday 20th March, so keep practising hard! Don't forget to use TT Rock stars as a fun way to learn, or why not try some of the activities on the parent leaflets given out at parent meetings last week (Y2 and above.) These are all available to download from the school website.
- **Parent Council** took place this morning, thank you to those who were able to attend. Attached is a Newsletter summarising the discussions which took place.
- **Ducklings Class Assembly** - will be on Thursday 14th March. We would like to invite all Reception class 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.
- **Congratulations to our Stars of the Week**, Kavya, who has become the first person in the whole school to finish the Dojo Spelling belts. Amazing achievement! And also to William for his fantastic achievement at the Cross Country!
- **An update on school funding issues** has been sent out with Headlines - please do read carefully and consider responding to our MP.

REMINDERS

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- **Comic Relief** is on Friday 15th March 2019. The School Council invites you to wear red, and / or paint your nose red, in return for a £1 donation (that you would have spent on your plastic nose) to help save the planet and support a good cause at the same time. You can watch the [video](#) that inspired them here!
- **The Annual Parent Questionnaire** was sent out via email on **Monday**. If you haven't received it via email please check your junk mail or click [here](#) to complete it.
- We have had some reports of headlice in the school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary. There are a number of over the counter products available from the pharmacy or when washing your child's hair, add conditioner and use a nit comb to remove head lice and eggs.
- **Car Park:** Please park sensibly when using the car park at drop-off and pick-up. **Please do not** park along the middle section of the car park as this obstructs people wishing to leave. Can we also ask that you do not use offensive language whilst in the car park, there are a lot of little ears around!
- **Please remember the school office is closed from 12.00pm on a Friday.** If you need to make any payments etc please post these in the secure letterbox, stating clearly the child's name, class and what you are paying for on the envelope. If you require the toilet at pick-up time, the hut will be open from 3.00pm.

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 staff and visitors to share this commitment. If you currently volunteer in school, please remember to wear your lanyard at all times and ensure you are familiar with our *Safeguarding Guidelines for Volunteers and Visitors*. If you have any concerns whatsoever about a child or member of staff, you should speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Wilson or Mrs Harber - or consult the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for further advice.

- **The School Council and FOPCS are hosting an EASTER EGG HUNT** on Thursday 28th March after school. Tickets will be on sale during that week at drop off and pick up, for £2 each. Children must be supervised by their parents.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY

Year 6 trip to the
Young Citizens Event

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Ducklings Class Assembly at
9.10am in the school hall

FRIDAY

**COMIC
RELIEF**



SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEBSITE

RECENT LETTERS

USEFUL CONTACTS