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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy week in school and lovely to welcome the PTA back into school running their first event. Thank you for your support and we are delighted that this feels like the start of more events happening again.

Equally, it was such a delight to be able to attend the MaD Olympiad (postponed from last year!) yesterday. There is a whole report on this but I was so very proud of our children who behaved exemplary. They tried their best in all they did, challenged themselves and we walked away with some medals – aspire, believe, achieve in action!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Capel

Attendance

We are seeing an increasing number of children being taken out for day trips or weekends away. Full time school attendance for all children is mandatory and we monitor this weekly. Children should be in school unless there a statutory reason applies (for example, if a child is unable to attend because of sickness or is absent for a necessary religious observance etc.). Don't forget, that if children are attending medical appointments, please let the office have copies of the appointment so that we can record them on our system. Thank you for your support with this.

Welcome to Bath Spa/UWE Teachers

Each year we are lucky enough to welcome Bath Spa/UWE Teachers who are studying for a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and this year is no exception. From Monday 27th September we will be joined by Miss Yvette Russ who will begin a placement in Seacole; Miss Luca Testa who has been placed with Mr Ford in Year 1 and Mr Rob Smith who will join Newton Hub in Year 4. These students will be with us until February. We will also welcome Daniel Vallely from UWE into year 5 with Miss Britton until January. They will all be a welcome addition to the Pucklechurch team.



Dates for the Diary

Term 1 – No parental attendance in term 1

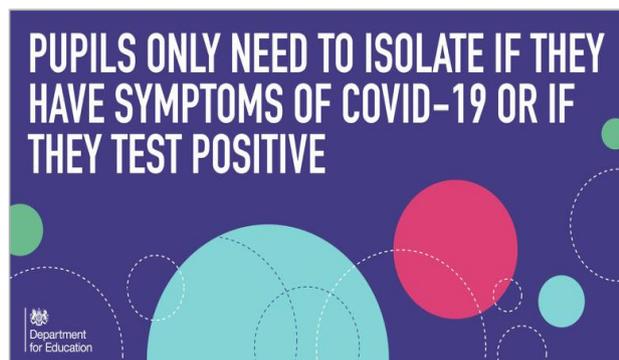
28th September - 5:00pm – Seacole Reception parent meeting
6th October – Reception 2022 Parents visit 5.00pm
7th October - School Census (please book in for a school lunch if you can)
11th-15th October – Year 6 Mill on the Brue Residential
18th October - Reception 2022 Parents visit 9.00am
21st October - Reception 2022 Parents visit 2.00pm
22nd October – Harvest Performance
22nd October – End of Term 1

Term 2

4th November – School Photos
4th November – Diwali
12th November – Children in Need
15th November – Anti Bullying week
15th November – Learning Meetings week
8th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
9th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
13th December – Reception Christmas lunch
13th December – KS2 Church Carol Service
14th December – KS1 Christmas lunch
15th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas lunch
16th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas lunch
17th December – End of Term 2



1st November 2021
4th January 2022
18th February 2022
6th June 2022





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Gates

Just a reminder that our school gates open at 840am. The bells go at 850am in Key stage 2 and 855am in Key stage 1. If you arrive past these times, please do come to the office rather than knocking on the doors/windows. Thank you.



School Census – Thursday 7th October

Our menu will be Fish Fingers.

We would like as many children as possible to have a school meal as this helps our funding. We would really appreciate your support with this so if you can, please book in.

Reading

This week's results are:

- Armstrong RF – 39%
- Armstrong AM – 59%
- Armstrong MN – 52%
- Newton JB – 63%
- Newton GJ – 74%
- King AB – 90%
- King SBG – 58%



Well done to King AB who have stormed ahead with 90%! Can any other year groups meet our target of 90%? Don't forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.

TimesTables Rockstars!

Well done to our Pucklechurch Top Rockers this week! These 3 students have accessed TT Rockstars the most out of everyone in the whole school this week.



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| 1. Zoe | King SBG |
| 2. Jon-Ross | Newton GJ |
| 3. Lucca | King AB |

School Uniform

Please make sure all school uniform is labelled - It's worth checking labelling hasn't washed out now we're a couple of weeks in as we struggle to find the owners of unlabelled uniform.



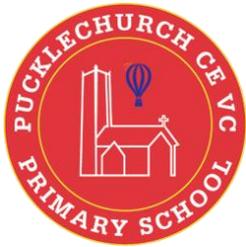
Jeans for Genes

Well done everyone! Last Friday for Jeans for Genes day, we raised an amazing £115.40.

Values Certificates

Well done to our certificate winners this week. They all enjoyed hot chocolate with Mrs Capel in the staffroom.





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HOME LEARNING

Last week the homework expectations for KS1 and KS2 appeared in the newsletter. There was a slight error in the list of homework for KS2 so please find below the list for each Key Stage including the corrected list for Key Stage 2. Apologies for any confusion of inconvenience caused.

Thank you.

Expectations are as follows:

EYFS: (Miss Davies will provide details for the start point of each aspect):

- Daily reading (x5 per week);
- Daily practising of sounds, progressing to high frequency words;
- Access to Numbots x2 per week.

KS1:

- Daily reading (x5 per week);
- Daily practising of sounds/high frequency words;
- Year 1- Numbots (x2 per week);
- Year 2- Times Tables Rock Stars (x2 Garage sessions per week);
- Maths skills based on current learning- five questions.

KS2:

- Daily reading (x5 per week);
- Daily practising of weekly spellings (e-mailed at the start of term)
- Times Tables Rock Stars (x2 Garage sessions per week);
- Arithmetic skills based on current learning- 8 questions.
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) - grammar activities.

Username and passwords for Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) will be the same and will be stuck into the children's home-learning books, on the inside of the front cover. You can access these learning platforms via the web or download the apps.

Know your age restrictions!

We have started to notice an increase in children discussing social media apps and things they have seen on these apps. Please take a look at the table to see what the age restrictions for these apps are.

Children in school are often telling us about using apps/games that are not age appropriate – please check what your child is accessing. Children may be accessing content that is inappropriate for their age group if they are using these apps at a younger age.

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter	17+	
TikTok	Kik	Sarahah	18+
YouNow	Yubo	YOLO	MeetMe
House Party	Monkey		LiveMe



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Wider Curriculum at Pucklechurch



Last year, the staff at Pucklechurch worked hard to remodel our wider curriculum (everything apart from English and Maths). There are certain topics and themes that must be covered in each Key Stage as outlined by the Government's National Curriculum but, at Pucklechurch we are passionate about not delivering an 'off the peg' curriculum and really wanted to develop a curriculum that is engaging, broad, diverse and, crucially, has our school Christian values (Friendship, Generosity, Respect, Forgiveness, Compassion and Courage) at its heart.



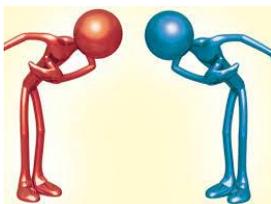
Each term, we focus our collective worship on one of our six Christian values (Term 1 is always friendship) and we wanted to extend this focus to our curriculum so that the children consider each value from different perspectives based around how the value looks in different cultures, religions, periods of history as well as different examples of how the children can model each value in their daily lives.



For example, this term in their history unit about the Ancient Maya Civilization, children in Newton Hub will explore whether certain Maya practises would be considered friendly and whether they really were as barbaric as they sometimes seem. In a RE lesson linked to Christian festivals, children might investigate how festivals of different faiths bring families and communities together in friendship. As well as ensuring that each

term's school value is the thread that runs through each aspect of the National Curriculum, each week the children will have a specific values lesson – this term children will engage in lessons where they write letters to a care home we are partnered with, learn about the Friendship Tree in Sochi, Russia or think about the ingredients of what makes a good friend.

On each hub's webpage, you will find the termly theme map which teachers create at the start of each unit to plan how the curriculum is going to explore the term's value. In English, texts might be chosen if characters model the term's value but sometimes choosing texts where the value isn't modelled by the characters can definitely spark rich discussions about how they should have behaved. Further consideration made by teachers when choosing texts, countries and artists/designers to study is centred around diversity and we have ensured that throughout their time at Pucklechurch Primary, the children are exposed to a rich variety of people and places through gender, race, culture and ideologies.



Each term begins with a 'hook' lesson where the children explore an aspect of the unit which is delivered in a way that really captures their imagination and attention. Sometimes this might be by making use of our outdoor space, could be linked to the text the children are reading in English or might involve watching film or audio clips.

Crucially though, above all of the teachers' input we are really keen to involve the children in what they learn so, at the end of each term, we have an enquiry lesson where the children pose the questions they would like to explore linked to a broad topic. We share these together and it is from the children's often profound and exciting questions, the teachers then plan the content of each lesson. Enquiry lessons always capture the awe and wonder of our wider world and, any questions that we don't manage to cover in our lessons (or any that crop up throughout the term), are collected on our enquiry board in the classroom and researched at the end of the term so that nothing goes unexplored!





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Starting School



Reception 2022

If you have a child starting in September 2022 and would like to come along to our open visits,

these will be on:

- 6th October 5.00 – 6.00pm
- 18th October 9.00 – 10.00am
- 21st October 2.00 – 3.00pm



Y6 Parents – Secondary School Transition

Secondary School applications are now open on the South Gloucestershire website. Please click on the link below to access this and input your choices. The deadline for admissions is 31st October 2020.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUCdFLs>

Pucklechurch Cof E Primary School showcases its values at the MaD Olympiad.

Pupils in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the annual MaD Olympiad at Pomphrey Hill on Thursday. The children showcased all of our school values magnificently. They faced nerves and fears and overcame them, they cheered and supported friends from school and from competing teams alike and they worked together and solved problems throughout the day.



Excitingly, it was the first school trip on a bus in some time! Events for the year 3 included: hoop fun, speed bounce, egg and spoon and a shuttle relay to name a few. The class worked in small groups with the best score going forward to accumulate points for the class. Our standout events included a magnificent heat win for Zia in the egg and spoon race which took her into a very close and dramatic final. The support in the race was amazing. We also did brilliantly in the class relay, even

winning a medal! In both the heats and the finals we were behind the leaders but thanks to some fantastic anchor legs we clawed our way onto the medal stand. The determination on their faces was amazing to see, quickly followed by lovely smiles all around. Year 3 were a credit to the school and followed instructions without hesitation. We couldn't have the whole class take part in the relay but everyone supported each other without question. A true display of this term's value: friendship.



After a lovely morning for year 3, it was then the turn of year 4, 5 and 6 to take centre stage. The afternoon had heavier emphasis on track and field events, including long jump, triple jump, javelin, shot, 75m, 200m and 600m running and a 400m relay. With children taking part in different events and the sun emerging it became an afternoon of hard work and big efforts. Throughout the whole competition they cheered themselves hoarse for each other and the other schools. The 600m turned out to be the biggest challenge for all involved. Nancie showed a brilliant hand, overhauling several children in the final lap thanks to some great pacing to finish a commendable 4th. The 400m relay heat went more successfully than the final with a solid 2nd place in the heat, unfortunately we couldn't achieve the same in the final however it was great for the children to have to perform in front of 300 children and we absolutely learned from the occasion.





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On the field, Archie, Charlotte and Erin were our year 4 entrants. Archie came away with a long jump medal and the girls performed fantastically. Daisy, in year 6, also came away with a medal in the field events. Field events can be tricky skills to learn and their attitude towards them was impeccable.

Back on the track there was more success for year 4 in the sprinting events. Theo backed up a fantastic run in

the 200m heat with an even better run in the final. His control throughout was excellent and he brought home a gold medal for his effort! On the 75m track, it was tight heat after tight heat, and the final was no different. Ben brought fantastic energy to the final and in an incredibly quick race, secured another gold for the school along with Summer securing a medal in her final. The other runners did fantastically throughout, with time spent waiting for your race, everyone was switched on and eager to do their best.



I even had to show my school spirit by jumping in for the teacher's race! Some very kind teachers allowed me to take the win by the barest of margins!

It was a true joy to be around the children for the day, they had infectious enthusiasm, a winning attitude and a generous spirit throughout. Myself, Mrs Capel, Miss Jerreat and Mr Lavis were singing their praises all day. They showed their best selves throughout and we are so very proud of them. Well done Pucklechurch. Thank you to CSET for running the event and adults at school who made it possible for us to attend. MaD Olympiad will be back in the summer and Pucklechurch CEVC



Primary School will be there!

Well done Team Pucklechurch!

Mr Boulton