



Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to say we have had such a lovely week in school. The children are building their stamina for learning and they are so settled being back at school. We are so proud of them, including our new reception children who seem to have always been here. The reception children have wowed us with how well they have settled in and are showing themselves to have such lovely characters with brilliant behaviour!

This week we have been recording our video for the virtual new reception parent's sessions – what a pleasure it has been to see the children working so hard in their classes and a reminder of just how magnificent our school is.

Finally, the very sad day has come to say a huge farewell to Mr Wilmot – our amazing caretaker, who is retiring. It has been an emotional day for us all and we are truly going to be lost without his amazing dedication and support to the school – we can't express our thanks for everything he has done and will miss him immensely. He has promised to come back to visit (after he has a well earned holiday first!) and we will most definitely hold him to that. We feel blessed to have had him and we wish him the very best.



Have a wonderful weekend (despite the rain forecast!)

Mrs Capel

Dates for the diary 2020-2021 T1-2

No parental attendance at any events in Term1/2

Term 1

4pm, 6th October – RSE Parents Meeting virtual
7th October – New Reception parents virtual meetings (2pm and 5pm)
8th October - School Photos
22nd October – Harvest Festival, held in school

Term 2

9-12th November – Learning Meeting week (virtual)
27th November – Flu Immunisations

Virtual Visits for Reception Parents

Sadly, we are currently not able to invite Reception parents for the 2021 intake into the school to meet with us and look around. Instead, we are offering virtual visits – this will entail watching a short video of the school followed by a live video call, to provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

These virtual visits will take place on 7th October at 2pm and 5pm. If you would like to join, please sign up by clicking the link below:

<https://pucklechurch.wufoo.com/forms/z8ql0211s8yh/>

Reading

This week's results are:

Armstrong JJ - 58%
Armstrong RF - 76%
Armstrong AC - 86%
Newton SM - 79%
Newton GJ - 83%
King NO - 80%
King JC - 84%



Well done to Armstrong AC for being this week's champions!



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Cross Country Festival

This week, we loved taking part in our first virtual cross country festival! We've enjoyed getting back into running the Daily Mile after so long away and we really put our stamina to the test during our cross country festival. Local sports coaches Dean and Alex came to help prepare us for our run with some fun warnups.



We worked in teams and showed real friendship by offering support and encouragement during each runner's turn. We will add to our times next week and the week after before submitting our results to see how we did against other local schools!

School Census



Thank you to everyone who took a school meal on the census.

We really do appreciate your support and it does help our funding. Many thanks.



School Photos

Don't forget that school photos will be on 8th October.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are unable to invite siblings in who are not in school for photos on that day.



Reception 2021

Do you have a child who is starting school in September 2021? If you do and live in South Glos, the admissions portal is now open, if first time logging on you will need to register:

https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Parent Survey

We very much value what our parents and carers think about school and are always looking for ways to improve.



We would be very grateful if you would take the time to fill in our parent survey, which can be accessed here:

<https://pucklechurch.wufoo.com/forms/qnsjen609hmbj9/>

Thank you for your support and to those response we have received already.



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Times Table Rockstars!



Well done to Miss Coleman's Top Rockers this week! These 3 students have accessed TT Rockstars the most out of everyone in the whole school this week:

1. George –Newton SM
2. Emily – Newton SM
3. Luna – Newton SM

Relationships and Sex Education

Further to our letter sent out to all parents (available [here](#)), we are hosting a virtual meeting for any parents who would like to find out more about the school's approach to this important part of the curriculum and to view some of the resources that will be used.

It is a good opportunity to find out more about the level of knowledge that your child should develop as part of these lessons, as well as the vocabulary in use, so that you can match these at home and talk to your child about their learning.

The meeting will take place at 4pm on Tuesday 6th October. If you wish to be invited, please email the office (admin@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk) so that we can issue you with a Microsoft Teams invitation.

Harvest

Just a reminder about our harvest celebrations which are starting next week. This year we are supporting the foodbank foundation and would appreciate any donations to support the cause.

The foodbank have given a list of items that they are in need of however they also appreciate any non-perishable items too. If you wish to make a donation towards the food bank we will be leaving a box outside the office during the 5th-9th October where you can make a deposit. Alternatively, if you would like to make a cash donation, we will be leaving a money pot by the donation pot where you can deposit your donation- please do not send any items into school with your child to avoid any contamination. Many thanks in advance, we look forward to a lovely Harvest week!

foodbank
HARVEST FESTIVAL

DONATIONS

You can help support the North Bristol Foodbank this Harvest by donating one or two items from our shopping list to equip us with providing for those who are in crisis.

SHOPPING LIST
Deodorant
Shampoo
Rice Pudding

Custard
Washing Up Liquid
Sponge Puddings
Tinned Fruit

Don't Forget!
You can also help transform lives with a financial donation, too.

Country Living

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

—John 15:12-13



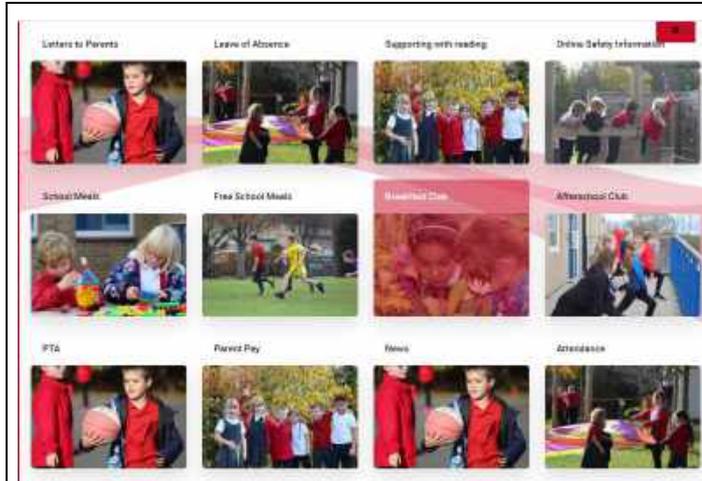
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Parents Page

On our new website, we have a Parents Page, where we aim to provide as much useful information for parents as possible.

You can find copies of letters sent out to parents, ideas for supporting with reading and instructions on how to use Parent Pay, along with much more!

If there's something you feel could be included on this page, please let us know – we really want the website to be a one-stop shop for parents who need up-to-date information quickly.

Data collection Sheets

You will have received your child's data collection sheet home today. These were due back on the 25th September but will still have a number outstanding. Please can you check that you have returned yours and if not, please bring it in as soon as you can.

Many thanks.

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=12VIUICdFLs>

Bath Spa Teachers

We are excited to welcome our Bath Spa Teachers to Pucklechurch! They will be starting with us on Monday 5th October so you will get a chance to meet them in the mornings and at the end of the school day.



They are very excited about getting stuck into school life and meeting all of the children!

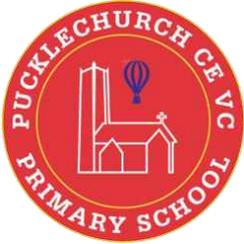
Ashleigh Nation has already joined Seacole CD
Mehul Nagar will be joining Armstrong RF
Samuel Matthews will be joining Armstrong AC
Nicola Bailey will be joining Newton GJ

Coats



Now the weather has taken a turn for the worse, please ensure your child comes into school with a coat along with a jumper. We really want to take the children out but it is difficult to do so if they aren't prepared with the right clothing.

Don't forget to put names in their coats and hats so we know where to return items if they're left.



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Bubble closures...

Some parents have asked us about what it would take to close a bubble after reading reports of schools in South Glos who have unfortunately had to do this recently.

We discuss our safety measures weekly and review our risk assessment which does include what happens if there is a positive result.

If we find out about this during the school day, parents will be notified by a text and an email to collect their child from that class and take them home to isolate for 14 days (siblings in other classes don't need to isolate and can keep coming to school unless their isolating brother or sister develops symptoms).

If we discover a child or adult in the class has tested positive during the evening or weekend (please email alex.capel@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk if this is the case) then parents will be texted and emailed to ask them not to send their child in the next school day.

We will provide google classroom learning for children who do have to self-isolate for the time they are self-isolating just as we have done previously.

We hope that this helps but should you have any concerns, do email us and we can chat them through with you.



FIRST SPORTS COACHING

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

AGES 4 - 11 9AM - 3:30PM

1 DAY - £15 PER CHILD
2 DAYS - £25 PER CHILD
3 DAYS - £35 PER CHILD
4 DAYS - £45 PER CHILD
5 DAYS - £55 PER CHILD

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