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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been wonderful to welcome so many of you into school this week to share the children's learning with you. It's a really important part of the school calendar where we get to discuss the children's progress and attainment whilst discussing their next steps. The children really benefit from this opportunity and it's a key part of their learning where they stop and reflect on their hard work and successes. If you've not done this yet, please do contact the class teacher - they are keen to talk to each one of you about the children in their classes. We are looking forward to welcoming reception parents in next week.

Just a reminder about coats for children. We are struggling with the number of children not coming in with coats at the moment - the weather is inclement but also unpredictable and we really value the children being outdoors as much as possible. This is not just an issue for lunch and break times but also during their lessons where we are keen to get them outside too - we really don't want them to get wet or cold when we are out. Thank you for your support with this.

The school is definitely starting to feel festive with the sound of music being heard through the halls. KS1 and reception are busy practising - if you've not requested your ticket yet, please do so. We can't wait to see it along with the KS2 church service. We are also very much looking forward to the PTA's Christmas fair next Friday after school - we are always grateful for the hard work that goes into this.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Capel

### Dates for the Diary

29<sup>th</sup> November – EYFS Learning Meetings  
29<sup>th</sup> November - E-safety Parent information session  
14.30  
2<sup>nd</sup> December – Non-Uniform day  
2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair  
6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30  
7<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance  
1.30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school theatre trip  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Bake off  
12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Lunch  
12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol service at the church 5pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Present Sale  
13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Lunch  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch  
16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2023





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## Reading

Seacole CD – 43%  
Armstrong SD -64%  
Armstrong MN –48%  
Newton RF – 65%  
Newton JB – 62%  
Newton FD –42%  
King IJ – 77%  
King AB – 85%



Well done to King AB with a score of 85%. Can any other year groups meet our target of 90% next week? Do not forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.



## Times Tables 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.

1. Erica – Newton FD
2. Rory – Newton FD
3. Seb – King AB

## Numbots



KS1 have been working hard at

improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lennon – Armstrong SD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver – Armstrong SD
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaac – Armstrong SD

## Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 95%  
Armstrong SD –93%  
Armstrong MN – 94%  
Newton RF – 93%  
Newton JB – 95%  
Newton FD - 95%  
King IJ – 94%  
King AB – 96%

# Attendance



Medical appointments (unless urgent) should be taken outside of the school day.

## EYFS/KS1 Nativity



We are really excited to show off all of our hard work for the KS1 nativity this year. Tickets will be allocated 2 per family. Please can you email [Mehul.Nagar@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk](mailto:Mehul.Nagar@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk) your preferred day and tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are as followed:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 1:30PM – 2:30PM

## Christmas Presents



As a school staff team, we would like to ask that you don't buy staff any gifts for Christmas this year. We are all very aware of the rise in the cost of living and how this is affecting everyone. You are all so generous and we always appreciate you thinking of us but this year, please save any spare money for your families. Kind words always mean so much so if you want your child to do something they could write lovely cards (homemade or shop bought!) for staff instead. If you really can't bring yourselves not to buy anything then something small like some pencils, felt tips or glue sticks for your class always go down well.

## Christmas Cards



We know many children want to give out Christmas cards so a post-box will be put outside the school office on Thursday 1st December.

Please post any cards in there by Tuesday 13th December. They will then be delivered by school

council – please do not send them into classes.

Please write the child's name and class on the envelope.



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### Sports Achievements

#### Football Team

Well done to the football team who played a match on Tuesday against Wick Primary School, and won 4-0.



#### KS1 Striking Festival

A team of year 2 children went to a striking festival on Monday at Mangotsfield school. They did exceptionally well in all the activities – which included kicking, throwing, hitting and running. We performed so well the children finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 12 schools! Well done to all the children involved!

Next year 5 and 6 will be taking part in an indoor sports hall event.



Congratulations to Sasha who has earned her 15m badge at swimming this week. Well done!

### Wellbeing Friday

We often think of the NHS as providers of physical health care but they have Published '5 Steps to mental well-being'. We will share one of those 5 steps each week for the next 5 weeks. Here is number 3.



#### **3. Learn new skills**

Research shows that learning new skills can also improve your mental wellbeing by:

- boosting self-confidence and [raising self-esteem](#)
- helping you to build a sense of purpose
- helping you to connect with others

Even if you feel like you do not have enough time, or you may not need to learn new things, there are lots of different ways to bring learning into your life.

Some of the things you could try include:

#### **Do**

- ✓ try learning to cook something new. Find out about [healthy eating and cooking tips](#)
- ✓ try taking on a new responsibility at work, such as mentoring a junior staff member or improving your presentation skills
- ✓ work on a DIY project, such as fixing a broken bike, garden gate or something bigger. There are lots of free video tutorials online
- ✓ consider signing up for a course at a local college. You could try learning a new language or a practical skill such as plumbing
- ✓ try new hobbies that challenge you, such as writing a blog, taking up a new sport or learning to paint



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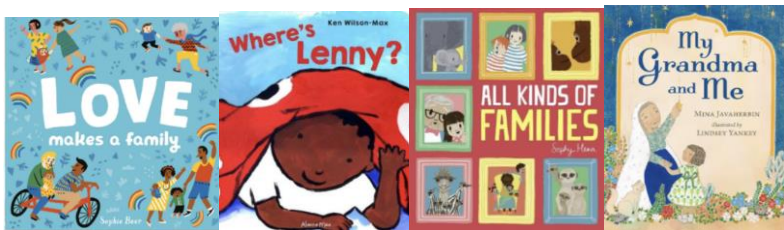
## Reading

We discussed with the children some of their favourite books in our collective worship this week. It was lovely to hear a range of authors from J. K. Rowling to Julia Donaldson and to Chris Priestly.

In our library we have our Big Cat books which allow children to develop their reading skills through phonics knowledge or reading comprehension which is matched to their ability and our zone books which are our reading for pleasure books- children are able to choose a book from their allocated zones based on their interests.

Why not try some of these suggested reads with your child.

## EYFS



## KS1



## KS2





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If your child is eligible for free school meals, they may also be entitled to a **sum of money** paid to school to boost their learning.

The pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

We spend our money in a variety of ways (take a look at our Pupil Premium Spending on the school website) to help children to make **accelerated learning**, **enrich their school life** and **support them with their emotional wellbeing**.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- [Income-related Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- [The guaranteed element of Pension Credit](#)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- [Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit](#)
- Universal Credit

If you think you might qualify, it's easy to find out!

Make an application by going to [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk)

Select 'Free School Meals' from the list you are given

There is more guidance if you need it by visiting:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Free-School-Meals-Guidance-for-Citizen-Portal-1.pdf>

Or speak to the school office and we'd be happy to help you with the process.

**It doesn't take long to find out whether:**

- **You won't have to pay for school meals when your child reaches Y3;**
- **Your school could receive extra funding to support your child;**

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher, or the Head teacher (Mrs Capel) or anyone in the school office.



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### RAINBOW TOMBOLA NON-UNIFORM FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

PLEASE BRING A FOOD OR DRINK ITEM  
IN THE CLASS COLOUR:

RED- RECEPTION  
ORANGE - YEAR 1  
YELLOW YEAR 2  
GREEN YEAR 3  
BLUE YEAR 4  
PURPLE YEAR 5  
GOLD/SILVER YEAR 6

EG CADBURY BAR FOR PURPLE, FANTA  
FOR ORANGE

### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 2nd December is a Non-Uniform day. Please can we ask that you bring in a food or drink in your class colour to go towards the Rainbow Tombola at the Christmas fair.

Thank you