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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had in school.

The KS1/EYFS nativity was a joy – it's such a magical time to hear their retelling of the nativity story and to see the pride they feel when they perform. We never underestimate the courage it takes for some of our children to be part of this and they always make us so proud – it really is the most wonderful time of the year.



The end of the week has culminated with the whole school off to the theatre to watch A Christmas Carol. For some of our children this was their first experience of attending the theatre and it is



such a pleasure to see the wonder on their faces. It really helps the children to see what hard work can achieve and we love having our whole school together enjoying such a special experience. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, as always. We missed all of our friends who were unable to attend due to illness (I know how they feel) and we hope everyone is feeling better soon!



The afternoon finished with the School Council running their bake off. It is lovely when the children suggest their own events to us and we love to take these on

board and make them happen. This is the very essence of the Crews in action. It has meant the whole school have got to bake and share their learning together today. Thank you to our governors, Laura Skidmore and Deb Leonard who were our excellent judges and a huge well done to Newton JB class for winning the bake off! Great work to School Council for an event that has brought the whole school together – we like nothing more.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Mrs Capel.

## Dates for the Diary

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

## Term 3 Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> January – Start of Term 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – Inset day  
6<sup>th</sup> January – School Talent Show  
17<sup>th</sup> January – Timetable and Spelling Parent Workshop  
3<sup>rd</sup> February – Spanish Day  
9<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

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



## Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 95.1%  
Armstrong SD – 92.7%  
Armstrong MN – 94.2%  
Newton RF – 93%  
Newton JB – 95%  
Newton FD – 93.6%  
King IJ – 94%  
King AB – 96.3%



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



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## Term Time Holidays

A reminder that holidays are NOT permitted during term time. We are still getting a lot of requests due to missed Covid holidays – these cannot be authorised. Regular school attendance is essential for children to not only make progress both academically and socially but also to feel settled, safe and secure. The DfE publication 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' May 2022 notes that "pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.."

A reminder that where holidays reach the criteria of more than 10 sessions or 5 days of unauthorised leave over a 7-week period, we will need to complete a penalty notice form and return it to the local authority.

We recognise that some pupils may find it harder to attend school than others, if your child is experiencing difficulties please speak to their class teacher in the first instance or ask to speak to Mrs Jones, our SENCO, so we can all work together to build trusting relationships and ensure support is in place. Due to the importance of good attendance we will continue to monitoring it closely, as part of this we may be in touch to discuss any issues or patterns in absence we notice.

## Reading



Seacole CD –72%  
Armstrong SD -74%  
Armstrong MN –57%  
Newton RF –69%  
Newton JB – 68%  
Newton FD –42%  
King IJ – 66%  
King AB – 84%

Well done to King AB with a score of 84%. Can any other year groups meet our target of 90% next week? Do not forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.



## Numbots

KS1 have been working hard at

improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

1. Isaac H – Armstrong SD
2. Evie C- Armstrong SD
3. Ziemife – Armstrong SD



## 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. Ava Skye Long – King IJ
2. Aleena Keat – Newton FD
3. Oliver Kitson – Armstrong FD



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## Reverse Advent Calender



We would like to say a big well done to Diversity Crew who have been promoting the Reverse Advent Calender. It is great to see so many lovely items being

donated which we know will be greatly appreciated!

## School Gate



For safety and safeguarding reasons, please can we ask that the gate is not propped open in the morning or at pick up.

## Sports at Pucklechurch

Well done to a team of year 5 and 6 children who took part in a CSET Sportshall Athletics Competition last Thursday. They competed in different track and field events including relays, sprints, throwing and jumping. The girls and boys competed in heats against other schools and the results will be compiled to find out our overall finishing place. We did well in javelin in particular and also in the 4 x 1 relay.



Thank you to all the parents for helping to get the children there. The children all showed great team and individual spirit and were a great representatives of our school.



## Outreach 360

Outreach 360 is an organisation which offers support to families from birth to 25. They provide information for parents of children with existing disabilities, mental health needs or any other additional need. Your child does not have to have a clinical diagnosis for you to access this service.

Visit the link below to learn about about the support that you could access:

<https://sgpc.org.uk/parent-carers>

Here is a link to a workshop for parents with children diagnosed with ADHD:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adhd-online-workshop-for-parent-carers-tickets-478145264357?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep\\_tid=](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adhd-online-workshop-for-parent-carers-tickets-478145264357?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tid=)



## Well-being

As we approach Christmas and the end of two busy terms, we have been discussing the different ways we look after our well-being in school. The children have identified different ways we help look after ourselves and others throughout the school week.

Here are a few of the ways the children celebrate their well-being at school:

- break/lunch times
- being in a crew
- creative lessons
- music on in the background during learning
- end of the day text with fireplace
- outdoor learning
- well-being week
- being rewarded for showing school values and hard work
- taking part in events such as London Mini-marathon



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### The National Sleep helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

