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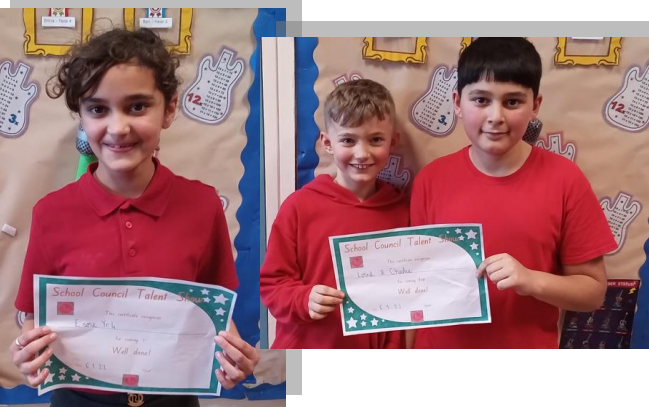
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. A very happy new year to all our families; it has been wonderful to see the children come in so refreshed and ready to learn, making the start of term very calm and purposeful across the school. We do hope that you had a great break and managed to find some time to be with your friends and family.

Today was very exciting as the School Council ran the Talent Show. Well done to everyone who took part - it is amazing to see our school value of courage in action and the respect of the children watching the performances. We are always so proud of the talent we have and this year was no exception.

Well done to our 3 winners as shown below and all who took part, along with school council for organising it, with a particular well done to Emily, Albie and Evie for presenting it.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, Mrs Capel.



## Dates for the Diary

### 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 9am  
3<sup>rd</sup> February – Spanish Day  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Bingo Evening 5pm  
9<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



## Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 94.3%  
Armstrong SD – %  
Armstrong MN – 92.7%  
Newton RF – 91.9%  
Newton JB – 93.9%  
Newton LB – 93.0%  
King IJ – 93.6%  
King AB – 95.4%



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

## Bingo – 7<sup>th</sup> February



Eyes down looking for the return of our Pucklechurch bingo event. On 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 5pm, we'd love for you to join us for a night of prizes, snacks, drinks and fun. Tickets are now on sale on Arbor - £3 per person with one strip of bingo cards or £4 per person with 2 strips of bingo cards. Bingo cards will be handed out on the night.

As well as purchasing tickets, you can also support by donating prizes for either a full house or a line – the perfect opportunity to 'regift' any unwanted/surplus Christmas presents. Please give any donations of prizes to your child's class teacher or hand them in at the office.



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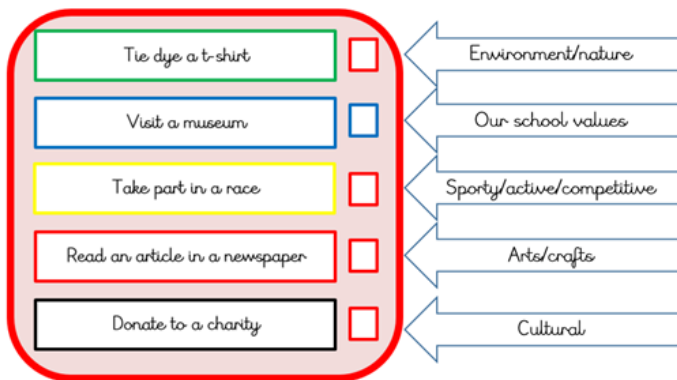
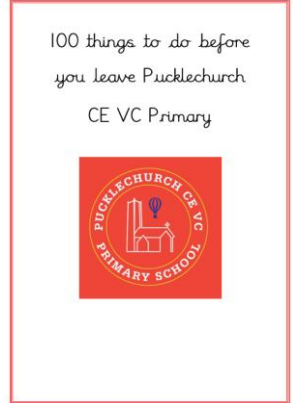
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## 100 Things to do before you leave Pucklechurch

January is a time for resolutions and trying new things. This week in assembly, we talked to the child about '100 Things to do before you leave Pucklechurch' and we set them a challenge of trying something new from the list. The list is attached with this newsletter if you need a refresher.

Each set of activities is broadly linked to with one of 5 different categories indicated by the different colours around the activities as indicated here. Each class teacher has a list for

each child in their class and will tick off each activity when they see your 'proof' that it has been completed - maybe you have a photo, medal, ticket, or video of whichever activity you've achieved. There will be awards whenever anyone reaches halfway and achieves 50 of the activities and, if you manage to achieve all 100 (with proof) before your last day in year 6, you will, of course, be rewarded for your achievement.



## Reading

At Pucklechurch, we expect all children to read five times a week, regular reading is the key to expanding vocabulary and linking knowledge to develop connections, improved word recognition, builds fluency and secure understanding. Remember Reading records are checked weekly.

Reading should be logged in children's reading records or on the recording sheet that is stuck in their record. We are excited to award the class with the highest reading % a special trophy each week. Our target is 90% of all classes reading 5 times per week.

Each week children should be bringing home a 'Big Cat' book which matches their reading level and a 'Zone book' which the children can choose based on their interests. Children then have opportunities to change these books throughout the week, when they have practised reading them and built up their fluency.

During the week there are many opportunities to read, including Whole Class reading lessons where we focus on a specific reading skill such as: retrieval, inference, vocabulary and summarising. In our Guided reading sessions children read in small groups with an adult and answer specific questions about the text they have read. They will also apply a range of their reading skills to work independently on wither a seen or unseen text.

Little Wandle is our phonics scheme which promotes the learning of sounds, early reading skills and promotes a love of reading. It is important that children are regularly practising their sounds at home and these are being referred to when reading their 'Big Cat' books. At the font of these books it has the sounds which will be covered, along with tricky words the children may encounter when reading.



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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.



### Safeguarding Concerns

The safeguarding leads in school are Mrs Capel, Mrs Jones and Mrs Davies. If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please do speak to one of them.

At times, you may wish to report something that you are aware of happening outside of school. You can report anonymously to the Access and Response team if you have concerns about a child or you can self-refer.

For safeguarding concerns about children:

Access and Response Team – 01454 86 6000 (during working hours)

Emergency duty team – 01454 615165 (out of hours)

Police – 101 for non-urgent issues & 999 if urgent and an immediate response is needed

Domestic Abuse Concerns:

Next Link South Glos domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am – 1:00pm on Saturday 0800 4700 280

Mental health support - CAMHS (if young person is currently under CAMHS) – 01454 862431 or if you are concerned that you are not able to keep your child safe or they are not able to keep themselves safe then take them to the Accident & Emergency department at Bristol Children's hospital or call for an ambulance.

Mental health apps approved by NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/>

Samaritans – 116 123 Food banks links for families living in South Glos <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>

Food banks links for families living in Bristol <https://www.trusselltrust.org/> <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Parents worried about exploitation - <https://paceuk.info/> or for confidential help and advice, call Pace on 0113 240 5226



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### Car Park

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the car park for staff parking only or parents who have an agreement with the office.

Thank you.



### Lost Property

We are seeing a large amount of lost property which is not named. Please can we ask you to make sure all items are clearly named so we can return them to your child.



## SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 31st  
January from 9.30am  
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