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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we had a Reading review in school where we looked at reading provision along with how we support different children. Through the day, we shared our reading curriculum and strategy, our teaching sequence, the books children read and some of our next steps. She also met some of our children and looked at their books. As always, the children were brilliant and she commented on the excellent behaviour that can be seen in our school. It was brilliant to hear from the children and she got some of the children to read to her.

Reading is a key priority for us in school and it is really important that this is also supported at home for the children to make progress. Please do read with your children and if you need any support at all, do let us know. We do ask for children to read five times a week, even those who are fluent readers should be doing this as it really does help support their progression.

Next week, we have our parent workshop where we will focus on spellings and times tables – it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible. We will publish the slides on the website following this.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, Mrs Capel.

Dates for the Diary

Term 3 Dates

17th January – Timetable and Spelling Parent Workshop 9am
3rd February – Spanish Day
7th February – Bingo Evening 5pm
9th February – Safer Internet Day
10th February – End of term

Term 4 Dates

20th February – Start of Term 4
2nd March – World book day (with Books at Bedtime)
14th March – World Math's day
17th March – Red nose day
27th March – Learning meeting week
31st March – End of term

26th May 2023
21st July 2023

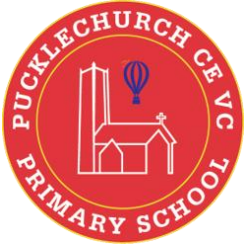


Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 94.4%
Armstrong SD – 91.6%
Armstrong MN – 92.5%
Newton RF – 92.2%
Newton JB – 93.9%
Newton LB – 92.8%
King IJ – 93.6%
King AB – 95.3%



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



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Attendance Reminder

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.."

It is important that any absence is recorded correctly on Arbor, therefore we ask that parents email the school office with information of planned absence for medical appointments etc and/or call the school office to report sickness. Broken weeks, this means 2 or more weeks interrupted by sporadic periods of absence, can have the most impact on a child's learning as they keep missing key points of learning. An attendance rate of less than 90% is equivalent to missing one day a fortnight. Anything below 95% is considered low. Taking a holiday during term time will compromise good attendance and should be avoided. 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 be monitoring it closely across the year, as part of this we may be in touch to discuss any issues or patterns in absence we notice.

Reading



Seacole CD – 50%
Armstrong SD - 68%
Armstrong MN –65%
Newton RF –57%
Newton JB – 65%
Newton LB – 70%
King IJ – 60%
King AB – 82%

Well done to King AB with a score of 82%. 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. Imogen – Armstrong SD
2. Lennon – Armstrong SD
3. Noah – Armstrong SD

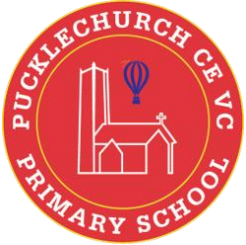


Times Tables Rockstars!

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. William – King IJ
2. Hettie – Newton JB
3. Aleena – Newton LB



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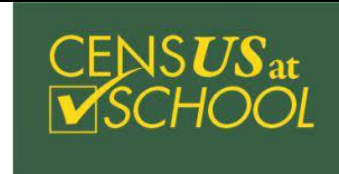
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Primary School Admissions

The deadline for applications for school places for children starting school in SEPTEMBER 2023 is SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY. Admissions applications are to be made via South Gloucestershire Council.

[https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&";](https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&)



School Census

Fish Finger Friday on a Thursday! It is the school census on the 19th January. This is when we need the maximum number of children taking a school meal on this day, as this has an impact on our school funding. Please book a school meal for your children on this day - it will help massively! Thank you



School Crossing Patrol

Pucklechurch Primary is lucky enough to still have a School Crossing Patrol, many schools in South Gloucestershire don't!. The School Crossing Patrol is there to make everyone's journey to school a safe one.

Just a reminder on how to use the School Crossing Patrol:

- Wait until the School Crossing Patrol tells you it is safe before stepping out.
- Dismount bikes and scooters.
- Always walk in front the School Crossing Patrol.



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

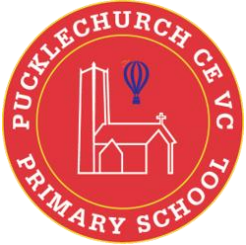
It is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, which we would love to support and promote a love of reading. To make life a little easier, we would like children to come in nightwear such as PJs or onesies (or even comfortable jogging bottoms/jumpers). We thought this would relieve some stress and worries about buying costumes and hopefully give you plenty of notice of this. We will be running a books at bedtime after school which we will provide more details about and will be appearing on Arbor soon, if your child would like to attend.



Bingo – 7th February

Eyes down looking for the return of our Pucklechurch bingo event. On 7th 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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Pupil Premium

You may qualify for your child to receive pupil premium.

Pupil premium is a funding stream that is received by schools if any of the following apply to your family:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- 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 are 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you think you may qualify, please follow the link below. If you qualify your child will receive school meals for free every day along with other benefits outlined in our Pupil Premium strategy on the website.

Use this link to apply:

[https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%](https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f)



SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 31st
January from 9.30am

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