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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Term 1. We do hope you have had a good summer. First of all a huge welcome to our new reception parents and their children. The children have settled in amazingly well and already starting to form friendships, know our routines and share their ideas and learning together. We are so impressed with their start to school.

The rest of the school have also been a delight. We have spent a long time in collective worship this week recalling our school values, how we show them and why they are important. We have talked about what bible stories relate to the values and why. We have also discussed how we keep them safe in school along with our school rules. They have been amazing, as always, at answering these questions and sharing their thoughts. It really is an absolutely delight to have them all back in school together.

Thank you to all of those parents who attended meet the teacher either last year or on one of the two occasions this week. It is really useful and the teachers appreciate your attendance. All of the teachers will be emailing out reminders and medium term plans for you to see what the children will be learning but if you do have any questions, do let us know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel



20th October 2023

2nd January 2024

15th April 2024

14th June 2024

Term 1 dates

19th September – Mill On the Brue Parent Meeting 5pm

28th September – Film night (details below)

29th September – Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am

4th October – New Reception 2024 open evening 5pm

9th October- Parent workshop 9-10am

12th October – SEN Parents coffee morning 9am

13th October – New Reception 2024 open morning 9am

16th October – Harvest Festival – children only

18th October – Safer Internet day

18th October – e-safety session for parents 215pm

19th October – Year 1 Phonics information for Parents 5pm

20th October – End of Term 1 – Inset Day

School Gates

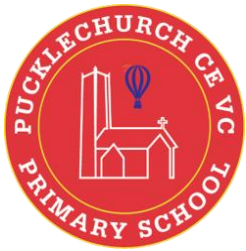
Please help us to keep the children safe by ensuring the school gates are shut when you come in and out and please do not prop them open.

This is much appreciated and helps to safeguard the children on site.

Absence reminder

If your child is ill, please call the school office on 0117 9372579 and chose option 1.

Please can we ask that you report any absences before the start of the school day.






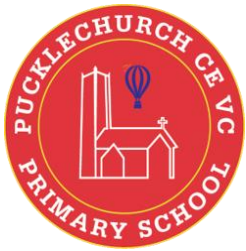
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 <p>PE Sessions</p> <p>PE will be taking place on the following days. As always, please ensure children are coming in wearing full PE kit, including suitable footwear. Hair should be tied back and jewellery removed for PE lessons as part of health and safety.</p> <p>Seacole: Friday Armstrong: Tuesday and Thursday Newton: Monday and Friday King: Wednesday and Thursday</p>	<p>New lunch provider</p> <p>As you know ABM is now providing school meals. With any new system there will be some teething problems and we thank you for your patience with this.</p> <p>It is imperative that every parent fills the attached form with regards their children's dietary requirements (even if you currently aren't taking meals) and even if your child doesn't have any needs. The form can be accessed via the link below.</p> <p>Special Diet Request Form</p> <p>Thank you for this.</p>
 <p>Reception 2024</p> <p>If you have a child starting in September 2024 and would like to come along to our open visits, these will be on:</p> <p>4th October 5pm 13th October 9am 31st October 2pm</p>	 <p>Film Night</p> <p>We are pleased to say we will be holding a film night on 28th September 3.15 – 4.45. Children will be watching a PG film and will be given hot chocolate (please bring a mug) and popcorn. The price is £3.50 per child.</p> <p>If your child would like to attend, please pay and give consent on arbor from 4th September 2023.</p>
 <p>Y6 Parents - Secondary School Transition</p> <p>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 2023.</p> <p>https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs</p>	
<p>Are you eligible for Free School Meals?</p> <p>If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, you can check if you are eligible and apply using the link below.</p> <p>https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F</p> <p>if you are eligible for free school meals, your child will get free school meals beyond year 2 but will also be eligible for support within school including financial support with educational trips and visits or the purchase of new school uniform.</p> <p>Please contact the school office or Mrs Jones if you would like further information or support with completing the paperwork.</p>	



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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.

Homework

Here are a few reminders of when homework is set and the expectations.

Following last year homework will be sent out on a Thursday and collected in on a Tuesday.

Our weekly spelling test will continue to take place on a Thursday at the back of your child's homework book.

Reading records will be collected in on Thursday to be counted. The children are expected to read 5 times per week and you are able to record their reading by ticking when they have read on the sheet which is stuck in their reading record.

Children should also be completing their Times Table Rockstars or NumberBots. If you are unsure of your login please ask your child's class teacher.

You will also receive some arithmetic questions which builds on what the children have been learning in the classroom.

If you have any questions about your child's homework please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

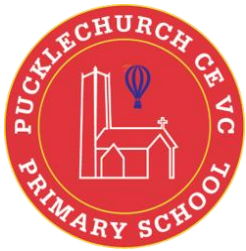
School Uniform

A reminder about school uniform and ensuring the children are coming back to school wearing the right clothing.

Winter	Summer
Red / White polo shirts	Red / White polo shirts
Black or grey trousers	Red/white check summer dresses
Red sweater/cardigan	Black/grey shorts
Red fleece with school logo	Dark/white socks
Black/grey trousers/skirts	Black sensible shoes
Dark/white socks/tights	
Red	
Black sensible shoes	

PE kit should be black shorts/bottoms, red polo shirts and trainers. Children can also wear their school PE sports hoodies (if they own them).

We have been asked if children can wear black trainers on non-PE days, which is fine – we do ask that they are all black in colour.



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Seacole

What a fantastic start to the year! Seacole Hub have blown us away with their super listening, tidying up and sharing during choosing time. The children have also started their phonics this week and have been amazing at practising the 's, a, t and p' sounds.



We are really looking forward to the children meeting each next week when they also have the opportunity to stay for lunch.

Well done Seacole!



Armstrong MN

Well done Armstrong for such a brilliant start to year 1. Starting off with our WOW day, year 1 were able to work hard and become enthusiastic about the term ahead as we explored our learning more deeply. We



have been so excited to start our learning and explore the different subjects in exciting and creative ways. We have so much to learn and we cannot wait to continue as we have started!



Armstrong IC

Welcome back to another school year! I am very excited to be with Year 2 and we have had a brilliant start this week. I have enjoyed getting to know the children and hearing all about their summers. The class have been ready to learn and focused on their new learning. We are using the Tin Forest for Reading and Writing, which they are loving and in Art we explored our new artist and creating spiral drawings using her techniques. For PE we are using REAL PE and REAL Dance which has exciting new activities for us.

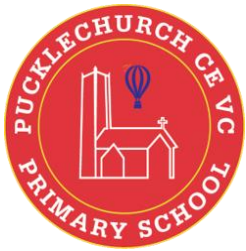


Newton BM

What a fantastic start to the year! We have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and excellent attitudes that all the children have shown. It has been so lovely getting to know all of the children and hearing about their summers.

We have had such a busy start to the year already and have really been enjoying learning more about our new topic - the Ancient Maya. In English, we have been focussing on using descriptive language to describe a scene from our new story Rain Player. We also loved learning about States of Matter in science and acting out how the different particles behave! Well done Year 3!





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Newton JB

Well done Newton JB: you have made a grown up start to the school year, Year 4 suits you!

We have worked hard on getting into the routine of year 4 with lots to get on with. Your commitment to doing your best has been really noticeable and everyone has spoken about how mature and hardworking you have been to start the year.

Highlights have included some excellent work in Spanish, learning the seasons (estaciones), using our APE process for answering questions in reading and of course ice pops in maths!



Newton RF

I have been so proud of Newton RF this week. They have started Year 4 with a brilliant attitude and I can't wait to see where the term takes us. It has been great to see them settle back in so well. So far this term we have read our new text, "Rain Player". The children have written some great character descriptions of Chac, the God of rain. They were also fantastic when learning about the states of matter in Science and recapping the seasons in Spanish. Great start Newton RF!



King AB

I have been impressed with Year 5 this week. They have come in with a positive attitude and have worked hard. They enjoyed making clay volcanoes inspired by our class text – Escape to Pompeii. We have also made

friendship mosaics linked to our Roman topic. We also learnt some new ball skills in PE and played a competitive game of End ball. We finished our week with a refreshing ice lolly and an outdoor learning session making shadow art. A super start to the week – Well done Year 5!



King MP

Wow, what a brilliant start to the year! Year 6 have thrown themselves into their learning and were excited to create their own volcanoes when learning about our new topic

'Escape to Pompeii'! I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm to get stuck into their learning! What a great start to the year! Well done Year 6!

