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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. The week has flown by and the children are so settled into their routines which is great to see.

In achievement assembly, we had a wonderful time giving the Year 6 their Leavers Hoodies. They were very excited and the rest of the school



were very pleased for them all. Thank you to Mrs Spittles for organising them and

Hillsides Secret Garden Day Nursery for sponsoring the hoodies.

As you know, there is a forthcoming strike day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. At this stage, I am unable to tell you which classes are affected but once I know, I will advise you accordingly. Please do understand that staff do not need to advise us in advance. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Take care,

Mrs Capel.

## Phonics/ Reading Workshop

We are running our EYFS and Year 1 phonics/ reading workshop again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 5-5.30pm. This will be through teams and is repeat of our workshop from Term 2.



If you would like to join the workshop please can you inform the office and we will send you a teams link.

## Dates for the Diary

### Term 4 Dates

27<sup>th</sup> February- EYFS/ Year 1 Phonics/ Reading workshop 5-5.30pm – please book in with the office  
2<sup>nd</sup> March – World book day (with Books at Bedtime)  
14<sup>th</sup> March – World Maths day  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Red nose day  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Newton Performance to parents 13.30  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Newton Performance to parents 9.15  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – PTA Disco  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Learning meeting week  
31<sup>st</sup> March – End of term

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

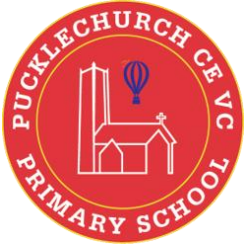


## Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 94.9%  
Armstrong SD – 95.5%  
Armstrong MN – 93.3%  
Newton RF – 93.5%  
Newton JB – 94.3%  
Newton LB – 93.8%  
King IJ – 94.3%  
King AB – 96.7%



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



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## Reading



Seacole CD – 61%  
Armstrong SD - 78%  
Armstrong MN –50%  
Newton RF –62%  
Newton JB – 65%  
Newton LB – 60%  
King IJ – 72%  
King AB – 93%

Well done to King AB with a score of 93%. 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
2. Tyson Williams



## 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

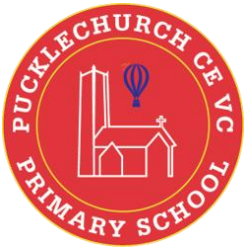
1. William (King IJ)
2. Ava – Sky (King IJ)
3. Austin (Newton JB)

## 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.

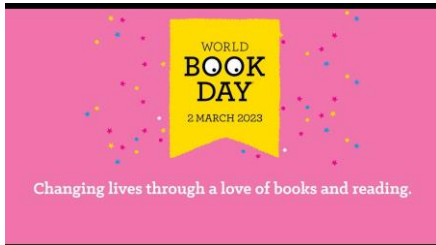


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## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We are inviting the children to wear

pyjamas or comfy clothes to enjoy books at bedtime after school, 3.15pm until 4pm. If you have not signed up for this yet, you can do it on Arbor.

Throughout the day, we have planned many exciting activities from live webinars to creative writing and reading for pleasure games. We want to share the love of reading that the children have and hear all about their favourite books, characters and authors.

Parents are welcome to join us for the beginning of the day to share a book with your child, 8.40am-9am. If you have more than one child in the school please take the youngest to the oldest child's classroom and you can share a book together.



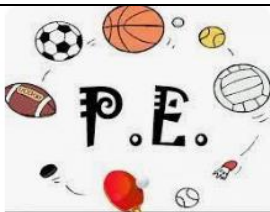
## Online Safety

Internet Matters is a fantastic website for families to access information about Online Safety.

A recent article on screen time focused on the type of activities that children are doing online and suggested families use the 'Goldilocks method' – 'not too little, not too much but just the right amount'.

Children's online activities fall into broad categories of: watching TV / short videos; playing games and browsing the Internet; video- chatting; using devices to make digital art or music; using apps that support learning.

Do talk to your children about their screen time to think about the balance of each category of activity, and to talk to a trusted adult if they are unsure about anything. In school, children have been introduced to the child friendly (and filtered) search engine: [Swiggle.co.uk](http://Swiggle.co.uk)



## PE Days

Just a reminder that our PE days for this term are:

Monday – Armstrong, Newton, King Hub

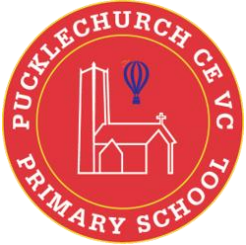
Wednesday – Seacole and Newton Hub

Friday – Armstrong and King Hub

## Values

This term our value is Forgiveness. We are exploring this each week in our collective worship and through our learning. Our bible story is The Last Supper which shows forgiveness as Jesus is betrayed some of his disciples. The children are learning about this story throughout the term as well as exploring it further in their RE lessons.





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### Seacole

Seacole class had a great start to term 4. They started off the week on 'Spring watch' and showed their observation skills as they searched for signs of spring. You'll be pleased to learn that they concluded that 'spring was in the air'. They finished the week by perusing our new 'Reading for Pleasure' books and selected their new book to the sounds of relaxing music and a crackling (virtual) fire!



They also showed their maths skills as they searched for pairs and created numbers to 10 using natural materials.

### Newton Hub



Newton hub have had a great first week back. We have kick started our new topic 'a shock of forgiveness' which has a focus on this terms value, forgiveness. The topics incorporates learning about urban and rural areas in Geography. We launched the topic by creating our own urban

and rural areas, creating 3D shapes using nets to represent the buildings. The children have really been enjoying hearing this terms text 'Freedom, We Sing' which we have already written great setting descriptions for. I'm sure the rest of the term will be just as exciting!!

### Armstrong Hub

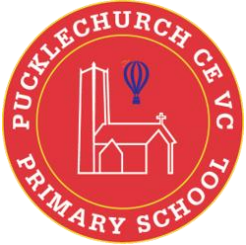
In Armstrong hub we started the term brilliantly when we explored African art inspired by by our key text Lila and the Secret of the Rain which we then had a go at recreating. We very much look forward to all the exciting things that we will be learning throughout this term and cannot wait to get started!



### King Hub



In King Hub, we have started a new text – the tall story which we are enjoying. Our first science lesson about evolution and inheritance got us thinking about the world around us. In PE, we loved learning how to play seated volleyball. We are looking forward to learning more the rest of the term!



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Pucklechurch PTA  
Presents  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
WITH  
**DJ**  
Bridgie's  
Entertainments

**£4 Per child**  
Includes drink, snack & Sweet bag

On Thursday 23rd March  
Reception & KS1 315-415  
KS2-430-530  
Tickets on sale now

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Tickets are now on sale for the PTA disco. Please click on the following link.

[www.pta-events.com/pucklechurch](http://www.pta-events.com/pucklechurch)

# REVEL

REVEL - JUNE 17TH, 2023

Pucklechurch Recreation Field, BS16 9RF

11-4pm

**Are you a stall holder, vendor or business owner?**

We are looking for a variety of stalls to come to our Revel in June.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us on:  
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phone on 07789707278.

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