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Dear Parents/ Carers

This has been a very busy term, as always but it's such a delight when we come together at the end of term and reflect on everything we have done and achieved.

We had a lovely time at our Easter service today and all of the children got to share some of their learning about this special time. It was a shame we couldn't go to the church as planned but we really didn't want to take the chance of children getting too wet. We have posted some photos on facebook of this and had a lovely time celebrating.



Please do remember that our school website contains the medium term plans for the term under each Hub, so it is a useful source to know what the children will be learning during the term. There is also a curriculum overview page for each of our subjects that explains what we do and how we approach each subject. If you do have any questions about what your child is learning or would like further information on how you can help at home, your class teacher is always happy to assist with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel

Dates for the Diary

Term 5 Dates

17th April – Start of Term 5
1st May – Bank Holiday
5th May – Coronation Celebrations
8th May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday
WC 9th May – KS2 Sats
WC 15th May – KS1 Sats
24th May – Writing workshop for parents
26th May – End of term

Term 6 dates

26th
May
2023

21st
July
2023



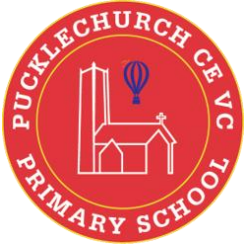
Absence

Just a reminder that if your child is absent, please call the school to leave a message on the absence line 01179372579 rather than emailing teachers or Mrs Cook directly. This helps us to have one central point to monitor absence.

Also a reminder that if you do need to email the school about any general queries/updates eg lunches, pick-ups etc.. this should be sent to the school admin box admin@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk.

Learning Meetings

Thank you so much to all of the parents who attended learning meetings. It is really important to share your children's learning and achievements. If you didn't attend, we would still love to meet with you next term so please do get on touch. Teachers will email you the learning meeting forms and are still very keen to meet with you.



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school. A reminder that it is illegal to park on double yellow lines and is clearly not safe for our community. We do speak to anyone who we are made aware of parking illegally.

Parking

We have been contacted by the Road Safety team, along with some parents to say that unfortunately people are still not parking safely around our

Newton RF Learning Meetings

Apologies that we needed to cancel the meetings as Mr Ford was poorly. They have now been set up on Arbor for the 19th and 20th April. Please do book in. Mr Ford can't wait to meet with you all.

Class Attendance

Seacole CD – 95.5%
Armstrong SD – 95.4%
Armstrong MN –93.6%
Newton RF – 93.6%
Newton JB – 94.2%
Newton LB –94.5%
King IJ – 94.9%
King AB – 96.3%



Reading

Seacole CD –84 %
Armstrong SD - 83%
Armstrong MN –63%
Newton RF –60%
Newton JB – 63%
Newton LB – 30%
King IJ – 90%
King AB – 93%



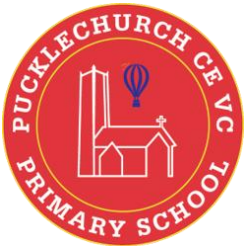
Well done to King AB with a score of 93%. Can any other year groups meet our target of 90% next week? Do not forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.

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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Numbots

KS1 have been working hard at improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

1. Isaac – Armstrong SD
2. Oliver – Armstrong MN
3. Oliver – 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. Luna – King IJ
2. Aleena – Newton LB
3. Zia – Newton

Values of the term

Our value this term has been forgiveness which, as always, culminates in one child from each class receiving a special certificate and badge for consistently demonstrating the value of the term. They also get to come and have afternoon tea with Mrs Capel – a much sought after occasion. Well done to the children who have been chosen this term.



Seacole

Seacole class have enjoyed another busy term. They have explored familiar stories such as Goldilocks and have learnt more about the Easter Story, asking questions such as 'Should the bears have forgiven Goldilocks?' and 'Why is the symbol of the cross important to Christians?'



They have approached every day with enthusiasm, a sense of fun and



endless curiosity and have taught the EYFS staff and

each other so much! It has been a pleasure to share their progress with parents this week in learning meetings.

We look forward to welcoming them (along with Mr Bees) back to school for term 5 but first, enjoy a well-deserved Easter break!

Armstrong SD

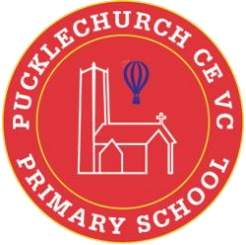
Armstrong SD have had a wonderful term learning all about forgiveness in class book 'Lila and the secret of rain'. We have written our own stories, explored Kenya in our geography lessons and compared this to the UK. This term we have also been learning all about Easter in our RE sessions and the importance of Easter. It was lovely to see the children sharing this in our Easter performance where they stood up and shared some lines retelling the story. Well done for all of your hard work this term Year 1, enjoy a well-deserved Easter break!



Armstrong MN

Armstrong MN have had a brilliant term. We have enjoyed our class text about Lila and the Secret of the rain and also exploring the diary of the Killer cat! Where we would also imagine to be a cat who is proving that he is an innocent cat! We have explored a lot this term and learned so much and look forward to continue the journey in term 5. Have a well-deserved Easter break. Well done Armstrong MN!





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Newton RF

What an exciting term Newton RF have had! The highlight and most memorable moment must be our Easter performance. The children really amazed us with their dedication to learn lines as well as their acting ability.



They really pushed through any nerves and delivered strong, confident

performances. The children have also enjoyed looking at our class text 'Freedom, We Sing'. From this text we have written setting descriptions, recounts as well as our own original story based on the theme of the text. We have introduced fractions into our maths this term and the children have developed a good understanding of what fractions are. Well done for a great term. I can't wait to see what term 5 brings!

Newton JB

Well done everyone for their contributions to the Easter performance. We rehearsed hard, and the results paid off. The line reading was amazing, and they really enjoyed the songs by Phil Wickham and Matt Maher. We have enjoyed looking at maps, and introducing the idea of OS symbols and grid references. Our work on circuits has been really positive.



We were grateful to Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation for their brilliant cricket sessions!

Have a great Easter!

Newton LB

Term 4 has flown by in Newton LB! Well done to everyone for such a fantastic Easter performance, and well done to all the parents that supported with learning lines at home. It was amazing to see the performance grow from cautiously reading from the script to confidently projecting lines on the stage. All the children in Newton hub should be very proud of themselves - especially those that really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. This term, Newton



LB
have

particularly enjoyed writing fact files about Thai elephants, we are all elephant experts now! We have also been learning about electricity and learned how to take a grid reference on an OS map. I hope everyone has a cracking Easter and enjoys a well-deserved rest. See you next term!

King IJ

Year 5 have had a busy term full of different activities. We particularly enjoyed engineering day, where we showed our creativity to build and develop our bridges. Within our writing they have engaged with our text The Wolves in The Walls and loved the plot in the story, which produced excellent narratives. Our competitive sides came out with our team games in Real PE playing hand volley ball,



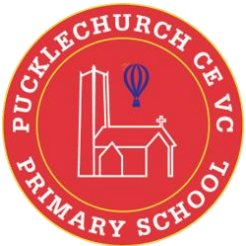
thinking of tactics to win the games and they have enjoyed learning new skills in hockey. Have a lovely restful Easter break and I look forward to

seeing you for another fun filled term of learning!

King AB

King AB have continued working hard this term. We enjoyed learning about Charles Darwin and wrote super biographies. We also wrote our own narratives based on 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors'. In PE, we enjoyed playing floor volleyball and earning points against each other!

We put our baking skills to the test in DT and made scones (we hope you enjoyed them!). In Music, we have been practising playing the glockenspiel and learning 'You've got a friend'. I hope you all have a lovely Easter and I look forward to seeing you all back in April.



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Equities Crew Autism Acceptance Week

Equities Crew have been busy this term running events to celebrate 'Autism Acceptance Week' (27th -31st March). They started the week with an assembly where they shared some of the differences autistic people experience as well as share stories of famous people with autism such as Elon Musk and Greta Thunberg.

The theme of this year's 'Autism Acceptance Week' was colour so they set a competition to create the most colourful piece of art. They were inundated with entries from across the whole school – Mrs Jones's office has never looked so bright and colourful! They judged the competition and announced the winners in our end of term collective worship.

The EYFS/KS1 winner was Frank Bathgate



The KS2 winner was Zia Wiltshire-Wells

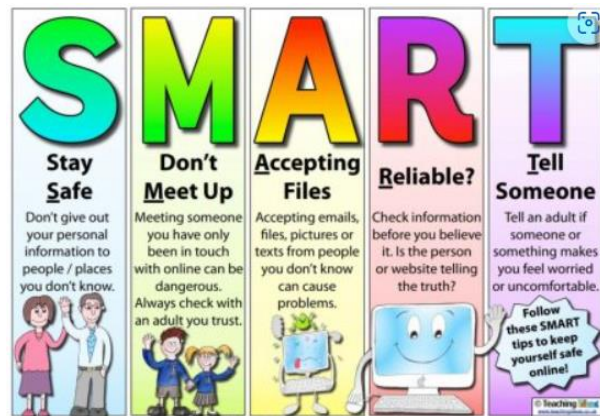


It was tough to judge due to the high quality of the entries. Well done to everyone who entered!

We will display all entries in the art room before returning them to their owners next term!



With the Easter holidays approaching, it is really important that we stay vigilant in regards to e-safety. I'm sure the children will be using the internet more often when they are home over the last two weeks. Please remember our e-safety rules:



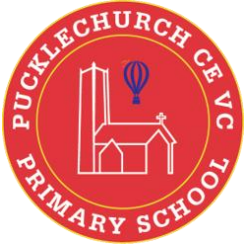
Coronation Celebrations

We will be celebrating the forthcoming Coronation on the last day of term 5 in school. The children can come in wearing red, white and blue with a contribution of £1, which will go to school funds.

For lunch, the kitchen have agreed to offer a fish fingers and chips in a box (so if the weather permits, the children will have a picnic style lunch).

At 230pm, if the weather allows it, we invite parents to come and join us for some traditional games that you are welcome to come and play with the children to finish off the day. We do ask that you do not take children earlier than their usual finish time and that at 3pm, we will take the children back into the school building and release as usual.

We are very much looking forward to a fun day to celebrate this special occasion.



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Sporting Success



Congratulations to Harry who won a trophy at football last night.

Well done!

Newton RF Swimming

Just a reminder that Newton RF will be starting Swimming lessons on Monday 17th April.

Please remember your swimming kit.

Thank you

Digi crew's 'spring watch' photo competition.

Digi-crew have arranged a 'spring watch' photo competition. If you would like to enter, please take a picture over the Easter holidays that represents spring. This can include new plants growing, baby animals you see on a walk or a picture of you enjoying an Easter egg. Please email any entries to Mr Ford on ryan.ford@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk

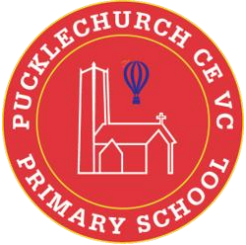
Have a happy Easter!



Holiday activities

South Gloucestershire Council are offering holiday activities and food clubs for children aged 5 to 16 years who live in South Gloucestershire. Funded by the Department for Education (DfE). Places are free for children who get benefits-related free school meals.

More information can be found here: [Supporting families in school holidays | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)



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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