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<p>Dear Parents/Carers,</p> <p>Thank you so much to the parents who came along to the parents coffee morning today. This is a very informal session with the opportunity to discuss how school life is or ask any questions. We really value hearing from you so if you are able to attend future sessions do book in.</p> <p>The children are starting to get into the Christmas spirit and we are hearing sounds being sung and practises occurring. It is always a very exciting time of year and we also know it is a busy one for parents – we do try and keep you informed of the events taking place but do let us know if anything is unclear. You will also see details of ticket information in this newsletter for the KS1/Reception Nativity and the KS2 service.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend.</p> <p>Mrs Capel</p> <p><b>“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven”</b></p>	<p><b>Term 2 dates</b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd sock Day (anti-bullying) – no donation required</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day £1 donation for children to wear spots (or whatever they feel comfortable in)</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 5 Cornet performance for parents @ 1:30pm</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> November – Guide Dogs UK visit school</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisation</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 National Child Measurement</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> November - Learning meetings</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 2pm</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 9.10</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> December - Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas lunch</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas lunch</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3/4 Christmas lunch</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas service at the church – parents welcome 9.15</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5/6 Christmas lunch</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas service at the church – parents welcome 2pm</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> December – End of term</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024</p> </div>
<p><b><u>Morning Office</u></b></p> <p>Please note that at the start of the day, the office team are dealing with attendance and lunches. All non-urgent requests will be dealt with afterwards or you may leave a message. Please also help by arriving on time to school as a lot of time is being taken up signing children in and taking them to class</p> <p>Many thanks for your understanding during this busy period in the morning.</p>	<p><b><u>Class Attendance</u></b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Seacole SD – 96.8%</p> <p>Armstrong MN – 97.5%</p> <p>Armstrong IC – 94.4%</p> <p>Newton BM – 96.3%</p> <p>Newton JB – 94.8%</p> <p>Newton RF – 94.1%</p> <p>King AB – 92.4%</p> <p>King MP – 95.7%</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  <p><b>Attendance</b></p> </div> </div>











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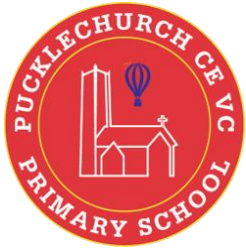
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 <p><b><u>Reading</u></b></p> <p>Seacole -50%        Armstrong MN -55%        Armstrong IC 47%        Newton BM - 60%        Newton JB -65%        Newton RF -62%        King AB - 82%        King MP - 50%</p>	 <p><b><u>Numbots</u></b></p> <p>EYFS and KS1 have been working hard at improving their maths skills using Numbots.</p> <p>Most practice this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alayah Armstrong MN</li> <li>2. Frank Armstrong MN</li> <li>3. Codey Armstrong MN</li> </ol>	 <p><b><u>TimesTables Rockstars!</u></b></p> <p>Well done to our Pucklechurch Top Rockers this week!</p> <p>These 3 students have accessed TT Rockstars the most out of everyone in the whole school this week</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Corban Newton JB</li> <li>2. Harry Newton JB</li> <li>3. Joseph Newton JB</li> </ol>
 <p><b><u>Uniform</u></b></p> <p>A reminder that all uniform should be named. This makes it easier for us to return it back to children if they lose their items.</p>	<p><b><u>SENCO Hours</u></b></p> <p>A reminder that as well as being the SENCo and Deputy, Mrs Jones is often teaching in class so cannot always reply to SENCo emails or calls the same day. Please do remember that initial issues or discussions should always go to the class teacher first who will involve the SENCo as appropriate. Thank you for understanding.</p>	
 <p><b><u>Dogs on site</u></b></p> <p>Please do remember that dogs are not permitted on site. We have had a few parents raise that dogs are being brought on site again. Many thanks.</p>	<p><b><u>Well-being</u></b></p> <p>A key part of self-care and well-being is ensuring that we get enough sleep. If you or your child find it difficult to fall asleep at night, try cutting out screen time at least one hour before bedtime.</p> 	
<p><b><u>Children in Need</u></b></p> <p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is this year's annual Children in Need Day. We will have our usual non-uniform day – this year with the theme of 'Spotacular' so the children can come to school wearing as spotty an outfit as they like. We would be grateful of any cash donations for Children in Need so please send a £1 or whatever you can afford with your child on the day. As always, if the children do not have anything spotty or would prefer to wear a different non-uniform outfit, that will be fine.</p> <p>School Council will be selling cakes during the day for 50p. Please bring any cake donations to the office. Thanks</p> 	<p><b><u>Anti-bullying Week</u></b></p> <p>It's Anti-bullying Week 13th-17th November. We'll have lessons in class and assemblies and children will be able to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November- flamboyant or discrete all welcome! No donation necessary.</p> 	






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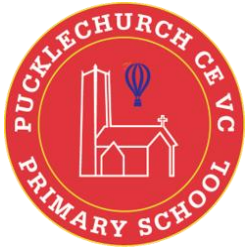
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<p><b><u>Learning Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Learning Meetings will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> November. Parents will be able to book their meetings from 18.00 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November via Arbor. If anyone has any problems logging in, please contact the office.</p> <p>Please do book in for a meeting so that we can share your children's wonderful achievements.</p>	 <p><b><u>Coats</u></b></p> <p>We are having a lot of children coming into school without coats. We try and get the children out as much as possible to get fresh air but it makes it more challenging to do so without coats. Thank you for your support with this.</p>	<p><b><u>Nasal Flu Immunisations</u></b></p> <p>Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at <a href="https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23">https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23</a></p> <p>If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact <a href="mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net">sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net</a> or 0300 1245515 for more information.</p>
<p><b><u>KS1 Christmas Performance</u></b></p> <p>We would love to invite you to attend our performance 'A Miracle in Town' on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10. Each family can have two tickets each. We will allocate tickets for each performance on a first come, first serve basis. If a time and date fills up, we will give you a ticket for the alternative date. Please could you email Mr Nagar (<a href="mailto:mehul.nagar@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk">mehul.nagar@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk</a>) with your preferred date.</p>	<p><b><u>KS2 Christmas service</u></b></p> <p>Our KS2 Christmas will be held at St Thomas a Becket church on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15 and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Each family can have two tickets – you can have either two tickets for one day or a ticket each day if you prefer. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. and will go live on Arbor on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.</p>	
 <p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>We would like to say a huge welcome to Mrs Butler who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Butler has lots of experience and is looking forward to being part of Pucklechurch School.</p> <p>We have also interviewed and appointed Miss McRitchie who will be replacing Mr Boulton in Year 4.</p>	 <p><b><u>Thank you</u></b></p> <p>Thank you very much to the Rose and Crown pub who has very kindly donated us £1340.00 from recent fundraising. We shall let you know how we spend the money.</p>	



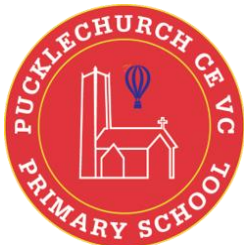
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<p><b><u>Year 5 Music Performance</u></b></p> <p>We are looking forward to inviting Year 5 parents in on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November @1:30 for a cornet performance</p>	 <p><b><u>Christmas Panto</u></b></p> <p>We are excited to be welcoming The Hobgoblin Theatre Company to perform their Christmas Panto of 'The Three Musketeers'. The performance will be held in school on 4<sup>th</sup> December. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £3.30 per child which is payable via Arbor.</p>	<p><b><u>School Photos</u></b></p> <p>We are sorry to hear that some parents were disappointed with the quality of the school photos recently taken. We have raised this with the company and will update parents with their response.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="111 929 470 1209">  </div> <div data-bbox="470 907 1029 1317"> <p><b><u>Remembrance Day</u></b></p> <p>We have been learning all about Remembrance Day and diving into the history of what life would have been like during WW1 in different hub activities.</p>  <p>We also came together as a school and shared a minute silence in the hall as well as Choir club showing us some songs they have learnt in honour of Remembrance Day.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1029 929 1489 1209">  </div> </div>		
<p><b><u>Lunches</u></b></p> <p>Reminder to parents, if your child is having a school meal please book this in advance on Parent pay.</p> <p>If children are bringing in snacks or pack lunches, please remember we are a nut free school.</p>	<p><b><u>Free School Meals</u></b></p>  <p>Is your child entitled to a free school meal? Don't miss out on the benefit-related Free School Meal offer. You can quickly check if you are eligible and apply at <a href="http://www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals">www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals</a></p> <p>A hot, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime can help with learning, concentration, and positive behaviour.</p>	
<p><b><u>Diwali</u></b></p>  <p>This week in collective worship we have been learning all about Diwali which will be taking place on Sunday. It was lovely to see the children so interested in the story of Rama and Sita and how good triumphed over evil.</p>	<p><b><u>Careers Day</u></b></p>  <p>We are holding a Careers day on 21<sup>st</sup> February and wondered if any parents would like to come in and share with the child what you do in your jobs.</p> <p>We are looking for a range of people and roles. Please let the office know if you are able to come along.</p>	



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### Infant Agility

This week year 1,2,3 and 4 took part in infant agility and had the chance to practise activities such as speed



bounce, chest pass and standing vertical jump! The coaches in charge were very impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm shown by each class. A big thank you to the year 5 and 6 students who helped run and score the event for the coaches. Again the coaches were very impressed with how responsible and helpful the sports leaders were throughout the sessions!

### Sensory Room

We're currently remodelling our sensory room thanks to a generous donation from our PTA. We've purchased some key items but also wanted to ask if anyone had any of the following that they no longer need. Maybe you're having a pre-Christmas clear out. If so, we would love the following:

- fidget toys e.g fidget spinners, squeeze stress relievers, stretchy bands, wind up toys, slinky springs
- Unopened play-doh
- Resistance bands (like you'd use for Pilates)
- Bubble mix or large bubble wands
- Yoga mats
- Unopened rolls of bubble wrap
- Newton's cradle (the desk toy with marbles that swing back and forth)
- Battery operated disco light (not with a plug)
- Massage rollers-hand held or that you roll on



Thank you in anticipation. We can't wait to share it when it's finished.

### 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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### Reverse Advent Calendar

Our value for Term 2 is 'Generosity'. We're sure you will agree that one of the best ways to show the value of generosity is by donating to people who are less fortunate than ourselves which is why, this year, we will be taking part in the North Bristol Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar so that everyone can spread a little Christmas joy and help people to have the Christmas celebrations with their families that they deserve.

### How does it work?

The reverse advent calendar operates a month early so that the foodbank can distribute these items to families throughout December so for each day of November, the Advent Calendar below has a different item of food which we would like you to bring to school.

### What shall I bring in?



**Remember that everything should be ambient (not fresh fruit or vegetables and not kept in a fridge or freezer).**

### When shall I bring in the items?

So that you aren't having to remember to bring different items on different days, you can collect any items for each week of the reverse advent calendar and bring them to school on a Friday.

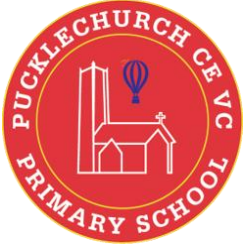
### Where shall I bring them?

You can give them to your child to give to their class teacher or we will have a donations box in the office area to drop them into.

### How can I help further?

If you can spare Bags for Life or Christmas gift bags to transport the items to the Food Bank and for the Food Bank to distribute the items, please give these to your child's teacher or drop off at the office with your donations.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!  
**From Equities Crew**



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PUCKLECHURCH PTA PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS DISCO

14TH DECEMBER 2023

KS1 - 3:15-4:15 | KS2 4:30-5:30

DISCO | FUN GAMES | SNACKS & DRINKS

TICKET COST £4 - VISIT  
<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/pucklechurch>  
TO BOOK

# WINTER FESTIVAL & ARTS MARKET

Sunday 3rd December  
11am - 4pm

£1 Entry (Adults)

Join Mangotsfield School for a festive and fabulously creative day. We are hosting a range of fun and creative activities, as well as performances and refreshments.

Mangotsfield School's Winter Festival includes:

- Art & Craft Stalls
- Free Arts & Craft Activities
- Refreshments
- Student Music, Dance and Drama Performances
- Primary Art Exhibition
- Lego Displays
- Lego Play Area
- Raffle Prize Draw
- Tombola and Fundraising Stalls

Mangotsfield Secondary, Rodway Hill, Mangotsfield, Bristol BS16 9LH