

## PUCKLECHURCH NEWS

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#### Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous end to a very busy term. KS2 were delightful at the church service this week and showed our values in action. We received an email from the church praising the children for this and their excellent behaviour - we know how exemplary they are but it is always lovely to hear it. They have really considered the importance of the Christmas story and what impact it had on us all. We are so very proud of each and every one of them.

I asked the children this morning in collective worship about what they have particularly enjoyed about this festive season. They named the KS1 nativity, the KS2 carol concert, the bake off, the panto, creating cards/calendars/decorations, the Christmas lunches, the reverse advent calendar, learning, spending time with friends and the teachers. I think they could have kept going as we still had lots of hands up which was an absolute delight! They embrace everything so well and are always excellent.



As always, we finished the term with Afternoon with

myself for the children who have exemplified the Value of the term. They are role models and should feel very proud of themselves. Well done!

Finally, it is with sadness that we have to say a fond farewell to Mr Boulton who, as you know, has decided to take a break from teaching and travel to Australia. He has been with us for 5 years now and we want to thank him for all of his hard work and commitment to us. He will always be part of our Pucklechurch family and we wish him the very best in his travels!

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the new year. We will see you on January 3rd.

Take care, Mrs Capel.

#### Term 3 dates

2<sup>nd</sup> January – Inset day 12th January - School Council Talent Show 16th January- EYFS and Year 1 Phonics workshop 5-5.30pm

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18th January 9am - South Glos Parents and Carers Coffee morning – theme 'Anxiety and Difficulties attending school'

25<sup>th</sup> January – Spanish Day 25<sup>th</sup> January – RE Parent Workshop 9am

2<sup>nd</sup> February - Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am (please let the office know in advance)

9th February – End of term 3



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 15th April 2024 14th June 2024

#### **Class Attendance**

Seacole SD - 95.8% Armstrong MN - 96.6% Armstrong IC - 93.4% Newton BM - 95.3% Newton JB - 93.8% Newton RF - 93.4% King AB – 92.3% King MP - 95.8%



### **House Points**

This terms house points

winners with a staggering 1889 points is Brazil! As a prize every member of Brazil can wear non school uniform on the first day back after the Christmas holidays!



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#### **Careers Day**

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.



We are looking for a range of people and roles. Please let the office know if you are able to come along. Currently we only have one volunteer so please do consider it if you can.

#### Reading

Seacole – 55% Armstrong MN - 70% Armstrong IC - 70% Newton BM – 67% Newton JB – 62% Newton RF – 66% King AB – 86% King MP - 56%





### **Numbots**

EYFS and KS1 have been working hard at

improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

- 1. Jacob Armstrong MN
- 2. Tyson Armstrong IC
- 3. Mia Armstrong MN

#### TimesTables 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. Ben Newton JB
- 2. George King MP
- 3 Annika Newton JB

#### **Phonics Workshop**

Mrs Davis will be running a phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 5-5.30pm on teams. This will be a recap of the phonics workshop already delivered to Year 1 parents but if you were unable to attend you are welcome to attend the one in term.

I will be talking about the different phases of phonics and the best ways to support your children at home with their phonics and reading.

Please can you contact they office you would like to attend so we can email the links out to you nearer the time.

#### **PE Days**

Seacole - Friday

Year 1 SD - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 MN – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 BM - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 SM – PE & Swimming – Monday. Swimming will start on 8<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 RF - Monday and Friday

Year 5 AB - Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 MP – Wednesday and Thursday



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#### Seacole

Wow, what a busy term Seacole have had. They have dived into learning about firework night and creating their own firework paintings to understanding the



importance of Remembrance Day and making their own

poppies to celebrate the day to learning about the birth of Jesus and understanding why it is special at Christmas time. As well as having the opportunity to show off their

super performing skills in our Key Stage nativity. They have all worked really hard and deserve a well deserved break over the Christmas holidays!

#### Armstrong MN

This has been a busy but fulfilling term! We have shown a great range of all our school values constantly throughout this term and have had a learned so much throughout the



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term. We have achieved so much in this term and we have done it with such a brilliant attitude. We have really enjoyed our learning this term from Leah's star as well



which gave us a better understanding for our nativity! Through our enquiry we have already thought of some brilliant questions ready for next term and we cannot wait to get started heading into another excting term! We have worked so hard

and you should all be proud of yourselves. I look forward to starting term 3 where we have so much more to be learning.

#### Armstrong IC



Another fantastic term for Year 2! We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning this term, our Geography learning comparing China and the UK, allowed us to write a fantastic piece about them!

The Nativity performance was a highlight for us, we loved being able to share our learning and our songs, they were very catchy! And of course winning the bake off! The class have worked brilliantly together, all of them showing our values well each day! In term 3 we will be learning about Florence Nightingale in History and this will link to our writing and reading. We are also looking forward to Art. Have a lovely well deserved break and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in January.

#### **Newton BM**

What a fantastic, busy term we have had in Year 3! We have really enjoyed our English text this term "When the Mountains Roared" and the children have been really

engaged with their learning. We finished the term by researching leopards and writing some excellent reports about them. We have loved our DT project – researching, designing and creating our own Christmas decorations. The children



enjoyed learning to sew these together and decorate them, and they can't wait to share them with you! The class worked so hard practising their Christmas play and their hard work certainly paid off. Have a wonderful Christmas Year 3 and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in January and hearing about your break.



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#### **Newton JB**

This has been a special term for me, as my last go around with the school overall, but it has been lovely to have such nice company in Newton JB each day.



The children have worked hard on their knowledge of

mountains, fossils and their specialist skills such as sewing and crafting. They were particularly enthusiastic in their work during anti-bullying week and our spirituality day. We created some lovely posters and

practical items that reflected our learning. Well done to everyone on their hard work in times tables lessons, practice and rockstars. I hope they keep our winning streak against Newton RF going for a long time and that it is plenty of 4JB (4SMC) who are getting the end of week certificate in achievement assembly. Thank you for a lovely term, Newton JB!

#### **Newton RF**

Newton RF have had a fantastic term. They have been really enthusiastic about our English text 'When the Mountains Roared. It has been amazing to see them make such fantastic progress so far this year. I have been



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really impressed with how our handwriting is developing as well as the skills they the children are able to include in their writing. We loved learning how to sew and created fantastic Christmas decorations. They have learned

all about the different types of mountains and how they are formed as well as what different types of rocks we can find around. Have a lovely Christmas and I can't wait t start term 3 in January!

#### King AB

What a fantastic term we have had in King AB! The class have continued to impress me with their determined attitude to their learning. In our reading lessons, we have loved reading



the Song of the Dolphin boy (I hope you enjoy reading the final chapter at home!). We also took part in the KS2 Christmas church – I was very proud of how they all learnt their lines and performed well on the day. We have also enjoyed making Christmas decorations in our DT lessons using computer software – hopefully they can find a place on your Christmas trees! I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. I looked forward to seeing you all again in Term 3 for another brilliant term!

#### King MP Year 6 ha

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy term! Kicking it off



we spent a fantastic week at Mill on the Brue! The children tried a whole host of different activities and enjoyed every single one. We have taken part in the

annual Pucklechurch Bake off and been a part of the KS2 Christmas performance at the church! In amongst all these amazing activities the children have produced some excellent learning and made great steps forward in each subject. Year 6



have displayed our school values throughout the term and have worked incredibly hard. Enjoy your Christmas holidays, I am looking forward to hearing all about your Christmas breaks in January!





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#### South Glos SEN Provision

We have been asked to pass on the following to you for parents who may be interested.

Enable Multi Academy Trust, the Department for Education, and ISG Construction are working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council to build a new 112 place special school to support pupils aged 2 to 19 years old with severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties.

It will be an all through school providing places from nursery to 6<sup>th</sup> fprm, and sited next door to Marlwood School. The school is expected to open in September 2024, with phased admissions over the first 3 years.

Your child will need to have an Education, Health and Care Plan to be eligible for a place.

You should speak you our SENCO, Gemma Jones in the first instance.

Any requests for a place at Two Bridges Academy will be considered by South Gloucestershire Placement Panel working with Enable Multi Academy Trust/Two Bridges Academy

#### Feel Fab Christmas Stars

Look out for the Christmas Stars activtiy sheet attached at the end of this



week's newsletter – if you can manage to complete seven or more challenges you will earn your Feel Fab Christmas Stars certificate in the first week back after the Christmas break!

#### **South Glos Parents and Carers**

We are lucky enough to have a link with South Glos Parents and Carers (SGPC) who are a parent led support group for parents of



children with special Educational Needs (SEN). There is no need for your child to have a clinical diagnosis – everyone is welcome at their drop in sessions, workshops and courses.

They have a new programme of course for 2024. Please click the link below to book your place.

https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/360-outreach-project-2671809





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#### **School Coffee Morning**

There will be a coffee morning in school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 run by South Glos Parents and Carers which will be on the theme of



'Anxiety and Difficulties Attending School'. Please do join us if you would like advice to support you with managing your child's Emotion Based School Avoidance or if you are concerned that your child is at risk from becoming school avoidant.

Please could you let our office staff know if you are planning to attend.



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