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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week in school. Today we were excited to share with the children the different crews that they could be part of. This year we have:

School Council led by Mrs Capel (Years 1-6)  
Diversity Crew led by Mrs Davis (Years 3-6)  
Eco Crew led by Mr Nagar and Mrs Child (Years 1-6)  
Sports Crew led by Mr Pitt and Miss Britton (Years 3-6)  
Equities Crew led by Mrs Jones (Years 3-6)  
Digi Crew led by Mr Ford and Mr Boulton (Years 1-6)

The children will have the opportunity on Tuesday to share which crew they would like to be part of and why. They will then take part in a blind vote to decide the children who will be part of that crew. Crews will then be announced at the end of the week!

This is a wonderful way for the children to show democracy and get stuck into lots of different events that will take place throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel

**Term 1 dates**

19<sup>th</sup> September – Mill On the Brue Parent Meeting 5pm  
28<sup>th</sup> September – Film night (details below)  
29<sup>th</sup> September – Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am  
4<sup>th</sup> October – New Reception 2024 open evening 5pm  
9<sup>th</sup> October- Parent workshop 9-10am  
12<sup>th</sup> October – SEN Parents coffee morning 9am  
13<sup>th</sup> October – New Reception 2024 open morning 9am  
16<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival – children only  
18<sup>th</sup> October – Safer Internet day  
18<sup>th</sup> October – e-safety session for parents 215pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Phonics information for Parents 5pm  
20<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1 – Inset Day



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

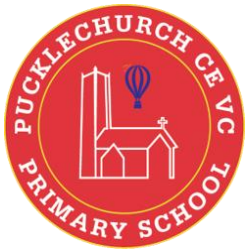
**Lunches**

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding our technical issues with lunches at the beginning of the week.

These issues have now been resolved and the systems are now working as they should.

**PE**

A reminder that earrings need to be removed for PE lessons, in exceptional circumstances that the earrings can't be removed they must be covered in tape that has been brought in from home.



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## Class Attendance

Seacole SD – 97.6%  
Armstrong MN – 100%  
Armstrong IC – 95.5%  
Newton BM – 98.9%  
Newton JB – 98.6%  
Newton RF – 91.3%  
King AB – 95.3%  
King MP – 98%

## Attendance



## Film Night

We are pleased to say we will be holding a film night on 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

If your child would like to attend, please pay and give consent on arbor.

## Reading



Seacole SD – %  
Armstrong MN -63%  
Armstrong IC 70%  
Newton BM –64%  
Newton JB – 75%  
Newton RF – 75%  
King AB – 76%  
King MP – 70%

Well done to King AB with a score of 76%. Can any year groups meet our target of 90% next week? Do not forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.



## Numbots

EYFS and KS1 have been working

hard at improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

1. Maximus Armstrong MN
2. Clara Armstrong MN
3. Elma 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. Ollie – Newton RF
2. Erica – King AB
3. Ivy – Newton RF

## Starting School



### Reception 2024

If you have a child starting in September 2024 and would like to come along to our

open visits, these will be on:

4<sup>th</sup> October 5pm  
13<sup>th</sup> October 9am  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2pm

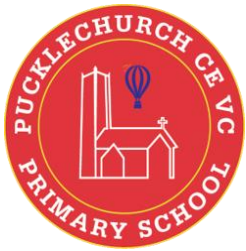


## Y6 Parents - Secondary School Transition

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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs>



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### **Governor Vanancies**

We are currently looking for a new co-opted governor and a parent governor to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians, people from our wider community and those with helpful knowledge and skills such as finance, education, law, human resources etc. Co-opted governors are appointed directly by the governing body.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### **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.