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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today was a lovely day for Children in need and it's always lovely to see the children come in dressed up. We raised £157 through donations and the cake sale.

Sports Crew have work to raise for Children in Need! taken part in the Bearpee Challenge! each member they managed to complete



been hard at awareness They have nationwide Between have an

astounding 774 burpees! Fantastic work Sports Crew! A special mention to Emily in year 6 as despite an injured hand she still joined in and substituted burpees for star jumps!



Well done to School Council for running a successful cake sale and all of the parents who contributed with cakes. A huge thank you to the PTA for getting us some additional cakes to ensure we had enough for all.

Finally, well done to Diversity Crew for running the collective worship this morning. It is important that we recognise how lucky we are and be thankful for what we have. The children were brilliant as explaining that people need help and through Children in Need those who aren't as fortunate as ourselves, can receive help and support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Capel

"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven"

Wellbeing



Last week, we posted about sleep and the importance of avoiding screens at least an hour before bed time. Lots of parents have shared how challenging sleep routines can be.

Attached to this newsletter is a document called '360 approach to sleep' which is guidance from South Glos on how to support children who struggle to fall asleep, stay asleep or who wake extremely early.

Term 2 dates

- 22nd November – Year 5 Cornet performance for parents @ 1:30pm
- 22nd November – Guide Dogs UK visit school
- 28th November – Flu Immunisation
- 28th November – Year 6 National Child Measurement
- 28th & 29th November - Learning meetings
- 6th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
- 7th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance 9.10
- 8th December - Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am
- 11th December – EYFS Christmas lunch
- 12th December – KS1 Christmas lunch
- 13th December – Year 3/4 Christmas lunch
- 13th December – KS2 Christmas service at the church – parents welcome 9.15
- 14th December – Year 5/6 Christmas lunch
- 14th December – KS2 Christmas service at the church – parents welcome 2pm
- 15th December – End of term



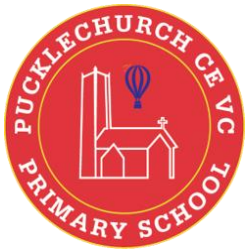
2nd January 2024
15th April 2024
14th June 2024

Class Attendance

- Seacole SD – 96.7%
- Armstrong MN – 97.5%
- Armstrong IC – 94.6%
- Newton BM – 96.4%
- Newton JB – 94.5%
- Newton RF – 93.6%
- King AB – 95.8%
- King MP – 95.4%

Attendance








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<p>Reading</p>  <p>Seacole -50%</p> <p>Armstrong MN -68%</p> <p>Armstrong IC 62%</p> <p>Newton BM - 54%</p> <p>Newton JB -62%</p> <p>Newton RF -75%</p> <p>King AB -88 %</p> <p>King MP - 9%</p>	<p>Numbots</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"> 1. Mia Armstrong MN 2. Jacob Armstrong MN 3. Alayah Armstrong MN 	<p>TimesTables</p> <p>Rockstars!</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"> 1. Joe Newton JB 2. Ben Newton JB 3 Harry Newton JB
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Boys Football Match

The Y5/6 Boys football team have been in action twice over the last week. Last Friday, the boys travelled to Kings Oak for a very challenging match! Even though the boys lost 3-1 they were excellent and created lots of chances throughout the game! A special mention to Luca in year 6 for stepping in as goal keeper and making some incredible saves! The following Thursday was a home match for the boys against Beacon Rise. Once again the team created lots of chances! And after some fantastic passing moves Jenson Townsend bagged himself two goals to send the crowd wild! Thomas then got on the end of a great pass to make it 3-1. We were all in for a nail biting finish as Beacon Rise scored a late penalty to end the game 3-2. Next week, the boys travel to Barrs Court for a clash with the league leaders!



Flu Immunisations

Nasal Flu vaccination for Reception – Year 6, please remember to complete your consent form whether you do or not want the vaccination at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>.

E-consent process for the **Nasal Flu** vaccinations will close at 9am on Friday 24th November.

Act of Kindness

Mrs Capel has received such a lovely email from a parent regarding the act of kindness from Isabelle in Newton JB.

Well done Isabelle for demonstrating one of our school values.

Learning Meetings

Learning Meetings will take place on 28th & 29th November.

Parents will be able to book their meetings from 6pm tonight via Arbor. If anyone has any problems logging in, please contact the office.

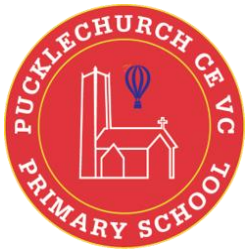
Please do book in for a meeting so that we can share your children's wonderful achievements.

Careers Day

We are holding a Careers day on 21st 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 don't have any volunteers so please do consider it if you can.





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Guide Dog Visit

On Wednesday 22nd November, we will be visited in school by Guide Dogs – a UK charity that supports the training of dogs for the blind and visually impaired across the UK. The speakers will be accompanied by Guide Dogs – a trained dog and hopefully a puppy in training! Whilst this is certain to be exciting for most of the children, we realise that some children do not like dogs. The visit has been fully risk assessed but if you have any concerns, please speak to Mrs Jones.



Gympanzees

Gympanzees are a company based in Bristol who operate a lending library service for a range of specialist play and exercise equipment for children with special educational needs to use in their own homes – no diagnosis required. Items include weighted blankets, lightboxes, sensory boxes and a wide range of active and calming activities. It is completely free (they charge £5 delivery but it's free if you collect it yourself). Visit <https://lendinglibrary.gympanzees.org/> for more details.



Dogs

We have had a number of parents contact us again about parents bringing in dogs onto the school site. A reminder please that we can't allow dogs onto the site for health and safety reasons even if they are being carried.

Age Appropriate Viewing

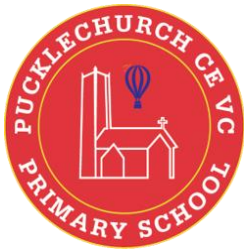
Some of our children talk about films, video games or tv programmes which are not age appropriate. They are often able to tell us the plot in some detail or lines from games/films, which would suggest they have watched/played them. Please do monitor what your child is accessing - there are a number of age restrictions.

Interfaith day



This week the children took part in Interfaith day where they dived into deep questions in their classes, heard from different speakers from different religions and thought about different views from different people. The children took part in lots of different activities including having healthy discussions about different scenarios and explaining why they disagreed or agreed with them, creating paperchains and writing their deep questions on them and asking their own big questions about our world!





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Please remain vigilant in remembering the age restrictions of certain apps. Remember, children should not have access to these apps until they have reached the correct age.

FACEBOOK	13+
FACEBOOK MESSENGER	13+
SNAPCHAT	13+
YOUTUBE	18 COARSE
YOUTUBE KIDS	4+
WHATSAPP	16+
FORTNITE	12
ROBLOX	7+
MINECRAFT	7+

E-mails to the School Office

Any messages relating to a child's absence, appointments or pick-up times need to be sent directly to the school office and not to the class teacher. This ensures messages can be recorded appropriately and actioned on a timely basis. They can be reached on admin@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk. Please do not email office staff directly and only use the admin inbox as it is monitored when staff are out.

The school office can be contacted by phone or e-mail for such matters – staff are available to talk to from 8.30 am – 4.00 pm each weekday, with an answerphone system outside those hours.

The absence line answerphone is open 24 hours a day (Option 1 when calling the school).

KS1 Christmas Performance

We would love to invite you to attend our performance 'A Miracle in Town' on 6th December at 2pm and 7th 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 (mehul.nagar@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk) with your preferred date.

KS2 Christmas service

Our KS2 Christmas will be held at St Thomas a Becket church on 13th December at 9:15 and 14th 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. Please email Mrs Cook with your choice of day and how many tickets.



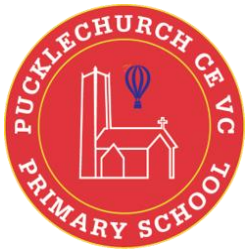
Parking

Please remember that the car park is for staff and those with permission from the school. To assist with this, those on our list will be issued with a Pucklechurch permit – these will come out before the end of term and should be on your dashboard when you park in the carpark so that it is clear. Please do not park in our school car park without this.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is national Anti-Bullying week. The theme was 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. At school, the children wore odd socks on Monday and participated in assemblies where we talked about what it means to be truly anti-bullying. We talked about how it goes beyond simply not being a bully and includes speaking out or 'Making a Noise' if you hear or see anyone being bullied by others. The children also joined in activities in class including creating a scale of bullying linked to the '5 point scale' that we use in school to support the children with regulating their emotions.





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Behaviour

We want our children to feel safe, happy and able to learn within a Positive Learning Culture. We encourage them to develop self-discipline, a respect for themselves, for others and for the environment. We value all God's children and celebrate and respect their differences. We follow our Christian Values, most notably in this context the value of Forgiveness, when resolving differences or supporting children to make positive choices.

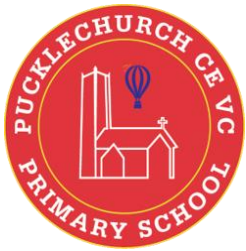
Safe
Respectful
Ready to Learn

The Pucklechurch Way:

Our philosophy can be summed up very simply: we expect our children to be safe, respectful and ready to learn. The meaning of these key aspects will be discussed regularly with children in class and in collective worship assemblies. To support them to demonstrate these aspects, all children belong to our Positive Learning Culture.

How we create a Positive Learning Culture

- o We are all responsible for creating a positive culture with clear expectations for how we behave – how staff behave provides a model to children, including engaging with children around the school environment (saying hello in the corridor, holding the door open, etc.);
- o The school values support our Positive Learning Culture;
- o Children are welcomed into the classroom each morning by an adult;
- o The school takes a growth mindset approach to learning and celebrates effort and progress, rather than just pure attainment;
- o We positively reinforce good behaviour with praise and rewards. Sometimes, children might also share their achievements with other members of staff and be rewarded with a sticker;
- o Each class agrees a 'class contract', which is displayed clearly in the classroom;
- o In class, names are displayed to celebrate behaviour that is 'above and beyond' and children are rewarded with house points;
- o House points are awarded in lessons, along with the nomination and recognition of the 'Top Learner' of the day and week. Each class teacher also awards certificates to children each week for demonstrating the school values. These are given out in Celebration Assembly on a Friday;
- o Children who have consistently demonstrated the value of the term (one per class) are awarded with an afternoon tea with the head teacher at the end of term in recognition;
- o Staff regularly share children's successes with parents in a variety of ways, including face-to-face meetings, posts on social media, emails etc.
- o Attitudes to Learning and Social & Emotional skills are discussed with parents and children at the Autumn, Spring and Summer Learning Meetings;
- o Children are given jobs around the classroom and school to promote responsibility and self-esteem;
- o Upper Key Stage 2 children work with Reception children to model positive behaviour;
- o Children are awarded additional responsibilities around school, such as membership in a 'crew', because of their good attitude and behaviour. They are then expected to model this behaviour to the rest of the school;
- o We celebrate children's successes within our achievement assembly each week (these can be out of school too).



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Pupil Absence

If you have a planned absence for your child eg. Medical/dental appointment, Music exam or holiday; a Leave of Absence Form MUST be completed. These are available on the website or a paper copy from the office.

A reminder that medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and/or term time where possible, and evidence of the appointment needs to be provided if this is not possible. This will be marked as unauthorised absence without this proof.

Holidays should not be arranged during term time. In line with our school policy and guidance, we are submitting fixed penalty forms to the local authority where term time holiday is taken. 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.

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for free school meals and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months. The Government extended eligibility for the Pupil Premium to pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

Are you able to apply for free school meals?

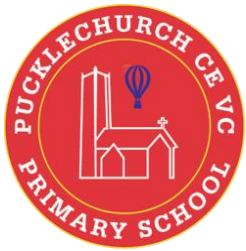
If your child is eligible for free school meals, it is worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch as it will have a direct impact on the funding we receive and the support we can provide.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals, if you are entitled to receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Please ask at the office if you would like help to register your child for free school meals. Please also see the attached leaflet on how to apply for Pupil Premium in South Gloucestershire or go to <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply> to apply.



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English at Pucklechurch

At Pucklechurch, we expect all children to read five times a week, regular reading is the key to expanding vocabulary and linking knowledge to develop connections, improved word recognition, builds fluency and secure understanding.

Reading should be logged in children's reading records or on the recording sheet, our target is 90% of all classes reading 5 times per week.

Each week children should be bringing home a 'Big Cat' book which matches their reading level and a 'Reading for Pleasure' book which the children can choose based on their interests. Children then have opportunities to change these books throughout the week, when they have practised reading them and built up their fluency.

During the week there are many opportunities to read, including Whole Class reading lessons where we focus on a specific reading skill such as: retrieval, inference, vocabulary and summarising. In our Guided reading sessions children read in small groups with an adult and answer specific questions about the text they have read. They will also apply a range of their reading skills to work independently on either a seen or unseen text. In smaller groups some children will also be having phonics sessions 5 times a week, 2 phonics and 3 reading sessions to help with recall and fluency. Little Wandle is our phonics scheme which promotes the learning of sounds, early reading skills and promotes a love of reading. It is important that children are regularly practising their sounds at home and these are being referred to when reading their 'Big Cat' books. At the front of these books it has the sounds which will be covered, along with tricky words the children may encounter when reading.

For our spelling scheme we use Essential Spellings, this focuses more on the teaching of spelling so that children understand how to apply patterns, strategies and knowledge to all words. It also provides links to prior knowledge and tracks back. It promotes spellers for life, rather than just learning spelling for a week. We have spelling lessons each day and a spelling test once a week.

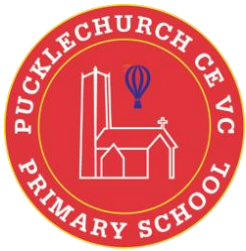
Maths at Pucklechurch

At Pucklechurch, we follow White Rose. Learning is broken down into small steps to embed knowledge through activities focussed on varied fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

A CPA approach where we use **concrete** resources such as counters and cubes before using **pictorial** representations followed by an **abstract** approach where children can apply what they know is used. In every Maths lesson, we use a See, Share, Do approach where the adults model the concept being taught before working through a question as a class. After this, the children will complete a question on their own. They might either continue to work independently or may be supported in a guided group.

We also have regular arithmetic and times table sessions where we focus on key number facts and calculation strategies. In our arithmetic sessions, the week's questions follow the same structure so that children know previously difficult questions will appear in the same position throughout the week.

For homework, children will receive questions based upon what they have been learning in class. KS1 are also expected to access Numbots and KS2 are expected to access TT Rockstars as part of their weekly homework. We award certificates in our achievement assembly on a Friday to celebrate successes using these programs.



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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?

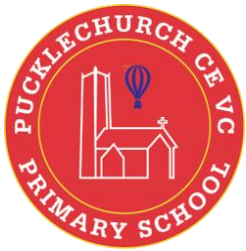
You can give them to your child to give to their class teacher or we will have a donations box in the office area to drop them into.

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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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

St. Thomas à Becket

Winter Fayre

Cakes
Christmas stall
Books
Tea and Coffee
and more!

11 - 2pm

Saturday 25th November

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Christmas Craft Market

SATURDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER
11AM-2PM

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