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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we focused on The Good Samaritan in our collective worship which links to our value of Friendship. We discussed how this bible story shows us how to live our lives and to help those in need. The children were very reflective, in our discussions about how they would take this forward in their school day and their home lives.

Today is our final day of reception's transition and they have settled in beautifully. Next week, they are in full time and we can't wait! We would love to invite reception parents in for coffee with SLT on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October after school drop off. This will be an informal opportunity to chat to us about your child's induction and ask any questions you may have about school life.

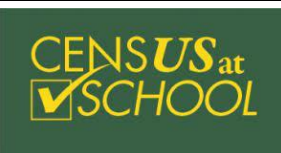
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel

### **Term 1 dates (subject to change, so please do check)**

- 24<sup>th</sup> September – EYFS Phonics session for parents 5pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> September - New EYFS 2025 open afternoon 2pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – New Reception 2025 open evening 5pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October - School Census (please book in for a meal)
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - New Reception 2025 open morning 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – KS1 Phonics information for Parents 5pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Reading parent workshop 9am
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Year 6 Mill on the Brue Residential
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – End of term

- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025



### **School Census**

It is the school census on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This is when we need the maximum number of children taking a school meal on this day, as this has an impact on our school funding. Please book a school meal for your children on this day - it will help massively!

Thank you

### **Class Attendance**

- Seacole SD –99.2%
- Armstrong MN – 91.8%
- Armstrong RF – 88.1%
- Newton MM –97.2%
- Newton SM – 97.8%
- King AS – 97.8%
- King IC – 93.9%
- King AB – 93.8%



### **Values Certificates**

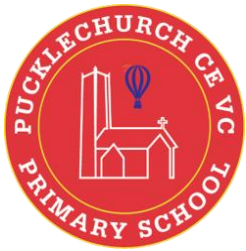
Every week, we award two children with a values certificate in our Celebration collective worship. They are children who have shown our value of the term and acted as a role model to others.

Well done to:

- Armstrong MN: Aubree & Safiya
- Armstrong RF: Clara & Joshua
- Newton MM: Archie & Immy
- Newton SM: Ellie & Isla
- King AS: Corban & Holly
- King IC: Connor & Ivy
- King AB: Jenson & Zander

### **EYFS Phonics workshop**

Mrs Davis will be running a phonics workshop for parents on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 5-5.45pm which will be run virtually. We really encourage all parents and carers to attend because it is a great opportunity to find out about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home with their reading. If you would like to attend the workshop please let the office or Mrs Davis know and you will be sent a link.



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## Reading

Seacole – 40%  
Armstrong MN – 60%  
Armstrong RF – 63%  
Newton MM – 70%  
Newton SM – 71%  
King AS – 60%  
King IC – 94%  
King AB - 100%



## Numbots

EYFS and KS1 have been working

hard at improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Well done to these children for completing the next stage

Eddie – Armstrong MN

Mia – Armstrong RF



## 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. Erica – King AB
2. Rory – King AB
3. Aleena – King AB

## 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 October 2024.

[www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions)

## Starting School



## Reception 2025

If you have a child starting in September 2025 and would like to come along to

our open visits, these will be on:

30<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

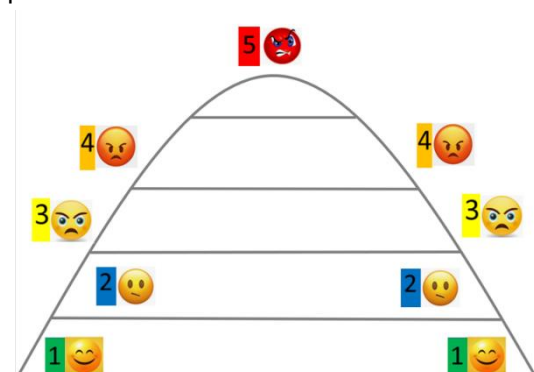
2<sup>nd</sup> October 5pm

10<sup>th</sup> October 9am

Please contact the school office to book a place.

## Well-being

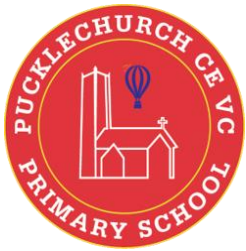
Well-being is an absolute priority at Pucklechurch. Just like English and maths, we make time each day for reflection and mindful practices. We teach the children strategies to help them to calm should they feel themselves beginning to rise up the 5 point scale. Find out more about the concept by clicking this link: <https://www.5pointscale.com/>. We teach the children that the 5 point scale is a curve rather than a ladder so that they see that whatever point they reach, it is always possible to return back to a calmer state.



We also teach the children reflective, mindful techniques to support them with refocusing on learning and turning off all 'noise' and slowing right down so that they can just be. Even though they may already be focussed and ready to learn during the reflection session, just like with any lesson, it equips them with the skills for whenever they need them.

We use techniques such as finger tracing, breathing techniques, gratitude practices, 'Draw your breath' as well as responding to music.

Ask your child/ren which they find most effective.



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## Safeguarding

With the start of the new year, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our school safeguarding team to new parents as well as remind all parents who to contact if you have a concern about a child.



Our safeguarding leads are Mrs Capel, Mrs Jones, Mrs Davis and Mrs Brooker. If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please do speak to one of them. In addition, we have two safeguarding governors – our Chair of Governors: Duncan Light and our safeguarding governor: Laura Sutton.

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, if you have concerns about your own personal circumstances, 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/>

## Harvest Food bank donations wish list

Harvest is soon approaching and we have been fortunate enough this week to have a visit from our local foodbank who we are collecting for this year. They have shared a list of foods which will be greatly appreciated Please can donations be handed into class teachers by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. All donations are greatly appreciated.

The poster features three columns of food items under the heading 'HARVEST COLLECTION'. Each item is accompanied by a small image and a label. The items include:
 

- Column 1:** Tinned Cuscutard, Tinned Meat Meals, Tinned Sweetcorn, Andrex Toilet Roll, Instant Noodles, Deodorant, Hobnob's Biscuits, Fairy Washing Up Liquid.
- Column 2:** Tinned Carrots, Vegetarian Soup, Tinned Pulses, Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup, Nappies (Sizes 5 & 6), Dairy Milk Chocolate Bars.
- Column 3:** Tinned Meals (Meat, Vegetarian or Vegan please), Tinned Potatoes, Rice, Bars of Soap, Palmolive Soap, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life UHT Milk.

 At the bottom of each column, there is a QR code and the text 'switch our harvest video'. The poster also includes contact information for the foodbank and the inHope project.