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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been busy in school with lots of planning for Christmas. We will let you know about tickets for the KS1 performance and KS2 service in due course but each family will be entitled to 2 tickets. We have also taken on board parental feedback for the KS2 service and arranged to have two services this year to allow for children to have 2 people attend. We have also moved the service to the day, as many children/families have been unable to attend in the past. We hope this works well this year but, as always, we will review it.

Welcome back to the Year 6's who have been at Mill on the Brue this week. A huge thank you to Mr Pitt and Mrs Brooker for giving up their time to take them away on camp. It is a real right of passage for these children and we know it's a real opportunity for them to challenge themselves and go outside of their comfort zones. As we would expect, their excellent behaviour was acknowledged which is a delight. Well done to all of you and let's hope you have a lovely weekend recovering from a very busy week.

Wishing you all a wonderful

Mrs Capel

Parent Governor

As you are aware, nominations were recently held for a new parent governor. Thank you so much to those of you who voted and a huge thank you for putting yourself forward. It is really much appreciated!

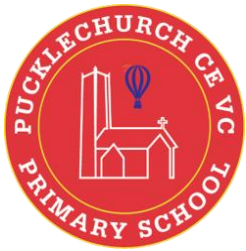
We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jo Marsh has been appointed as our new parent governor. Congratulations and thank you for supporting our school.

Term 2 dates

- 10th November – Parent coffee morning – all welcome 9am (please let the office know if you can attend)
- 17th November – Children in Need day £1 donation
- 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



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Careers Day is a day that the children have enjoyed in the past and is an opportunity for them to learn about roles in the world or work beyond those they may already know.

This year's Careers Day will be in February (postponed from Term 2) and we would love for any parents to come and tell the children a little more about their job.

Even if it seems ordinary to you, the children are always fascinated to gain an insight into the 'grown-up' world of work! They like to know about how you qualify for certain jobs, what your 'normal' day looks like as well as any interesting uniform or special equipment that you have! Please let the office know if you're able to spare just a little bit of time to tell the children more.

Class Attendance

Seacole SD – 96.7%
Armstrong MN – 98.4%
Armstrong IC – 94.5%
Newton BM – 96.1%
Newton JB – 95.3%
Newton RF – 93.8%
King AB – 92.6%



Reading

Seacole –70%
Armstrong MN -66%
Armstrong IC 52%
Newton BM – 56%
Newton JB –50%
Newton RF –66%
King AB – 81%



Numbots

EYFS and KS1 have been working hard at improving their maths skills using Numbots.

Most practice this week:

1. Zack Armstrong MN
2. Maison Armstrong MN
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. Erica King AB
2. Annika King AB
3. Sam Newton RF

Guide Dog Visit

On Wednesday 22nd November, we will be visited in school by Guide Dog Trainers from the charity 'Guide Dogs' to talk to the children about training guide dogs and how they help people around the UK who are registered blind or visually impaired. The children will also be learning more about Braille.



The visit will also include two extra special guests – a trained guide dog called Celia and a trainee puppy called Freda. The visit has been thoroughly risk assessed and we know that most children will be excited to meet the dogs and their trainers. However, if you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Jones.

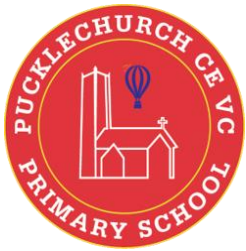
Remembrance

To mark this year's Remembrance Sunday, there will be poppies and other Royal Legion merchandise on sale in school from Monday 6th November while stocks last. We will be selling poppies, wrist bands and zip tags. If children would like to make a purchase, they should bring in the exact amount as the monitors who are selling the items will not be able to issue change.



Poppies will be 50p and wristbands & zip tags will be £1.

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Children in Need

Friday 17th 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.



Anti-bullying Week

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.



Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, you can check if you are eligible and apply using the link below. If you are eligible for free school meals, your child will get free school meals beyond year 2 but will also be eligible for support within school including financial support with educational trips and visits or the purchase of new school uniform. Please contact the school office or Mrs Jones if you would like further information or support with completing the paperwork.

https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

PTA Christmas Present Sale



Every year the PTA runs a Christmas Present Sale which gives pupils the opportunity to choose Christmas gifts for their parents/carers. The children get lots of enjoyment from choosing their own presents and keeping it a secret until Christmas Day! (We wrap and label the presents for them.)

The choosing of gifts takes place during a school day in December.

Pupils who take part choose one gift for each parent/carer, however we allow each child the opportunity to choose up to 4 gifts in case they have step-parents or other significant people in their life that they'd like to buy for.

Please note, the gifts are bought with adults in mind and aren't particularly suitable for children/siblings.

If you would like your child to take part, please book online at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/pucklechurch

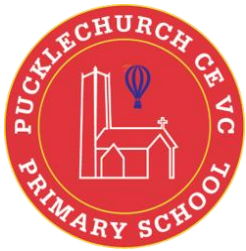
If you are new to the PTA website, you will need to register the first time you use it.

Gifts are £3 each

Please note a small booking fee will be added to cover admin charges.

The **deadline** for bookings is midnight on **Monday 6th November**.

Thank you in advance
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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?

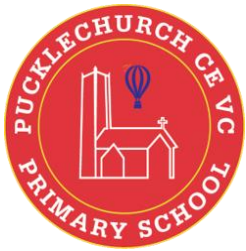
You can give them to your child to give to their class teacher or we will have a donations box in the office area to drop them into.

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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South Glos Parents and Carers

South Glos Parents and Carers (SGPC) work with schools and families across South Gloucestershire to offer support and information in a way that suits you. Click on the yellow QR code to book any the workshops and courses they are offering throughout November. They are completely free but do fill up so, if you see one you're interested in, book on before it 'sells out'. **Just use the code: AUTUMN at checkout.** Alternatively, if you would like to attend their drop-in sessions, click on the blue/green QR code to find out where your nearest drop in session is.



Here are a list of face to face courses in November. Please note the location when you book.

8th November 2023 10am – Understanding and Supporting Communication (age 5-25)

15th November 2023 10am – Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

22nd November 2023 10am – Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences

28th November 2023 10am – Understanding and Supporting Communication (age 0-5)

There is also a '360° Approach to...' workshop which is virtual and are run by various different professionals. They are completely free. **Just use the code: AUTUMN at checkout.**

A 360° Approach to Dyslexia - Tuesday, 14th November 2023

Lucy Fletcher (teacher and dyslexia assessor) leads the workshop and will cover:

- What is dyslexia?
- How does dyslexia co-occur with other neurotypical difficulties?
- How can I support my child at home?
- How can I access further support?
- What are the pros and cons of getting a full diagnostic assessment



To book your space visit [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-360-approach-to-sleep-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-360-approach-to-sleep-tickets-717750570277?aff=oddtcreator)

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