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Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in collective worship we celebrated Harvest with each of our classes sharing a piece of work. The children considered how fortunate we are to have such wonderful fruit, vegetables and other delicious food and we talked about being grateful for this.

As we have mentioned previously, we have been fortunate enough 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 17th October. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who booked a school meal yesterday for Census day. 128 meals were booked. This really helps towards our funding and we appreciate all of your support!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel

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

- 10th October - New Reception 2025 open morning 9am
- 10th October – KS1 Phonics information for Parents 5pm
- 17th October – Reading parent workshop 9am
- 17th October – PTA Conkerama 3.30pm
- 21st October – Year 6 Mill on the Brue Residential
- 25th October – End of term

Term 2 dates

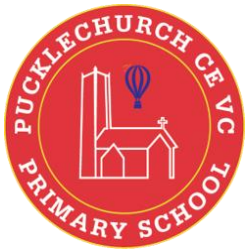
- 7th November – School Photos – Individual & Siblings (please note change of date)
- 13th November – Flu Immunisations
- 15th November – Children in Need
- 25th November – Math's Parent Workshop 9am
- WC 26th November – Learning meetings
- 28th November – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
- 3rd December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance to parents 2pm
- 4th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance to parents 9am
- 5th December – Whole School Panto – Please pay via arbor
- 11th December – KS2 Church carol services to parents 2pm
- 12th December – KS2 Church carol services to parents 9am

Important dates for your calendar for next year: Sports Day: 25th June

Reserve Sports Day: 2nd July

- 4th November 2024
- 31st January 2025
- 24th February 2025
- 27th June 2025





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Morning Office

Please note that at the start of the day, the office team are dealing with attendance and lunches. All non-urgent requests will be dealt with afterwards or you may leave a message. Please also help by arriving on time to school as a lot of time is being taken up signing children in and taking them to class.

Many thanks for your understanding during this busy period in the morning.

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.



Remember, children should not have access to these apps until they have reached the correct age.

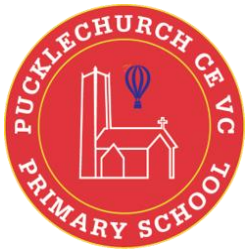
Our School Vision

At Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School, children, through their learning, are given the opportunity to appreciate God's given gifts they and others have. This is achieved through our vision of 'Aspire, believe and achieve' where we recognise that all children should aspire and let their light shine in all that do. We celebrate the Psalm **"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven"** Matthew 5:16 because we know that all children and staff should be given the opportunity to let their light shine as they raise their aspiration in their everyday lives.

Reception 2025

We have now completed 2 out of 3 prospective parent sessions and it is always delightful to remind ourselves how wonderful the school and the children are. A huge well done to Caitlyn, Oscar and Henrietta who spoke at these sessions and helped to take the prospective parents around. They wrote their own speeches about the school which were brilliant – well done!

Our final show around is on 10th October at 9am. Please do book on via the office and pass onto your friends if this is relevant.



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Reading

Seacole – 55%
Armstrong MN – 70%
Armstrong RF – 70%
Newton MM – 53%
Newton SM – 61 %
King AS – 95%
King IC – 88%
King AB - 100%



Class Attendance

Seacole SD –96.1%
Armstrong MN – 93.5%
Armstrong RF – 92.8%
Newton MM –97.1%
Newton SM – 96.6%
King AS – 96.6%
King IC – 92.4%
King AB – 94.4%



Communication at Pucklechurch

As a school we place great importance on having open and honest communication with all of our families and we believe this is essential for our school to be the best it can be. This communication comes in many forms and can feel overwhelming at times so we thought it would be useful to tell you what you can expect from us. We do choose to repeat the same information in different ways to try and assist people who don't like facebook or newsletter.

Learning meetings

All families will be offered face to face meetings with your child's class teacher. These will be in term 2, 4 and 6.

Reports

Rather than sharing just one long report at the end of the year, we choose to write 3 one-page reports for you when you attend learning meetings so that you know how your child is getting along at school.

Emails to parents

You can email your child's class teacher about anything to do with your child 's academic progress or anything else that you are worried about or think they need to know. Anything that is more to do with lost belongings, details about pick-ups, time off and lunches etc can be emailed to the office team instead. There is a separate absence email which should be used for absence@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk – please only email this address for any absence.

Facebook

Our school Facebook is a place where we celebrate lots of brilliant things and we also share details about events and reminders on there. Please join our page if you haven't already. This is a closed page and you will need to request to join.

Website

This is where you will find information about of vision and values, term dates, inset dates, policies and our curriculum.

Weekly newsletter

We email a weekly newsletter home each week with lots of information so please make sure you read this and refer to these as a first port of call.

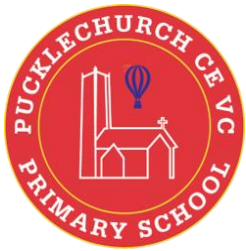
Phone/email/speaking to the teacher

As mentioned earlier you can email your teacher if you aren't at school much but you can also phone to make an appointment or to speak them after school. If you are doing the school run then you can catch the teacher on the door before or after school too but obviously their priority will be greeting the children in the mornings and making sure everyone leaves the classes safely at the end of the day.

Medium Term Plans

Class teacher's email out Medium Term Plans for the term so that you know what the class are learning.

Parent workshops



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We run parent workshops for you to come in, hear about an area of the curriculum and normally spend time in the classroom with your child.

My Support Plans

These are in place for some children and teachers meet with parents throughout the year to review these and ensure parents are happy and understand the support in place as well as add their perspective to their child's progress.

Parking



Please remember that the car park is for staff and those with permission from the school. If you have a Pucklechurch parking permit please ensure this is on your dashboard. Please do not park in our school car park without this. Some staff arrive just before the school day starts and there are no spaces left for them to park in. Thank you



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

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets have been sent home today with your children.

Please can you check that all the information is correct, signed and returned to the office. Please do not return to teachers.

Thank you.

Sporting Success

Well done to Elsa for receiving her grading for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. We are very proud of you!



Wellbeing

Each week, one of our Collective Worship is centred around 'Awe and Wonder'. During this assembly, we share an image and consider what it means to us and what it makes us think about. The children pose big questions and it's wonderful to see the many directions that one simple image can take them.

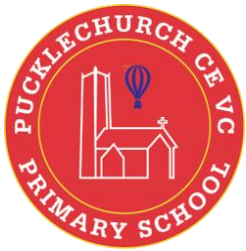
This week, the image was the sunset or sunrise below. We talked about how the amount of daylight each day is decreasing as we get towards winter; we shared experiences of how sometimes, often on holiday, we enjoy a sunset on a beach with other holiday makers and, when the sun finally disappears seemingly behind the sea, people on the beach clap and cheer.



We talked about why people might clap after something that occurs every single day and the children suggested that it might be a way of showing appreciation for a number of things: the beautiful sunset or on a personal level, 'another good day'. Some children felt that it might be a way of thanking God for the sunset and the world around them.

One child remarked that whenever they look at the sunrise or sunset, they liked the fact that other people could see the same thing and it made them feel connected to friends and family and sometimes complete strangers and it made them happy. Others agreed that connecting with others is an important way to feel good and one which certainly helps our well-being.





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Pucklechurch PTA Presents

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**Thursday
17th October**

Join us for

**CRAFTS | CAKES | HOT DOGS |
HOT CHOCOLATE | GAMES**