

Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been the loveliest couple of days. Having the whole school back together has been absolutely brilliant and it definitely feels so positive. The children have come back in so settled – despite the changes we have needed to put in place and they have constant smiles on their faces. The staff are so happy to see all of them and it just feels so lovely to be back together again. For you as parents, I know this can be a mixed time of emotions, which I can totally relate to – please do take a moment and think about how much you have achieved during this time. It's been hard on us all and it really is important for you to congratulate yourself for getting here. We are really proud of how our Pucklechurch family have handled this whole period of time.

We know it isn't quite how it used to be and we, along with the children, are working through the new ways of working. We review our risk assessment weekly and make changes as they come up so will let you know of any key changes we make as the time goes on.

We have been running our virtual collective worship this week and talked about our theme of Friendship. We discussed the story of The Good Samaritan which most of our children are now very familiar with. They showed such kindness when discussing the need for kindness and friendship – these are values the children show each other and us every day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Capel

Dates for the diary 2020-2021

We have detailed below some key dates planned for the school year. As with everything, this is subject to Government guidance at the moment, so may need to be changed/cancelled.

Term 1 – no parental attendance at any events unfortunately

18th September - Genes for Jeans day

8th October - School Photos (TBC)

Harvest 22nd October – held in school

Term 2

9-12th November – Learning Meeting week

24th November – Maths workshop – parents invited to attend

8th December – KS1 Nativity performance am

9th December – KS1 Nativity performance pm

14th December – KS2 Carol service evening

Term 3

13th January - Reading workshop – parents invited to attend

Term 4

4th March – Writing workshop – parents invited to attend as part of World Book Day

15th March – Learning meeting week

23rd March – Year 3/4 performance am

24th March - Year 3/4 performance pm

1st April – Easter service – parents invited to attend

Term 5

22nd April – Reception Grandparents afternoon tea

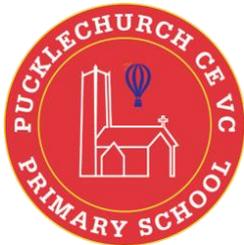
Term 6

21st June – Learning meeting week

23rd June – Sports Day

13th June – Year 5/6 performance pm

14th June – Year 5/6 performance evening



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Welcome back!

It's lovely to see you all again. Here is what you have been doing in class.

Well done Armstrong JJ for a fantastic two days back at Pucklechurch! It has been so lovely seeing you enjoy being back with your friends again. You have all settled really well and I hope you are looking forward to lots of learning next week!



We've had a lovely first week back and have enjoyed creating a story map and rehearsing our section for 'On a Magical Do-Nothing Day'.



Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back! We have been busy enjoying our whole school story 'On a Magical



Do-Nothing Day', creating some lovely pieces of art using outdoor materials and even writing part of the story and acting it out! It has been lovely all being together again and the children have shown how fantastic they are by getting stuck in! Well done Newton SM.



It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 5 back to school. We have been very busy this week enjoying all our transition activities, we particularly enjoyed creating our oil pastel master pieces in art this week. King NO are all looking forward to a year of hard work, great achievements and lots of fun!



The reception children have had a fantastic start. The stay and play sessions with parents and carers were a huge success. The children have been exploring their new environment - drawing, playing in the sand, taking part in role play in the construction area, reading books and making new friends. I am extremely proud of how they said good-bye to their parents/carers on Thursday! What a great start!



Welcome back Armstrong AC! We have had a fantastic week welcoming you all back into Year 2 and can't wait for the year ahead. We have been really impressed with your amazing behaviour for learning – keep it up! This week, we have loved writing our own version of part of the story 'A Magical Do Nothing Day' and thinking of lots of super adjectives. We've also been busy creating some snail art work to accompany the story. What great drawing and colouring skills you have!



Wow Year 4! What a great start to the new school year. We've enjoyed a



brand new collective worship style and learnt some words in Makaton. Ask your child how to say 'You've got a friend'! We're looking forward to getting stuck in to our theme 'Vikings-Friend or Foe?' next week.



Year 6 have had a fantastic start back to school this week! They have been engaged, excited and full of ideas for all 3 days; they have particularly enjoyed creating a whole class narrative and exploring oil pastels



and sketching in art. Miss Coleman was very pleased to see you all and was incredibly impressed with your mature attitude in regards to your return to school. Well done Year 6!



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Homework

Our homework this term will focus on spellings, reading and timetables. Below we have outlined the expectations

Spellings

To reduce books being brought into school we will be emailing your child's spelling rules which they will need to practise each week, you will receive the terms worth of spellings rather than weekly emails and each Thursday we will be carrying out our spelling test. The children will receive a homework book which they can bring in each Thursday to record this.

Reading

We will be continuing our reading 5 times per week, the children's reading records will be brought in checked each Friday and stamped. On Friday please can children bring in any reading books they have finished reading so these can be quarantined over the weekend. Children will be able to visit the library on this day where they can find new reading books. We will also be reading with your child as part of group guided reading, please can children bring in their reading records so we can share their progress of the session with you.

Timetable Rockstars

We will continue to monitor the children's timetables on Timetable table Rockstars. If you are unable to find your child's login details please contact your child's class teacher who will get it for you.



Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021



Congratulations to Miss Coleman's Top Rockers this week!

These 3 students have accessed TT Rockstars the most out of everyone in the

whole school this week:

Natalee – Armstrong AC, Rory – Armstrong AC, Ben – Newton SM



Breakfast and After School Club will be running from Monday 7th September.

Places can be booked through parent pay which is now up and ready as usual.

Fruit

We are really pleased to announce that KS1 fruit will be starting again on Tuesday 8th September, children will be able to enjoy a snack during their break. However, you are more than welcome to bring in your own fruit or snack if you wish.





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PE Lessons

As you may already be aware, on the days that the children are having a PE lesson, they will be able to come to school wearing their school PE kit (red t-shirt and dark bottoms). Please find below details on when each class will be doing PE in September.



Monday	Year 4 Year 5 Year 1 - Miss Jones Year 2 Reception
Tuesday	Year 3 Year 6 Year 1 - Mr Ford
Wednesday	Year 4 Year 1 - Miss Jones Reception
Thursday	Year 3 Year 5 Year 2
Friday	Year 6 Year 1 - Mr Ford



Reminders

Just a few reminders for our new ways of working in school:

- Please can only one parent accompany children in (with the exception of reception at this stage)
- Children need to have hair tied back
- Children need to bring in water bottles
- Children should not be bringing in bags – only lunch boxes

We are working hard to keep everyone safe and if you can help with the points above, that really helps us all.



We are really excited to launch our new hubs with the children, the children have really enjoyed learning about how their new hub name was chosen based on aspirational figures.

In Reception we have 'Seacole hub' based on Mary Jane Seacole who showed compassion during the Crimean war.

In Year 1 and 2 we have 'Armstrong hub' based on Neil Armstrong who showed commitment and courage to become the first man to walk on the moon.

In Year 3 and 4 we have 'Newton hub' based on Sir Isaac Newton who showed persistence and determination when discovering gravity.

In Year 5 and 6 we have 'King hub' based on Martin Luther King Jr who was a spokesman for Black civil rights.

We will be exploring our figures in more detail throughout the term and embracing our new hubs!