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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first week of school is complete and how amazing it has been. To have the children all coming together in collective worship has been wonderful. We have been able to share our values and think about the new value of the term 'friendship'. The children talked about the story of the Good Samaritan in class collective worship and how that demonstrated friendship – and equally, how it didn't.

Today was our first celebration assembly where we could celebrate the children who achieved our values certificates for demonstrating our values in their school life. I know that the teachers struggled to choose someone as the children have been amazing. We finally were able to get together again and have hot chocolate with Mrs Capel to celebrate in the staff room. What a wonderful way to end the week!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Capel

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

17th September – Genes for Jeans day
7th October - School Census
11th-15th October – Year 6 Mill on the Brue Residential
21st October – Flu Immunisations
22nd October – End of Term 1

Term 2

4th November – Diwali
12th November – Children in Need
3rd December – PTA Christmas Fair
10th December – Christmas Jumper Day



1st November 2021
4th January 2022
18th February 2022
6th June 2022

Change to term dates



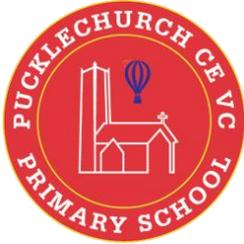
We have now been advised that to compensate for the fact that the additional

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday will fall in the already agreed midterm break, the school year will now end on Thursday 21 July 2022 rather than Friday 22 July.



Important dates through the year

22nd October – Harvest Performance
8th December – KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
9th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
13th December – KS2 Church Carol Service
8th April – Easter Service in the Church
22nd June – Sports Day



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 <h3><u>Reception 2022</u></h3> <p>If you have a child starting in September 2022 and would like to come along to our open visits, these will be on:</p> <p>6th October 5.00 – 6.00 18th October 9.00 – 10.00 21st October 2.00 – 3.00</p>	 <h3><u>Y6 Parents - Secondary School Transition</u></h3> <p>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 31st October 2020.</p> <p>https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs</p>
 <h3><u>School Census - Thursday 7th October</u></h3> <p>Our menu will be Fish Fingers.</p> <p>We would like as many children as possible to have a school meal as this helps our funding. We would really appreciate your support with this so if you can, please book in.</p>	<h3><u>End of term money raised</u></h3>  <p>The end of term celebrations raised £105.70, which combined with the fabulous school council 'break the rules day' fundraising efforts means we will be purchasing 3 new picnic benches. Thank you and well done!</p>
 <h3><u>Uniform</u></h3> <p>Most children are looking brilliant in their uniform both on PE days and full uniform days. Just a reminder that our school colour for jumpers is red – this doesn't have to have the school logo on but please ensure your child is wearing a red jumper on PE days as well as full uniform days.</p> <p>Thanks for your support with this.</p>	 <h3><u>Fire Update</u></h3> <p>As you have seen the replacement lean-to in the Reception area has been replaced, although there has been issues with the supply chain and we have temporary window and doors. We have been advised that the actual windows and doors will be fitted the week before October half term. The final works will take place over the half term holiday which will include replacing the playhouse and landscaping.</p> <p>Once this is complete, we will know how much the insurance company will be paying and therefore how much money will be left in the community fundraising to cover the replacement materials we have already purchased from our school budget. We will keep you posted and let you know what we then decide to spend the money on, once we are in a position to do so.</p>



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Values Certificates

Well done to our certificate winners this week who got to share hot chocolate with Mrs Capel for demonstrating our school values.



Reading

As part of the children's home learning we ask that children read 5 times per week to build up children's fluency in reading and allow them to build up their reading skills. We will monitor each week your child's reading and at the end of term, if they have read 5 times each week, we will be awarding the children with a certificate and entering them into a draw to win a book voucher! It was lovely to see all of the children excited to see who will win our reading trophy next win!



Jeans for Genes

We will be taking part in this year's **Jeans for Genes Day next Friday 17th September**. 1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. That's like one in every class. By wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children.

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans. We'd like everyone to take part so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing their jeans and with a £1 donation. If your child does not have jeans, they can wear other trousers and still make a donation. Normal school uniform should be worn on their tops.

Jeans for Genes Day have a series of powerful films to explain how your child's donation will make a difference. Please visit jeansforgenes.org/schools for more information and to view these films. If you'd like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at jeansforgenes.org.

Reception garden

Miss Davies would like to develop the reception garden, her current project is 'dinosaur land' and a construction area. If you have anything to donate it would be much appreciated. Here are some examples:





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As I'm sure you're aware, all pupils in reception, year one or year two in primary schools are entitled to 'universal' free school meals. This is not the same as 'Free School Meals' (FSM). Pupils that are eligible for free school meals receive additional funding called 'Pupil Premium.'

In our school if your child is entitled to Free School meals, your child will get support with other aspects of school life not just the free school meal.

If you apply and are eligible even if at some point your circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for the actual free school meal – you will receive the Pupil Premium funding for six years. Please see the attached flyer and application form for further information.

Please call the office and ask to speak with Mr Thomson if you have any further questions.