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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's the most wonderful time... Christmas in a primary school is certainly the most wonderful time and it's so lovely to hear songs starting to fill the corridors and see the rehearsals well underway. The corridors have been decorated this week with the children's traditional decorations and it really adds to the special Christmas feel.

Whilst Covid certainly hasn't gone away, we are doing our very best to maintain Christmas so we do really hope you can support us with this. A reminder that we can only have one family member attend the KS1 nativity and the KS2 Christmas service. We want to give you maximum space whilst having these special times. We also do ask that you bring your ticket along for entry - please don't pass them onto someone else, as we have to be fair to all and only have the one family member. Finally, we aren't going to ask for proof of LFTs as we know some schools are doing - we will trust that you've done this and that you're happy to wear a mask (unless exempt) throughout the whole time in church/school. We are sorry to be so strict but we want to protect our Pucklechurch family always and ensure safety is paramount in all we do.

Next week we have our whole school trip and it'll be lovely to take the children to the theatre again. We still have about 30 families who haven't paid which will impact on our fund considerably so if you haven't paid, we would really appreciate it - please do get in touch if you're struggling and we can help in anyway.

Finally, don't forget the Christmas box for cards is now in place and ready for collecting your cards.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Capel

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

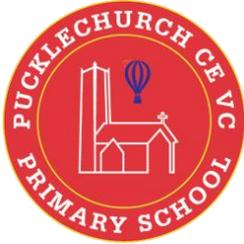
8th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
9th December - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance
10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
10th December – Whole school theatre trip
10th December – School Council Dance Battle final
13th December – Christmas Present Sale
13th December – Reception Christmas lunch
13th December – KS2 Church Carol Service
14th December – KS1 Christmas lunch
15th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas lunch
16th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas lunch
17th December – School Council Yes Day!
17th December – End of Term 2



4th January 2022
18th February 2022
6th June 2022

School Dinners

Unfortunately due to staff absence in the kitchen, Intrega will be unable to provide hot meals again next week. They will be offering Jacket Potatoes and ready-made sandwiches.



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Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the North Bristol Foodbank's reverse advent calendar this year. They wanted to extend their thanks to each and every one of our families who donated (some more than once) to this great cause.

You can all feel proud that you helped give another family the Christmas that they deserve.

Thanks and well done to Equities Crew who helped the foodbank staff load the donations into their car.



Values Certificate

Well done to this week's

certificate winners who all enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mr Thomson in the staffroom.



Reading

This week's results are:

- Armstrong RF – 47%
- Armstrong AM – 38%
- Armstrong MN – 66%
- Newton JB – 63%
- Newton GJ – 82%
- King AB – 93%
- King SBG – 63%



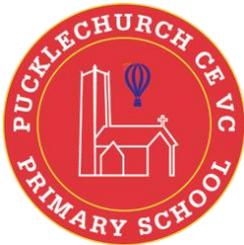
Well done to King AB with a score of 93% Can any other year groups meet our target of 90% next week? Don't forget that reading regularly is part of our homework expectations.

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. Ellie - May (King SGB)
2. Sebastian (King AB)
3. Ben (Newton GJ)



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Thank you for our Christmas Tree!

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Elmwood Garden Centre** who kindly donated a beautiful Christmas Tree to the school. Also, they kindly delivered the tree to the school. The tree has been decorated by children across the school and it looks fantastic in our school hall.



Thank you for our second Christmas Tree!

We would like to say a huge thank you to **St Aldams Nursery** who also kindly donated a beautiful Christmas Tree to the school. They also kindly delivered the tree to the school! The tree has been decorated by children from Diversity Crew and it has been entered into the Christmas Tree competition at St. Thomas a Becket church. Please feel free to visit our entry any time in the next week (see details below).



SEND Coffee Morning

SEND coffee morning is returning on Monday 6th December 9:30 am-10:30am at Pucklechurch Primary School. Speech and language therapist Sally Grynyer will be joining us to talk about all things related to speech, language, social communication and autism. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions around speech, language and communication. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some mince pies with time to chat, mingle and ask Sally lots of questions. It would be great to see lots of you there.



Communication and autism. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions around speech, language and communication. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some mince pies with time to chat, mingle and ask Sally lots of questions. It would be great to see lots of you there.

Guest Visitor

On Monday morning the children welcomed Rev. Richard Westcott in our Collective Worship. He spoke to us about God's generosity and how we should show others this love and kindness. Our children listened so well and were incredibly respectful.



Thank you Rev. Richard Westcott for your time

Did you know?

Every single one of us has a unique fingerprint. No one has the same. Each one is unique, different and special.



Equities Crew were proud to officially hand over all of the school's generous donations to the food bank this week! They have also been helping the school realise that, although we are deserve equal rights in school, we are all amazingly different and unique, too! Well done to Equities Crew for leading our collective worship, which gave us time to reflect on

what makes us special.





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Active crew

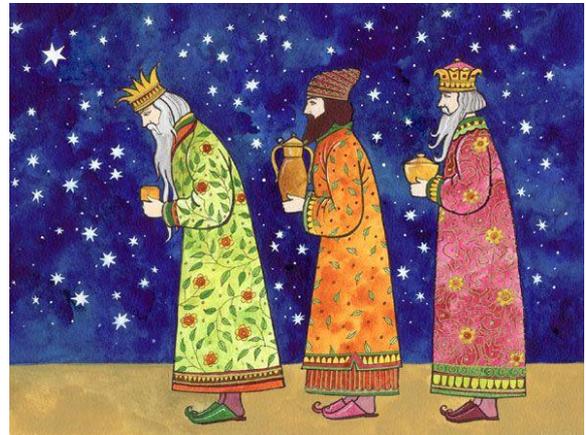
Active crew have been working hard devising a range of activities for the children at school to play at break time. Last week, we had a trial of cones and domes and over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to practise new games open to all children at break time.

Generosity

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

As Christmas draws closer, we are all busy doing Christmas shopping and getting ready for the big day. It's also a good time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and why we do the things we do. We give gifts because of the wise men gave their gifts to Jesus. They gave the best of their treasures to baby Jesus. Generosity flowed because they knew this baby was special- a new born king!

As you wrap the gifts for your friends and family, let us remember the generosity of the three wise men. Are we giving good gifts to our family and friends? We don't have to spend lots of money to be generous, if our gifts are meaningful and thoughtful- they can be of much more value than expensive and extravagant gifts.



Dear god, thank you for coming to earth as Jesus to show us how to live. Thank you for all the good gifts we already have. Help us to give with generous hearts this Christmas season. Help us to remember the poor and hungry in this time as well.

Amen