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Welcome back to Term 6. I am not sure I would ever have predicted a period of time quite like this one, but I do really try and see the positives of this time.

I am immensely proud of how well you are all doing at home – I almost think some of you might want to change career! The array of activities that you share with us and tell us about is amazing and you should be so proud. The juggling that many of you are still having to do after a long period of time is brilliant and don't forget what a great role model you are showing your children – please don't underestimate how fantastic this is.

The children coming back to school has been incredible. I know that so many of you were worried and anxious but they have settled back in as though they've just had their summer holidays.

The key worker children have continued to be amazing, coming into school and working hard. We are trying hard to make this more structured which as you can appreciate is tricky with children from a range of year groups, but they are adapting well to this.

The children are all demonstrating our school values consistently and without even considering it. They really are remarkable.

Being in school definitely feels different now that we have so many more children in. It's been a challenge putting so many changes in place but the adults have made it the loving place it always is. We have loved seeing the the children and we have our fingers firmly crossed that our whole school community will be back together soon, when it is safe to do so.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs Capel

In school

Some parents have been asking about sending their children back in the next few weeks. Clearly we want to have as many children back into school, which is why we have done our very best to have all suggested year groups back, which many schools haven't been able to do but with numbers increasing in key workers groups along with classes, this is challenging for us. However, it may come to a time when we simply don't have enough room or enough adults under the current constraints to increase our groups any further. Our first priority has to be keeping the children and the staff safe.

Some parents have asked about their children being part time in the Reception/Year 1 or Year 6 classes. The guidance is that children are returning to school so if you do take a place, we would be expecting them to attend every day (except for illness). This ensures a continuity of their education and sequencing of learning but also provides a routine for them. There are no fines for not returning at all.

Key worker children do not need to attend and take up their place if they can be looked after at home safely.

Other parents have asked what to do if their child forgets something. Please do not return to the classroom. Teachers should not be opening up doors to you or taking over items. Please do your very best not to have to return with items, but if it does happen, please bring it to the office and leave in the foyer. We will ensure your child can then come and collect it.

Gates are now opened automatically for the staggered drop offs and collections. Please remember that you shouldn't be coming into the school grounds earlier than that timing so please do wait at the gates until the time of collection/drop off comes.





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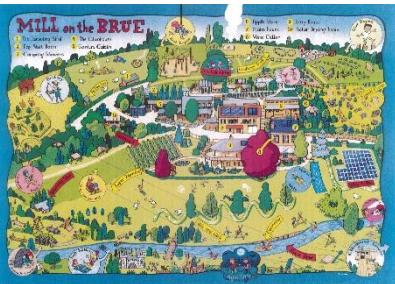
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Year 5 Parents – Mill on the Brue

We have been trying to find out how we stand with this and payments already made, if it becomes necessary to cancel. Unfortunately we haven't got a firm answer about this yet as we are having to check insurance etc..



Please do not make any further payments (we know some of you have done so) as we hope to come out to you all soon with a clearer response. We have been working hard but understandably the priority is to deal with those who are booked in for term 6.



Year 6 Hoodies

These have now arrived. A huge thank you to Mrs Spittles for organising these! It is much appreciated.

We will be giving these out to the children in school on Monday. If your child isn't attending school, you can come and collect the hoodie but we ask that you call and make an arrangement to do so.

Unfortunately, the children cannot wear them every day as we would normally see happening as the guidance says children need to wear different clothes each day so we know they have been washed. We are going to suggest they wear them every Monday but we are happy to take parental thoughts about this. We are really ever so sorry that they can't wear them every day.

Home learning – we need your help

In school, we are updating our subject boards and we would love to use work that the children have been producing at home. Unfortunately, we can't accept paper copies of anything but we wondered if you could email their work to us and we can then put up on the boards. When they return to school, they will be able to see their amazing work. We will also add work produced in school too.

We are looking for photos of work that show:

Art, Computing, French or Spanish, DT (cooking, word work, sewing etc..)

Geography, History, Maths, Music, PSHE (mindfulness activities etc)
RE, Reading, Science, Writing, PE

Please send any work you have to the office and they will forward on to the relevant teacher. We would like full photos of their work – you can put extra photos of the children with the work too, if you like. If your child can add a couple of sentences of what they are doing, why they enjoyed it etc.. that would be great.

We will post photos in the newsletter about how the boards are coming on so you can see your child can see their work on display!



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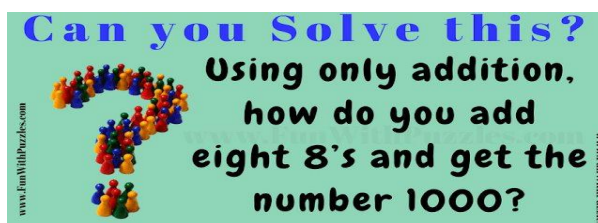
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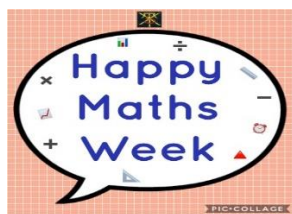
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Maths Challenge!

Miss Coleman's weekly Maths challenge! Can you and your family solve this? Answer revealed next Friday, good luck!



Maths Week!



Next year at Pucklechurch, there will be a Maths week. We will be exploring Maths across the curriculum and how it is involved in so many subjects, topics and lots of careers. So we would love you to get involved!

We are looking for some guest speakers who work within the field of Maths or their job is heavily based around Maths skills, to come in and talk to the children about how important it is for their profession.

Please email your child's class teacher if you think you can help or you know someone who can!

Reading!

At Pucklechurch, we all love reading and hope that you are still remembering to read at home everyday. This could be on your own, with someone else in your house or even with your pet! Every week, teachers from across the school will be reading stories each week that you can listen to on the Whole school Google Classroom page. Next week, there are stories from Miss Stubbings and Mrs Smith! We would love to keep seeing more pictures of you reading in your favourite places, so we ask that adults post pictures of this on a Facebook show and tell or you can email it to your teacher! We'll pick a few of the most unusual places to show in the newsletter each week!

Staff Recommends: If you're running out of books to read at home, parents can sign up to the Oxford reading tree website for free to access books online and each week we will recommend a book from there. This week, Miss Davies recommends: The Dragon Balloon!



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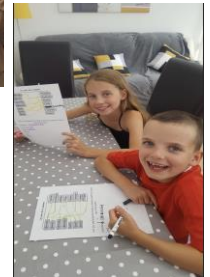
Dyson JC

It's been lovely to speak to so many of you again this week and hear all about what you'd been getting up to in half term and how you've been enjoying the sunshine. For some of you, this will have been your last week of learning from home as you will be returning to school next week. I am very excited to see many of you again and hope you are looking forward to seeing each other as well as being back in school, although it may look a little different to how we remember. Have a lovely weekend. Miss Coleman :)



Dyson AO

Year 5, we hope you had a fabulous half term and enjoyed the glorious sunshine! We can see that you have all been busy this week. It looks like you have been extremely creative, we love to see all your pictures on the show and tell page. We know so many of you have also been working hard on your core skills too – well done!



Remember to keep working on Numbots and Rockstars – the stats are looking great but we can always do even better!

Keep up the good work!

Banksy GJ

Banksy GJ have kicked off term 6 brilliantly! You've been enjoying the sunshine but have also been working hard! Well done! We have some impressive stats on Timestable Rockstars and Numbots this week and you've been showing a wide range of skills judging by our Facebook Show and Tell pages!

Here are just a few of the fantastic learning you have been showcasing!



ROWLING LS



It looks and sounds like it has been another busy week for all of you year 2 children. I am proud of you for throwing yourself back into your work on Google Classroom

and I am loving seeing your work again.



Once again, I have seen so much creativity from all of you and I can't wait to continue seeing more. I know it's a shame that we can't see each other just yet, but I am glad to hear that you are all happy and healthy and doing so well at home. It makes me very proud to be your teacher.

Keep up the hard work!



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BANKSY RF

Hello Year 3! Welcome to Term 6 – our final term of the year! It makes me so sad that we aren't all together at this time. I really hope that it becomes safe enough for us all to be together again soon. I hope you've all had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed and ready to carry on with your learning at home. Just like last term I've loved looking through the show and tell posts to see what you have been up to. You're creativity and enthusiasm always amazes me! It's been great to see you writing your poems, completing maths questions (we're still doing amazingly well on Rockstars and Numbots) and creating fantastic art work. Keep up the good work!



ROWLING SM

Hello Year 1! I hope you have all had a wonderful half term and spent a lot of time enjoying the sunshine. It has been lovely speaking to your parents about how well you are getting on at home. You are all working extremely hard and deserve a big pat on the back. I love to see all of your amazing work so please do continue to post your achievements on our Facebook Show and Tell page. It's great to see so many of you getting stuck into your Timetable Rockstars and Numbots. Keep up the great work!



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Aardman CD

I have been so impressed with how the children have come back to school. School is very different but you have coped so well. We have been discussing our feelings and family, we went on a bug hunt, created Henry Matisse scissor art pictures and made rainbows.



Aardman JJ



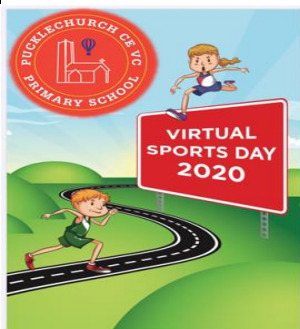
Well done everyone for a great first week of Term 6! It's been so lovely to see how well the children have settled back into school this week, our new daily routine is a lot different but you've all done so well! In school we made rainbows, scissor art and emotion mobiles.

I have seen all the amazing things Aardman have been getting up to at home too! I've really enjoyed speaking to families this week and hearing all about your learning at home and fun things you have been doing. Well done Aardman!

Keep up the hard work and enjoy the weekend!



Virtual Sports Day/Week



We are very excited to announce that we will be holding our very own 'Virtual Sports Day/Week'. It will take place from 15th – 19th June 2020 and is available for all classes to take part. We would like to keep it as authentic as possible and therefore would love the children, who wish to take part, to dress up in their house colours (Australia – yellow, Brazil – green, USA – blue and China – red). There will be a range of activities for children to take part in and they can do as little or as many as they like. The activities will include instructions and are all activities that can be completed at home or in the garden. The children who are at school will be able to take part here.

Keep your eyes peeled on Facebook and the newsletter for more information coming next week!



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Keeping Safe and Well

Explaining social distancing to children

Here are few resources to help explain social distancing to children and young people (and yes, they're good for adults, too). <https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/blog/explaining-social-distancing-to-kids>

And here's another video to explain social distancing to young children:

<https://www.facebook.com/113162570107145/posts/242866403803427/?vh=e>

How to keep your children safe as they return to school

6 tips for protecting your kids from COVID-19:

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/children-schoolcovid>

[MindYou](#) will also have some dedicated support for parents whose children are returning to school – keep checking the site for updates.

Transition

Hopes and Fears

Times Tables Rockstars is a great way to practice your times tables! Why not use your time at home to make your times tables skills RAZOR SHARP! You'll feel more CONFIDENT and find your maths EASIER! Plus you can compete against others (and don't worry, it's not just about knowing them all, it's about knowing the ones you do know REALLY WELL!). So get playing!!!



Times Tables Rockstars Facts! DID YOU KNOW...

... Banksy RF's average coins per chills is a huge 2,878!

... The average time it takes for a child in Dyson JC to answer a question correctly is 3.14 seconds!

... Dyson AC's accuracy is currently at 87%!

...Rowling LS have an average of 110 correct answers per child!

...Poppy and Tiana took part in a Rock Slam Challenge. It was a titanic battle, just edged by Poppy, 49-42

... Emliy took on Ms Stubbings in a Rock Slam Challenge (anyone else brave enough to challenge a teacher?!?)



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