



What a wonderful few weeks of school it has been. The children, whilst being very excited, have continued to be a joy to be around and demonstrate our school values so well. We hope that they have gained some more wonderful memories through these experiences.

We know what a busy time Christmas is, so thank you to all of you for your unfailing support – it is very much appreciated. On behalf of the staff, thank you to all of you who have given us cards, presents or kind words and appreciation – it's never expected but really is appreciated.

Today we delivered the gifts you kindly donated to the children's hospital who were delighted to receive them. It's been very valuable for the children to have time to consider how lucky they are but also how some are not so fortunate at this time of year. They are always so considerate when we discuss such matters and it really warms our hearts with their caring and considerate ways.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff. They work so hard and always give it their all – whether it be in making learning engaging, performances exciting or pantos funny! I couldn't ask for more dedicated staff so thank you to them all.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, however you are spending it and hope you get some time to enjoy being with your families. Happy new year to you all and we look forward to welcoming you back on the 7th January.

Mrs Capel



DIARY DATES

(to date- please do check these as, at times, they do change)

Term 3

6 Jan – INSET Day
7 Jan – First day of Term 3
10 Jan – School Council Talent Show
14 Jan – Whole school parent workshop - Reading
23 Jan - Careers Day
30 Jan – Whole school trip – Cadbury World
5 Feb – Parent Coffee Morning (all parents welcome)
10-14 Feb – Wellbeing Week
13 Feb – School Council Event – Cake Sale
14 Feb – Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

24 Feb – First day of term 4
4 Mar– Books at Bedtime – 5.00-6.00pm
5 Mar – World Book Day
17 Mar – Mothers day breakfast 8.30-9.30am
19 Mar – Mothers day afternoon tea 2.00-3.10pm
23 Mar – SEN Parents Meeting 9.00-10.00am
1 April – Banksy Performance 9.15am
2 April – Banksy Performance 1.30pm
3 April – Last day of term 4



Goodbye and welcome

We wish Mrs Horn the very best of luck in her new ventures outside of teaching and thank her for all of her hard work in the short time she has been with us. Welcome to Mrs Davies who will be replacing her and is very excited to be joining us.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Cullen who has been at the school for a number of years and will be missed. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school over the years and wish her and her family the very best. You will be missed. Welcome to Mrs Owens who will be joining us and has spent time this week getting to know the children.

Inset Days



Monday 6th January 2020
Friday 22nd May 2020
Monday 20th July 2020





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Careers Day

A reminder that we hope to be holding our first careers day on the 23rd January. This is a great opportunity for the children to see how many different careers are available in the world and build their aspirations and interests.

We would really like your help. If you could come in on that day and either run a talk to a class/es or be part of our careers market place, that would be great. Equally, if you have a friend or family member who could help with this, please mention it to them.

The market place will be running in the hall during the afternoon and you will have a table where you could set up some information or equipment you use etc... Children will come in classes at different points during the afternoon and be able to pop to your table and ask questions.

We hope this will be a really exciting and inspiring day for the children. At the moment, we have very few people who have said yes, so if you can help, please contact Mrs Capel.

Reading

This week's results are:

Aardman MH - 52%
Aardman NM- 50%
Rowling SM - 57%
Rowling LS - 43%
Banksy RF - 53%
Banksy TP - 48%
Dyson AC - 62%
Dyson JC - 74%



Well done to Dyson JC for being this week's champions!



Cadbury World Trip

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to help. We have been absolutely inundated with people. We will be organising this and letting you know if you are needed but we may need to prioritise DBS holders and then draw names out of a hat, due to the numbers of volunteers we have had. We will let you know the first week back. Thank you so much for your support!

Caring at Christmas



The collection during our KS2 Carol Concert raised **£58.27** which will be donated to the charity "Caring at Christmas" which is a registered charity that runs the shelter for the homeless in Bristol over the Christmas week. Throughout the year they also work on other projects including the Survival Handbook which is a guide for homeless people in Bristol and the Caring in Bristol website (www.caringinbristol.org) which is for people who work with homeless people.



Mr Hanney for providing the means to transport furniture to school and to Mr Harris and Mr Wilmot for collecting it all! We are so very grateful for your help.



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Attendance

Attendance this term	
Aardman MH	94.14%
Aardman NM	96.02%
Rowling SM	95.71%
Rowling LS	96.86%
Banksy RF	95.38%
Banksy TP	93.88%
Dyson AC	96.04%
Dyson JC	92.78%
Whole School	95.20%

A big well done to Rowling LS who achieved the highest attendance this term!



Parent Code of Conduct

If you haven't done so already, please could completed "Parent Code of Conduct Agreements" be returned to school. Many thanks to those who already have. If you have lost yours, just pop into the office.

Many thanks.

Applying for a primary school place

Selecting the school you would prefer your child to attend is an important decision. Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2020

The information contained in the primary admission booklet and on this website is intended to help you in the initial stages of the application to primary school process.

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/>



Dyson Inter-house PE Competition

On Thursday afternoon, Dyson took part in their inter-house competition for their orienteering unit within PE. They worked in mixed teams in their houses across Year 5 and 6 to complete a Christmas themed hunt around the school. Their challenge was to find letters using the map, unscramble them and solve the anagram! The final result was 'Feliz Navidad!'

The team results were as follows:

- 1st – USA – 13 points
- 1st – China – 13 points
- 3rd – Brazil – 5 points
- 3rd – Australia – 5 points

Well done to all who took part and USA and China for being such successful word detectives!



Times tables Rockstars



We have been reporting how accurate our band members are at hitting those buttons! And our results are as follows... 'Drum Roll Please!'

- Rowling SM – 92%
- Rowling LS – 72%
- Banksy RF – 99%
- Banksy TP – 77%
- Dyson AC – 90%
- Dyson JC – 96%



Congratulations to Band Banksy RF on being this week's top rockers! Absolutely amazing accuracy!





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PUPIL PREMIUM – DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY?

If your child is eligible for **free school meals**, they may also be entitled to a sum of money paid to school to boost their learning. The pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

We spend our money in a variety of ways (take a look at our Pupil Premium Spending on the school website) to help children to make accelerated learning, enrich their school life and support them with their emotional wellbeing. Children qualify for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less);
- Income support;
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance;
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit;
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less.

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit.

Since September 2014, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have qualified for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium.

If your child qualifies for free school meals, please come and tell us – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables them to claim pupil premium status.

WINTER MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

At PUCKLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGES 4 - 11

DATES: 9AM - 3:30PM

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2019

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2019

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2019

FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019



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