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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 285

Friday 13th March 2020

On this day in 2003 the journal Nature reports that 350,000-year-old footprints of an upright-walking human have been found in Italy.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Personal circumstances have resulted in a short newsletter today. Just the essentials!

Today's COVID-19 advice. Includes a song!
 Please share with the children.

How to wash your hands properly:

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>



Family Fun Bingo, this Saturday (14th March) 2pm - 4pm in the school hall.

All welcome to come along to an afternoon of fun.
 £2.00 per person - which entitles you to a book of 6 games

Prizes on offer for those winning tickets....

Refreshments of tea, coffee & homemade cakes available throughout the afternoon.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY
 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS POLICY**

These policies are reviewed on an annual basis. Any parent wanting to comment can read the documents here: <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

And use this form to submit comments:

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/contact-us/>

YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

Parent Survey 2020 closed with a 'last minute' rush. 26 parents completed the survey, one more than in the last two surveys. This represents only a third of our families. Governors will be considering your thoughts soon. Please remember that you can discuss difficulties with the school at any time. We find that many misunderstandings can be explored or explained before they become larger problems.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Please make sure you read the letter sent this week helping us all to 'be prepared' for any possible school closure.

Class Dojo is a fantastic app which connects you with what's happening in class. If you've not signed up yet, please ask your teacher how to join.

PARENTS CONNECTED:

CLASS 1 – Last week 61%, this week 78%!

CLASS 2 – 92% CLASS 3 – 100% CLASS 4 – 79%

JUSTIC IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest."

Elie Wiesel

CAN WE HELP?

The universal provision of Free School Meals for infants has confused issues somewhat with the previous 'entitlement' to free school meals, which acted as a trigger for additional help at school. The Premium Grant is paid to the school to support those who qualify. Each individual child who qualifies gets direct help with the costs for school trips, uniform, swimming lessons etc. This could be worth up to £1345. With this money we are also able to support learning through the purchase of extra resources, extra teaching-assistant time and enrichment opportunities, including residential trips.

For further details, see

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Or speak to Mr Batchelor in confidence.

DIARY DATES

SAT 14 th	FONNS FAMILY BINGO – 2:00 to 4:00 PLEASE NOTE CONFIRMED START TIME
Weds 18 th	Reception – Height, Weight & Sight check Year 6 – Height & Weight checks Tag Rugby, Full Governor's Meeting
Friday 20 th	Rotary Children's Concert – decision pending
Sat 21 st	Village Clean-Up day.

SPRING 2020 – Pupil days

Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020

SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days

Term 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020 (**May Day 8th**)

Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020 (**INSET 3rd July**)