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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 286

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On this day in AD 432 Saint Patrick, aged about 16 is captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland.

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are advancing our plans for supporting learning during a prolonged school closure. Circumstances are changing swiftly – yesterday's letter was out of date by tea time! We hope we don't have to close **(PLAN A)** but if we do, the chances are we will be closed before we can share those plans well, so here are the essentials you need to know.

CLOSURE - PLAN B!

Please make sure you are signed up to Class DoJo since we will use this as our PRIMARY CHANNEL for information. If, at any point, this ceases to work, an email to head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk and I can re-set you.

CLASS DOJO is an app on your phone which connects you with what's happening in class.

PARENTS CONNECTED:

CLASS 1 – Last week 78%, this week 87%!

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

I have written today to the parents who have not yet joined, and I urge you to sign up soon.

Teachers can contact individual parents privately, and all parents with 'global' messages. Parents can send private messages to teachers and 'Class story' messages which can be read by all. Staff can also broadcast messages to the whole school 'School Story'. Families will be expected to check for messages on a daily basis. Mrs Lewis has sent a 'School Story' message which has more detail about message settings.

Teachers who are well will be expected to respond to messages at least once per day.

We expect to be setting one piece of English and one piece of maths each day, in addition to the daily reading which should already be part of your routine support for each child. We may also be setting a third piece of work which might be linked to the class topic.

Children who are well will be expected to complete the work to the best of their ability and to the standard

we hope for in school. Often (since these are the tools we have) work will be set online, so children should check that their Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars accounts work. Again, problems with log-ins can be resolved by contacting myself on the email address above.

Evidence of work may include online submissions and photos of written work or activities. Teachers will do their best to guide, support and challenge the children SO THAT THEY MOVE FORWARD in their learning. I think we all understand that merely doing a thing is not the same as making progress. Marking, however, will be a challenge. Where the teacher judges that work is incomplete, or at a standard beneath that required, we will need parents to back this up.

Children who fall ill – we do ask that parents inform the class teacher so that they can adjust their expectations regarding school work. Children who are ill will not be recorded as absent if the school is closed.

If a teacher falls ill, you will be informed and we will do our best to minimise any interruption in our support.

We will be uploading our 'Parent Guides' for the Maths Passports to that area of the website – look under 'LEARNING' tab at the top of the page.

Miss Allen is looking into further opportunities to support reading at home, and I am hopeful that whatever age your child, everyone will be able to submit book reviews.

These are unprecedented times. There is a sense in which we are making this up as we go along. However, the decisions that we have made today, and shared with you here, are made in good faith and are only intended to support the development of your children.

TODAY'S GUIDANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT...

for Educational Settings -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

for when to stay at home -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

COMMON SENSE MEDIA (whose praises I have sung before) have released a list of apps to make any incidence of self-isolation a little easier!

Media recommendations for entertainment

Hand-picked, age-appropriate media suggestions to keep the whole family engaged.

- [Best Music Apps and Games for Kids](#)
- [New Kids' TV Shows](#)
- [50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)
- [Best Family Movies](#)

- [Common Sense Selections](#) highlighting the best movies and TV shows
- [Sibling Watch-Together TV](#)
- [Best Documentaries for Kids and Families](#)

Resources for at-home learning

Tools to help parents and caregivers keep kids focused and learning at home.

- [17 Apps to Help Kids Stay Focused](#)
- [Apps That Act Like Math and Science Tutors for Homework Help](#)
- [Free Educational Apps, Games, and Websites](#)
- [Top Time-Management Apps](#)

Stress-management resources

- When everything feels overwhelming, check out [tips for taking in rapidly changing news](#).
- De-stress together with [meditation apps for kids and families](#).
- [Apps, websites, and video games](#) that inspire running, jumping, and more to stay active.
- Get the blood flowing and elevate the mood with these [25 dance games](#) (you might need to buy a special control from Amazon).
- Don't forget to enjoy a [device-free dinner](#) or two.

SPORTS RELIEF

On your marks... Get set ...



Go!



JUSTICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Truth never damages a cause that is just."
Mahatma Gandhi.



Thank you for your support – I gather that the Bingo Afternoon was great fun!

**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/>

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

From September 2020, all primary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education. Schools will be required to have a policy, published on their website, setting out how they intend to approach the subject. (They will also be required to teach Health Education – they are not required to have a policy on this, but may do so if they wish.) The regulations also require that primary schools consult on their Relationships Education policy.

You can find our consultation documents here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/relationships-education/>

COVID-19 REMINDERS: 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=S9VjeIWLnEg>

DIARY DATES	
Weds 18th	Reception – Height, Weight & Sight check Year 6 – Height & Weight checks, Full Governor’s Meeting

SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	
Term 3	06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020
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)
NEXT AUTUMN 2020 – Pupil days	
Wednesday 2 nd September to Friday 23 rd October	
Tuesday 3 rd November to Friday 18 th December	
NEXT SPRING 2021 – Pupil days	
Tuesday 5 th January 2021 to Friday 12 th February	
Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 1 st April	
NEXT SUMMER 2021 – Pupil days	
19 th April to 28 th May (May Day 3rd)	
7 th June to 20 th July (INSET 2nd July)	