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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 291 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - MARCH 2020

For the Archives: Day 1 to Day 5

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 1 (Monday 23rd March 2020)

Well here we are. The staff have moved mountains to be ready for this and all classes have materials ready to go on their respective Class Dojo channels. There's plenty more to come and we will make every effort to make sure we don't lose this special community feeling that means so much to us. We are ready! I am hearing horror stories from colleague head teachers about families trying to cheat the system. I am so proud of North Nibley parents that no one has tried this. We will be enforcing this message clearly. I hope to be releasing a daily update here, including this evening. There will be highlights to share and reminders to make. Until then, stay well. Paul



DAY 1 - Assembly

"Good afternoon everyone!"

Today's story (10 minutes)

Today's song (3 and a half)

Sing along with us!

STORY -

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EW66ZOEFePpDk-zS3OPSxy4BzrgPhm8omoSNsRRvaABKTA?e=E4X3bo

SONG - NEWLY EDITED!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/Edp8tGTFertHnCZR3S1v5JIBgKNAqApFtiCkGuLFigZAQg?e=c1NUQp

We've achieved a lot today!
Staff have worked with video conferencing. The staffing timetable has gained further stability. Materials have been well received and additional passwords are being loaded onto Class Dojo for Classes 3 & 4 for [MyMaths.co.uk](https://www.mymaths.co.uk) (look in your Portfolios.)

We are also getting clarity over certain issues like school meals – it appears that parents of children in ALL school years should send a packed lunch if they attend (unless they qualify for the Pupil Premium).

Something we've learnt: Pupil work in pencil doesn't photograph very well, so perhaps make a different choice before writing?

Tomorrow we'll rationalise how often we send message to stop you being overwhelmed. And please don't feel the need to comment or like every post – we won't judge you for it!

Finally, here is a quiz, for you and the children. Just for fun. How well do you know the school?

<https://forms.gle/g36AoVHJuGbDFxfn9>

See you tomorrow. Stay well,
Paul



DAILY UPDATE - DAY 2

Yesterday was Grace's birthday! I'm sure she would be thrilled if many of her friends could wish her a happy birthday - so I've created a Class 4 blog where friends from all classes can share messages. Log in to Purple Mash, click Tools and look for '2Blog' low on the right-hand side. "Class 4 birthdays" is a CLASS BLOG (click that) and then 'View blog'. Children can add their message there (visible after moderation).

Some parents have asked for clarification over our work expectations. We hope every child will be able to tackle one piece of English and one piece of maths per day. Everything thing else we are sharing is offered to provide distraction, entertainment or to maintain our sense of community. We don't want families to feel overwhelmed or guilty. Take on only what is reasonable. We also understand that with many schools following suite and moving learning online, some platforms are struggling to cope. Inevitably there will be times of high demand, so

perhaps try again later?

Miss Tyres was duty teacher yesterday, and today, and it's clear that we need to manage your expectations regarding any teacher's ability to respond to pupil work. Don't be surprised if the duty teacher falls behind for a few days, there's a lot to do!

Whole School Assembly, the story of the animals stuck in the ark continues here

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERz8qokdGnBCiPhKGYkj9CUBpmchlAjSmtd2Z0G1jDufFQ?e=9Dsnvw

and there's another song to sing along to here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQS2HHayr38>

(and with actions -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lxs2l2hzv4>)

Please supervise YouTube use.

Stay well,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 3

Good morning!

This new web page

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/learning-online/>

hopes to pull together the different routines and opportunities we are working on, including my Wednesday photo challenge. The page does emphasise that a lot of what we are sharing "is offered to provide distraction, entertainment or to maintain our sense of community. We don't want families to feel overwhelmed or guilty. Take on only what is reasonable."

I normally teach on a Thursday, but I've made my Computing lessons available from Tuesday round to Monday for Classes 1, 2 & 3. Class 4, there is a special challenge from me in the Purple Mash Class 4 work folder.

Grace was thrilled with her Birthday blog comments – into double figures. I plan to repeat this for every child on their special day. And there is Friday assembly to look forward to, with a virtual 'Open The Book!' Musicians (children) – might you be able to send me a recording of you playing Happy Birthday? Let's hope that not too many Fridays go by before we are together again. Today's assembly will appear later, and the song will be a 'new' song for us all, on YouTube. Again, please supervise internet use.

There has been a lot of work behind the scenes between Head Teachers across the LA yesterday. North Nibley nearly ended up hosting a 'school' undergoing a deep clean! I am required to communicate with the DfE on a daily basis and everyone is committed to making this work, especially for the most vulnerable amongst us.

Assembly link. The story continues with...

The Sheep's Tale

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EagGRrc6H_hFtO2w5b4JuPwBHMDkLvJSHrVIZeAd_qq7PA?e=vNOpkH

Song link here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGNMW6WRvLs>

Until tomorrow, stay safe and keep smiling! Paul

EASTER HOLIDAY CHILD CARE PROVISION FOR KEY WORKERS

Sorry for this additional post. The information is required without delay to coordinate efforts across the local area.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 4

I had fun last night browsing the 'Class stories' and seeing what amazing things the teachers are doing to support the children. Don't forget the OPTIONAL photo challenge – detailed here -

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/photo-challenge.html>

This week – take a photo of a family member in a silly hat! I've had a few entries, so we know the tech works. As with many of the things we are doing, it's a bit of fun that we can have together, whilst apart.

ASSEMBLY STORY Here is the conclusion of 'The Sheep's Tale.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERJs5ld6KvJPq3ME4KoBUzgBo67QOfHYC4ADUE10uom21g?e=C8Qns6

SONG –

<https://youtu.be/FOsX3VZrfL4> A new one for us. Enjoy the words on the screen. Tell me if you'd like school to buy this songbook!

And WOW! – This week's 'Open The Book' team have exceeded my expectations. You are in for a treat tomorrow!

We are working out with other schools to establish what the likely demand is for school places, for key workers (on shift) with no other child care arrangements, over the Easter holiday. We hope to co-ordinate our response in order to expose as few school staff as possible (whilst obviously keeping to safe ratios). If you know you will be falling into the category, please let me know as soon as you can, and read the letter I posted yesterday.

Until tomorrow, stay safe and keep smiling! Paul

LEARNING ONLINE

Thank you for all your kind messages. In many ways this has been an exciting adventure, as we work out what is possible and what is desirable – for us and your children. We are learning together.

However, the teachers worked almost constantly across last weekend, exploring new and unfamiliar opportunities and platforms to bring some cohesion to

our work. For everything you've seen, there were two or more channels that were explored, evaluated and discounted. For that reason, I am giving the teachers a break and tomorrow will be a 'work-lite' day as we conference-call one-another and evaluate where we are, not only in terms of the effectiveness of the work but also of the workload and impact on them. Some may suggest a lighter activity which does not require monitoring or marking, but that is entirely optional. Some parents may be glad of a break too!

Reading, book reviews, photo challenge, Times Table Rock Stars, Purple Mash, the body coach, assemblies and bafflers will continue to be available.

I hope I can count on your understanding.

Mr B.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Parents, please don't neglect the 'Easter' letter below. There has been new 'clarity' on the issue of Key Workers. "The DfE are clear that only one parent needs to be a key worker for them to be eligible for a school place. This has led to some schools operating a 'Tiered' approach, (i.e. those children with a social worker and EHCP, then those with 2 key working parents and moving into key workers of emergency services before others). Social distancing is a priority and where parents can make alternative arrangements they are asked to do so (i.e. another parent staying at home or use of wider family etc.) for personal and wider public health reasons.

With that in mind, the Easter Provision letter deadline – of Friday 27th – looks daunting. Please prioritise this.

Mr B

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 5

Recent school messages are getting around 65 views – just over half our school online 'community'. If you are in contact with others, PLEASE encourage them to visit daily. PLEASE encourage them to read what they might have missed.

1) What do key workers need from our school this Easter holiday? Please read the Easter Letter below if you've not yet done so. DEADLINE TODAY.

2) Here it is – our Friday Assembly. It might be helpful if you all were to 'stagger' your downloads at different times. If you hit problems, try again later.

Welcome – Audio – Joss.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EXuUohCkO3FBmlg-OZbsYw0B8d8oBY0LMnnwTZCXejSw?e=dnDUDo

Song – One we haven't sung for many years. I doubt children will recall it, so the words on screen should help. (Please supervise YouTube use).

<https://youtu.be/LpMWOZZfki0>

Open The Book – Video - Daisy, Harriet, Sophia and

Mary Blogg

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[my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/mblogg_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERh50uJNzfBPgCbVJDxBx6QBBFdfqDY29HFKHXBhm3ocA?e=H6fkxk](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/mblogg_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERh50uJNzfBPgCbVJDxBx6QBBFdfqDY29HFKHXBhm3ocA?e=H6fkxk)

Other - Video

- What values did we see/hear?
- Times Table Rock Star Trophy
- George's Poem
- Certificate
- Grace's birthday

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[my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ES1tsTM2im9Blfr4Gea2DX4BQXxz7x_wRXg4HLBJNu1aQ?e=0s4Guj](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ES1tsTM2im9Blfr4Gea2DX4BQXxz7x_wRXg4HLBJNu1aQ?e=0s4Guj)

Happy Birthday Song – Video - Harriet

[https://northnibley-](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EfCa5v58sOFFgO6-j_B0nrcBcK2PkBxAz-ZrgY6mj4Od4g?e=oKN0LZ)

[my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EfCa5v58sOFFgO6-j_B0nrcBcK2PkBxAz-ZrgY6mj4Od4g?e=oKN0LZ](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EfCa5v58sOFFgO6-j_B0nrcBcK2PkBxAz-ZrgY6mj4Od4g?e=oKN0LZ)

3) Miriam, Joseph, Hannah and Haiden have all scored 8 out of 10 on this week's Bafflers. Can anyone get full marks? Entries after 6:00 p.m. Sunday will be discounted! <https://forms.gle/g36AoVHJuGbDFxfn9>
A new quiz will be in place on Monday, I hope.

4) I wish you all a safe and happy weekend,
Paul

NORTH NIBLEY SCHOOL ONLINE
Open the Book

Welcome
Willkommen
Bienvenue
أهلا وسهلا
Benvenuto
Willkommen
Bienvenue
أهلا وسهلا
Benvenuto

... to our time of
WORSHIP
and **CELEBRATION.**

Open the Book
We reflect on our Christian values through drama, prayer and song.
The children love it when adults sing with us!

Hope
Respect

Which values did you spot?

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
We celebrate birthdays!