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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 298 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - MAY 2020

For the Archives: Day 48 to Day 54

Dear Parents and Friends,



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 48 – SATURDAY 9th MAY

PARENTS RECOMMEND...

Have you found any apps / websites that you'd recommend to others? Please send suggestions through and I'll compile a list for a future date.

BATTING VIDEO

Thank you to those who took time to thank us. On Monday I'll be releasing it as a STAND-ALONE video for you to enjoy.

SATURDAY SONG - Put On A Smile

The power of a little kindness and a big smile! With a positive 'marching band' style – and a wartime musical flavour – this song promotes a 'shoulder-to-shoulder' attitude. A great song for clarity, conviction and good, strong diction!

<https://youtu.be/o0QnEzF68fc>

FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY was a big deal in many ways. If you haven't yet watched it, the links are below.

Stay safe and well, keep smiling!
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 49 – SUNDAY 10th MAY

SONG - J-O-Y-F-U-L

Packed full of joy, this song gives ample opportunities for clapping, stamping and rapping. It's truly a feast of melodic and rhythmic delight bursting with bells, whistles and colour!

<https://youtu.be/fHuyjBt8UGk>

BIRTHDAY

Olive's Birthday Blog is now available on Purple Mash. (Look under Sharing for the Shared Class 1 blogs). Children – remember to spell ALL names with a Capital letter first!

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xHabt4Ahpg>

This video deals with healing. Depending on your own and family health circumstances, pre-viewing might be advised.

The Virtual Sunday School Team write "Here's a link to the other video we've made dealing with what happens when Jesus doesn't heal people and they die:

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

Disclaimer: This video deals with death and dying and this can be a sensitive topic so maybe you could watch it with an adult.

As always, please supervise YouTube use.

TOMORROW – The Batting Challenge video as a stand-alone video!

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 50 – MONDAY 11th MAY

ASSEMBLY

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ESio3edpszBMjQHOT09j5eUBcDmtWK2JAe9MoQedbTb6mQ?e=Oqealk

SONG - Move-it Monday

Coordination Funk

What better way to start the week and to get your brain and body in gear for learning? This song is great for general alertness and is good fun to sing!

<https://youtu.be/FBiWZ9oUaDg>

GUIDING BADGE

Guides and others in the scouting movement might already be aware of this, but there is a badge you can work towards. Details are in the file attached.

QUIZ UPDATE

Congratulations to the following for achieving maximum marks in my weekly quiz (31 completed at the time of writing –

Elijah&family, Austin, GeorgeW, Seb, Joseph&Miriam, Olivia P, George&Edward, Charlotte&MsSurrige,

Thomas&Cara, Lucy&Nathan
A new quiz comes out tomorrow!

BATTING VIDEO

A newly edited, 'stand-alone' version can be accessed here:

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EctKu8K6bSIaKA-M7olu3HYBEnhZDMsMaj0u31OQqFifGg?e=HpGkUR

SERIOUS STUFF

'BORIS' UPDATE

Watching the broadcast yesterday, it is really clear that the 1st June proposal, for schools to reopen (for Reception, Years 1 and 6, plus any children for existing key workers who might need us) is highly conditional on the health of the nation, the 5 tests and a number of other factors, and that's without considering the health of the staff, clarity on PPE requirements, the ability to social distance etc). Staff and governors will work steadily towards this and keep you updated as we go.

I hope to send out a newsletter this week. This will contain important information on FREE SCHOOL MEALS, MENTAL HEALTH and other matters that might be important to you in changing circumstances.

WANT TO LEARN A NEW SKILL WHILE AT HOME?

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Find free, high quality digital and numeracy courses in The Skills Toolkit.

Digital and numeracy skills are amongst those that are most sought after by employers, and can help you progress in work and boost your job prospects. Digital skills can be anything from using social media and staying safe online to coding, programming or digital marketing.

You can choose from a selection of high quality courses put together in collaboration with experts. Find a level and time to study that's right for you. The Skills Toolkit makes it easy for you to boost your skills.

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 51 – TUESDAY 12th MAY

ASSEMBLY

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SONG - Together On Tuesday
Make A Difference

A show-stopping number that inspires us all to think about how we can make the world a better place by doing a simple good deed every day, with the idea that 'passing it forward' creates a world of collective

generosity. Activity sheet attached.

<https://youtu.be/JBKxfad2G-s>

WEEKLY QUIZ - Cartoon characters!

Do you know your Huckleberry Hound from your Honk Kong Phooy? This could be the quiz you've been waiting for!

<https://forms.gle/g3zWhaKPBMUWkrQj9>

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS – are any of you competing? It starts today at 10 o'clock. Classes 3 and 4 can check out their class story for details.

SERIOUS STUFF

REOPENING SCHOOL...

I am planning a newsletter for Friday. If you have a question, I can try and answer it (anonymously) for all parents at the same time. We still don't know too much about the 'sketch of a road map' the Prime Minister described on Sunday, but we are told that the DfE are working on guidance now. As Head Teachers we meet virtually to ensure we have understood the same things, and we instruct our representatives to give feedback to both the LA and the DfE, with our questions and concerns. So your questions will also help shape policy! Send questions to head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

TOMORROW'S ASSEMBLY

Could be a real treat, if filming on Tuesday goes to plan!

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 52 – WEDNESDAY 13th MAY

ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING SONG

Well done, team! It all came together in the end!

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BONUS SONG - Wellbeing Wednesday

When It's A Sunny Day

A simple song that encourages us to make the most of our time. Whatever the weather this happy-go-lucky song is sure to put a smile on your face! Activity Sheet attached.

https://youtu.be/73_y1ESHxqI

TWEEDY

All your children know of Tweedy the Clown.

He has released a series of challenges for children, via Gloucestershire School Games.

https://archwayschoolorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jamesjeffery_archwayschool_net/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fjamesjeffery%5Farchwayschool%5Fnet%2FDocuments%2FAttachments%2FTweedy%27s%20Week%202%20Challenge%283%29%2Emp4&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fjamesjeffery%5Farchwayschool%5Fnet%2FDocuments%2FAttachments&originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNo

[d2F5c2Nob29sb3JnLW15LnNoYXJlcG9pbmQuY29tLzpz2Oi9nL3BlcnNvbWVzZmVyeV9hcmNo d2F5c2Nob29sX25ldC9FYIF4TDZzRDFlaEpnU3NjRHdsU2RWa0JaVzNjOWVxQUx5N0ZBLWFpTTQ4N3ZRP3J0aW11PWFqLVNscFAyMTBn](https://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/Newsletters/2020/2020-05-14-Daily-Update-Day-53-Thursday-14th-May)

SERIOUS STUFF

As we work towards POSSIBLE reopening, from (not necessarily 'on') 1st June for some year groups, we are trying to work out answers to numerous logistical challenges. You probably have questions too. Send them to me and I can try and answer them (anonymously) for all parents at the same time in Friday's Newsletter.

Until tomorrow, take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 53 – THURSDAY 14th MAY

ASSEMBLY

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SONG - Thinking Thursday

The Tongue

This song has a message to challenge us all! A song to promote plenty of thinking about how we speak and the powerful effect our words can have, for good or otherwise.

<https://youtu.be/V3df2EN8jk4>

SOMETHING SPECIAL from the staff to you all...

Tomorrow we release something the staff have been working on as a surprise...

SERIOUS STUFF

In the middle of March I announced a 'public' consultation on the new Relationships and Sex Education Policy that schools are required to have in place before the school year 2020-2021 begins. At our video-conferenced Governor meeting last night we agreed to extend the consultation period until 30th June, so if you wished to express a view head over to our school website and download the draft policy.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Please find attached this term's Governor Newsletter.

REOPENING

My final call for questions related to reopening. I am writing tomorrow's newsletter now and some great questions have been submitted!

Send them to me (Class Dojo message, Dojo comment or email) and I can try and answer them (anonymously) for all parents at the same time in Friday's Newsletter.

A PRAYER

The following prayer was said at our governor's

meeting last night. I thought it appropriate to share.

Closing prayer (from South India)

God our Father, by whose mercy
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again
to light:

we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes.

To your love and protection

we commit each other and all those we love,
knowing that you are our sure defender,
through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 54 – FRIDAY 15th MAY



ASSEMBLY

This week has seen many pressures on my time.
Therefore, the assembly needs to be downloaded in
its constituent parts. Thankfully (school value – see
what I did there?) we have been spared the video
errors of last week.

PART ONE – WELCOME

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PART TWO – OPEN THE BOOK

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZ_aatuwAGRMjh5JjANBDisBPtamEXRk-gyj1-gTjNzMSA?e=nPZ7OI

PART THREE – Everything else, including a special
message from all the staff, to all of you. (REVISED LINK)

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERTlmW-hSm5Mh5fFz0HU7K0BYPgXGvp4N7grs0c8P2FeJg?e=zub0sD

SONG - Fun Friday

Join The Song

An action-packed, challenge-filled song, sure to bring

lots of giggles and fun as you sing and try to complete all the challenges set.

<https://youtu.be/muQjUJseDul>

Here's that photo again, in full.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EQAqQB4nvsZOkpfcEoCVfjcBOn19poqYI3uD_YUqR-C9kw?e=DE3SdE

SERIOUS STUFF

Thank you for your questions regarding reopening. You'll find our thinking outlined in Newsletter 289, which is devoted entirely to this significant challenge.

Stay well, take care,
Paul