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# NEWSLETTER 299 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - MAY 2020

**For the Archives: Day 55 to Day 61**

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 55 – SATURDAY 16th MAY

SONG - Family Saturday

I Like Books!

A love of reading is such an essential part of growing. Full of fun and bursting with enthusiasm, this will be a great starting point for family discussion, but even greater fun to sing! <https://youtu.be/xXoHimZ4HrA>  
As always, please supervise YouTube videos.

ASSEMBLY

Oh dear – gremlins again (actually – human error. More haste, less speed Mr B!)

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

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SERIOUS STUFF

Further to my comments in Newsletter 289, I have written to provide more information about the different types of 'Free School Meals' available. I understand that in these strange times many families are under financial stress. The following information might help your child. It certainly helps the school. A letter is attached.

REOPENING SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents of 22 children who have expressed their views so far. There are 46 children in Reception, Y1 and Y6. Your information is already helping me devise a plan for deploying staff and other resources. The deadline is Tuesday at noon. See this page for details.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reopening-school/>

That's it for now. Take care,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 56 – SUNDAY 17th MAY

SONG - Faith-filled Sunday

Each And Every Day

This fabulous song encourages us to bring a thankful song each and every day in appreciation and celebration of all the things around us. You'll be wonderfully grateful and amazed! Activity Sheet attached.

<https://youtu.be/iCeTSgP0gCc>

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN9HD1\\_KKu8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN9HD1_KKu8)

BATCHELOR'S BAFFLERS – THE WEEKLY FAMILY QUIZ

Do you know your Huckleberry Hound from your Honk Kong Phooy? This could be the quiz you've been waiting for! 17 entries have been submitted.

Incredibly, one question has caught out 10 of our visitors. Can you do better?

<https://forms.gle/g3zWhaKPBMUWkrQj9>

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Stay safe, stay well,  
Paul



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 57 – MONDAY 18th MAY

A special message from all the staff, to all of you.

SATS WEEK...

For year 6 was last week. I'd love to know whether they thought this a 'lucky escape', or whether they were disappointed. Why not head over to Class 4's Class Story and let me know. I'm posting other news there too.

ASSEMBLY – It's not much fun being a slug!

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SONG – Brighter Day Tomorrow

This aspirational track addresses the issue of impacting tomorrow by the simple choices we make today. Pretty relevant in today's world, we'd say! It's a steady but strong melodic and memorable ballad, with potential for harmony in the chorus. There's no telling what a difference we can make. This world's waiting for the colours we're yet to create.

[https://youtu.be/pDt\\_39G8214](https://youtu.be/pDt_39G8214)

REOPENING SCHOOL

The UNCONFIRMED speculation is that the government will make an assessment on the '5 tests' 48 hours before the planned date FROM which schools may start to reopen. That means I am anticipating an announcement on the government's daily briefing on Friday 29th May.

REOPENING SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents of 35 children who have expressed their views so far.

WHY IT MATTERS!

Unless I have enough numbers to make safe plans there is a real danger that, at the last minute, I might have to say "School is closed" to Reception, or Year 1, or Year 6. I might deem it unsafe with a reduced staff to split 5 ways instead of 4.

There are 46 children in Reception, Y1 and Y6. Your information is already helping me devise a plan for deploying staff and other resources. The deadline is Tuesday at noon. See this page for details.

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COULD THIS PUT YOUR CHILD AT RISK?

If your child is one who frequently sucks thumbs, fingers, collars or sleeves, now may be a good time to try to get them out of this habit before their return to school.

Until tomorrow,  
Stay safe and well,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 58 – TUESDAY 19th MAY

BARGEWELL'S BAFFLERS

Mrs Bargewell has set this week's quiz! How well do you know the staff?

<https://forms.gle/SXjCWxHvPGSdsVmD9>

ASSEMBLY - IGNATIOUS – Final part

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[HF4hPIIWEal3Alw?e=466HCl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vw3o6GQ2xe8)

SONG - We haven't sung this classic for a long time!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vw3o6GQ2xe8>  
(Spot the spelling mistake – or is it?)

JOY OF MOVING HOME-SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL  
Tomorrow Mrs Dixon will be telling you about an exciting afternoon of sports that you can take part in at home, along with hundreds of other schools! Called the 'Joy of Moving' Sports festival, it is mostly aimed at Key Stage Two but there are activities linked from the website for Key Stage One children as well. Further details will follow in your DAILY UPDATE, but you can safely set aside 1 or more hours for this exciting initiative!

REOPENING SCHOOL

Of the 46 children in Reception, Y1 and Y6, 41 have completed the 3 question survey. I will write tomorrow at greater length to explain how we intend to manage the move back to school, should the Government's 5 tests for the nation be passed, and should the local arrangements here be judged as sufficient. The deadline for the remaining 5 children is TODAY at noon. See this page for details.

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TWEEDY'S 3RD CHALLENGE REQUIRES ADULT SUPERVISION!

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Stay safe, take care,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 59 – WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

COUNTDOWN TO POTENTIAL REOPENING OF SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 20th (today) teachers will set no 'new' online learning content (other than what was already planned). The purpose of this is to allow sufficient time in school to address the wide range of premises issues that we have decided upon in our action plan.

THURSDAY 21st May

Final day of staff and governor consultation, on site (social distancing) meetings.

FRIDAY 22nd May

Last day of Term 5. I will be posting a long letter here on Class Dojo, detailing the steps we will be taking to be ready. I will also send this by email and via Facebook. You will also find a copy on the school website. Critical worker, vulnerable children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents will have to respond to secure a school space. A 'Friday' Assembly too! Please join us.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Policy adjustments including Registration, Behaviour, Health & Safety, First Aid, Safeguarding, to reflect new working conditions.

MONDAY 25th May

Circulation of the Action Plan, the Risk Assessment and policy adjustments for Governor consideration.

WEDNESDAY 27th May

Governor meeting (video call) to resolve outstanding issues and determine 'readiness for opening'. I'll communicate the outcomes on Thursday 28th.

FRIDAY 29th May

Anticipated Government announcement regarding 'the 5 tests'. (Will circumstances allow the reopening of schools?)

In preparation for 1st June, we will require a new way of booking a 'critical worker's child' space at school. This is to prevent a last-minute closure, and the inconvenience to critical worker parents, if we do not have the staffing levels to cope with a growing number of children. Full details to follow.

MONDAY 1st JUNE

First day of Term 6. POTENTIAL REOPENING OF SCHOOL.

However, this morning's news portrays the Government "in listening mode" as "at least 11 councils have expressed concerns over safety and timing". <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52733452>

ASSEMBLY – ELEPHANTS DON'T SIT ON CARS

(JEREMY JAMES – CHAPTER ONE)

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And a song about an escaped elephant!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNXnHm-Ce8o>

Please supervise YouTube use.

JOY OF MOVING

Mrs Dixon writes "Good morning everybody!

Attached is an afternoon's worth of fun activities that

include a host of fun activities. We would like you all to try to do it this afternoon if possible. Please let us know how you get on.

The resource explains all about it and even plans your activities. You have a selection of activities to choose from depending if you are on your own or with others. Some are easier and some harder. There are also tutorials to show you examples of children doing the activities if you click on the appropriate links.

Most will need parental support as some of the activities need to be made or printed off.

Although the resource has been designed for KS2 many of the activities range from 3-5 years upwards! So infant parents please have a look and do the activities you think your child would like.

Have a fabulous time, you've certainly got a good afternoon for it. 😊"

Take care,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 60 – THURSDAY 21st MAY

HAT'S OFF TO THE STAFF!

Everyone is in school transforming the place in an effort to be ready, IN CASE the conditions are right for a return. And we spotted some friendly faces walking by! Yesterday's 'road map' of key dates still stands.

ASSEMBLY - JEREMY JAMES – CHAPTER TWO

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SONGS

I can't find a copy of the lyrics to this amazing song (does anyone want to transcribe them for us?) so lie down, lose your eyes and listen to the powerful words. (Please supervise YouTube use.)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsB2OScK2yk&s\\_afe=true](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsB2OScK2yk&s_afe=true)

QUIZ RESULTS

27 took part in the 'Cartoon Characters' quiz – the following (eventually!) scored 10 / 10: George and Edward, Ollie and Sam, Austin, Abby Nat & Lucy, Annabelle.

Mrs Bargewell's quiz is a tough one! One 1 in 14 has scored top marks so far!

<https://forms.gle/SXjCWxHvPGSdsVmD9>

ADVANCED NOTICE – VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY!

Tuesday 26 May 2020

This event has been planned for all children and young people, with the aim of raising £5,000 for NHS Charities. The idea is for children to participate in an activity that is fun and helps them to keep active. [Everyone will have different abilities, and so set a challenge that is appropriate for them, whether it's for 10 minutes or two hours!]

Please encourage families/friends to donate to the

Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gloucestershire-county-council>

GCC has involved its young person's ambassadors in the publicity development for the event. They have also produced a short video to encourage all to enjoy and take part in the Virtual Sports Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=kYN5K2UJqjA&feature=youtu.be&safe=true>

JOY OF MOVING HOME-SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL

Did anyone take part? Don't forget to upload your photos!

That's it. Tomorrow we will be releasing information about the steps we have taken to reduce risk in the school, prior to the conditions being met for reopening. The information within will have consequences for EVERY YEAR GROUP and is essential reading.

Take care, enjoy the sunshine,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 61 – FRIDAY 22nd MAY



ASSEMBLY – in two parts today.

Sue Devine leads our OPEN THE BOOK today.

Download part one here –

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Part two is here and contains a real treat from CLASS ONE!

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REOPENING SCHOOL

The letter and consent form is imminent! (After last Friday's delays I decided to give priority to the children.) Hopefully I'll post this in the early evening, here on Class Dojo and through our other channels too.

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Details of the steps we have taken and will be taking to reduce the risks IF school reopens. The information is relevant to ALL PARENTS and includes a consent form. Further information online here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reopening-school/>

Another Friday come and gone!

Stay well, stay safe,

Paul