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# NEWSLETTER 302 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JUNE 2020

**For the Archives: Day 76 to Day 82**

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 76 – SATURDAY 6th JUNE

THIS WEEK IS CHILD SAFETY WEEK.

Today's summary 'signposts' a range of resources and organisations available to help keep children safe:

<https://www.gscb.org.uk/child-safety-week-1st-to-7th-june/welcome-its-child-safety-week/if-you-want-to-know-more/>

"LAST NORTH NIBLEY BIRTHDAY"

This is a familiar chant in the Friday assemblies when a Year 6 celebrates turning 11 (ask your children!) I am in need of a number of voices calling out the same – please send recording via Class Dojo or email to [head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) as soon as possible please.

BIRTHDAYS

A new 'Birthday Blog' has been added for Emily. Your encouragements will be appreciated!

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

SPECIAL REQUEST - CHILDREN AND ADULTS!

Which assembly songs (NOT school musical songs) that we sing at school are you missing most? Send me your choices and I'll try and include them.

Stay safe and well,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 77 – SUNDAY 7th JUNE

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week Nat looks at celebrating diversity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfbjttWNRV8>

SONG

A few weeks ago I requested a copy of the lyrics to the song "Bad Times Won't Last" which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsB2OScK2yk&safe=true>

Sue Bradley-Jones has obliged, as follows:

"When the rain is falling

When the winds are blowing  
It feels like it's always going to be this way

When the colour's faded  
When the world is jaded  
And it feels like it's always going to be this way

Sometimes it's hard to see that  
Sometimes it's hard to see that  
Bad times won't last, nothing lasts for ever  
Good times will come, things will get better

When your dream's been taken  
When your hopes are shaken  
And it feels like it's always going to be this way

When the music's spoken  
And your heart is broken  
And it feels like it's always going to be this way

Sometimes it's hard to see that  
Sometimes it's hard to see that  
Bad times won't last, nothing lasts for ever  
Good times will come, things will get better

Bad times, bad times  
Good times, good times  
Bad times, bad times  
Good times, good times

Bad times won't last, nothing lasts forever  
Good times will come things will get better

Wo-oh-oh-oh  
Wo-oh-oh-oh  
Wo-oh-oh-oh it's going to get better  
(x3)"

#### RE-JOINING SCHOOL

Booking is now open for the week beginning MONDAY 15th JUNE. CRITICAL WORKERS and parents of RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 6 must book their places before 6 o'clock THURSDAY 11th JUNE. The THURSDAY deadline is the 'new normal' for those wanting a place the following week. (Those who have already started back do not need to re-book.)

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

Take care,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 78 – MONDAY 8th JUNE

ASSEMBLY – Join Bob Hartman (the author of Open The Book) here.

JESUS SPECIAL FRIENDS

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2&v=Uqk1O1-tOxo&feature=emb\\_logo&safe=true](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=Uqk1O1-tOxo&feature=emb_logo&safe=true)

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

SONG – ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT\\_oDqOEGpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT_oDqOEGpc)

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

## QUIZ

ICYMI, this week's family quiz is based around acronyms, abbreviations and text-speak! Easier than it sound, IMHO !

<https://forms.gle/KCQHMrECH8v4bzJN9>

## THE WEEKEND JUST GONE...

I hope you were able to take a break this weekend. On a Monday, it's always worth looking back over the weekend's Class Dojo posts to see if you missed anything critical!

Stay safe and well,  
Paul

## DAILY UPDATE - DAY 79 – TUESDAY 9th JUNE

### INSET

You may recall that Friday 3rd July is designated a school INSET day. Please factor this into your thinking when booking ahead. Staff will be using this day to continue working on Annual Pupil Reports.

### QUIZ WINNERS – AND A SAFEGUARDING NOTE!

The following children scored 10/10 this week: Austin & siblings, Noah, Archie, Fergus, Isabella, George J. Some children had 5 attempts to get full marks. That's perseverance! The LEAST well answered question was "What does PAW stand for?" The answer is "Parents Are Watching". From a safeguarding point of view, parents should be alert to young people typing this – it may indicate that their online behaviour is 'different' when adults aren't around!

### ASSEMBLY

Out on my bike once more, for a 'roving' assembly!

[https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/head\\_northnibley\\_gloucs\\_sch\\_uk/EQc6rnSP6D5AsOIMJKU5vI4Bix0WeniOy3tcOQ\\_kHL69NA?e=M16CPf](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EQc6rnSP6D5AsOIMJKU5vI4Bix0WeniOy3tcOQ_kHL69NA?e=M16CPf)

### SONGS

Today's song is included in the assembly – and it's a Christmas number! (But it fits the theme!) Don't forget, I'm asking you which assembly songs (NOT school musical songs) that we sing at school are you missing most? Send me your choices and I'll try and include them. Adults and children can answer this one! I've already had 2 suggestions – one of which I don't know (yet) but I'm looking forward to learning it!

### SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS

The BBC are reporting that Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson "will give an indication later of how many more pupils in England have returned, but he is also expected to say that primary schools will no longer have to prepare for the return of all pupils, as previously proposed by the government.

The "pressure" to get ready will be removed, with heads and governors being free to decide whether they can bring in more classes."

As is obvious to all who know us, North Nibley has limited space and no additional staff, both of which would be required to maintain smaller classes in discrete 'bubbles'. Staff, Governors and I will meet virtually in the next few days and provide an update via a newsletter and here on Class Dojo.

Until tomorrow, take care,  
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 80 – WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE

RETURNING TO SCHOOL – YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

If the numbers of pupils returning to Year 6 remains low (currently 6 and expected to rise to 9), then we have capacity - within the bubble limit of 15 – to add some Year 5 pupils, on a full time basis, before the end of the school year. Clearly we cannot add them all, and clearly not everyone feels the time is right for them in their individual situations. Therefore, I write to ask PARENTS OF YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 pupils complete a brief questionnaire here –

<https://forms.gle/EitAqL2MT7yH5VQG8>

in order that we gauge demand. We are not, at this time, making any commitment to Year 5, but your answers will enable us to plan the remainder of the current school year. Please complete this by MONDAY 15th JUNE.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

The majority of our Class Teachers are now working full time in school. Class sizes are obviously reduced, but this doesn't mean teachers produce half a plan, or half a resource from which to teach. Please be mindful that requests for additional online support – which is already extending their day significantly – adds further pressure on our conscientious staff. Please accept their apologies if your requests are delayed or go unanswered.

ASSEMBLY

Back to the Wacky World of VeggieTales!

Josh and The Big Wall – a unique take on Joshua and the Walls of Jericho (with singing French peas!)

(A lesson in knowing that things cannot always go your way.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glZZR7a5XJ4>

A team point / monster point to the first person to tell me what anthropomorphic means!

SONG – Recycle it!

<https://youtu.be/kxNdivtZLvl>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

BOOK REVIEWS

It's been very quiet over on the Book review site. Who has a recommendation?

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

A special 11th birthday – leave your greetings and best wishes on Purple Mash before Friday lunchtime.

NEW FAMILY QUIZ

Children's Christmas toys! Sales according to Toys-R-

Us.

I think this one is hard and will definitely need parental help. Grandparents too?

<https://forms.gle/QjZJFhDxoe6jLQyR8>

Stay safe and well,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 81 – THURSDAY 11th JUNE

ASSEMBLY – courtesy of iSingPop. This week, a message about 'hope'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na9ld4sdxns&safe=true>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

LAST CALL FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES

Send a comment for Emily via Purple Mash

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

RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - If you have decided to return from Monday 15th, you have until 6 o'clock tonight to register. (Those who have already started back do not need to re-book.)

Follow the links from

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

POTENTIAL RETURN FOR SOME YEAR 5 PUPILS

It is essential that parents of YEAR 6 & YEAR 5 indicate their thoughts on the possibility of returning to Class 4 before Monday 15th. (Those who have already started back do not need to respond. Those who have booked from Monday 15th do not need to complete this questionnaire). Follow the links from

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

YEAR 6 - please read the above paragraph. If you know you will not be returning, it's only fair we know so we can release your place to someone else.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

We are working on the assumption that we will be opening fully in September (at some point!) – but it is an assumption. Linela – the school uniform company have asked us to remind you that orders can be placed with Linela at any time and either collected, have delivered to home or delivered to school.

"The absolute last date to order for delivery to school is 16th August and the delivery will come through to school for collection on 1st September. There will be no deliveries to school before then. Please order as early as possible as Linela are running on a reduced number of staff. Order by 16th August at the latest for school delivery."

<https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/>

Take care,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 82 – FRIDAY 12th JUNE



## RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - If you have decided to return from Monday 22nd June, you have until 6 o'clock ON THURSDAY 18th to register. (Those who have already started back do not need to re-book.) Follow the links from

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

## YEAR 6

If you know you will not be returning, it's only fair you let us know, so we can release your place to someone else. ( We will find other ways of saying 'Goodbye' when life returns to normal!) Use the questionnaire linked to this page to let us know.

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

## ASSEMBLY & SONG

Part 1 –

[https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head\\_northnibley\\_gloucs\\_sch\\_uk/Ed4ZHBGhr5hPajjo2Rje2ycBhgATtDaA03WGMeprijSGNJg?e=4wsMfe](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/Ed4ZHBGhr5hPajjo2Rje2ycBhgATtDaA03WGMeprijSGNJg?e=4wsMfe)

Part 2 -

[https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head\\_northnibley\\_gloucs\\_sch\\_uk/EdiHi3NkohNHuTNFvfUgDpQB9W-Pv-g-XwBvkq14ac3t\\_w?e=u1bG23](https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EdiHi3NkohNHuTNFvfUgDpQB9W-Pv-g-XwBvkq14ac3t_w?e=u1bG23)

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That's it for another packed week. Enjoy your weekend,  
Paul