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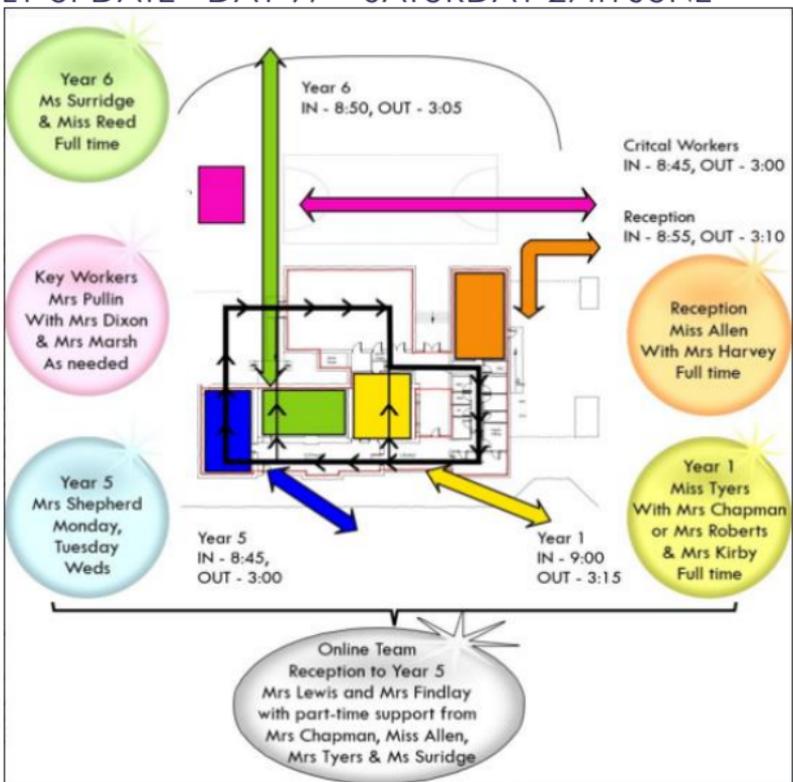
NEWSLETTER 305 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JULY 2020

For the Archives: Day 97 to Day 103

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 97 – SATURDAY 27th JUNE



BOOK REVIEWS

7 new book reviews can be found on our book review site: <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

If the rain is keeping you indoors, why not head there now and write a book review of your own?

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Were you planning to wish Zac R a happy birthday? Do so here - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-g111>

SONG: Stand Together (A regular one for us in school). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDHyuaFHjaw> (Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

COMING BACK ON MONDAY?

Check the graphic for entry times and places. We anticipate over half back in school this week.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Remember we are a nut-free school, so please plan your lunches and snacks sensitively. This is a matter of critical importance for a number in our school.

Take care,
Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 98 – SUNDAY 28th JUNE

INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that there is no one at school on Friday, an INSET day that was agreed in advance and publicised in the Autumn of 2018. Seems like a world away!

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The story of Mary and Martha.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7Ygl3wGjQ>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

SONG

Today's song was written in March, just as the World was going into lockdown. I shared this with you at the end of May and it's been requested again. 'The Blessing' – an inspiring song sung by a 'virtual' (video-conference) choir. Now it's been repeated internationally! I've watched versions from Holland, Hawaii, the Middle East, France, Singapore, South Korea, America, Zimbabwe, Lebanon, South Africa, Spain and Sweden. Here again is the kid's version, featuring children from across the world!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

The Australian version is one of my favourites if you prefer adult voices.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOt7baaVSbE>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

SUNHATS

Please can I remind ALL PARENTS that it is advisable to have a NAMED sunhat to hand, in case the weather becomes super-hot again (and to set your expectations that the children will actually wear them!)

COMING BACK ON MONDAY?

Check yesterday's update for entry times and places. We anticipate over just half our school population back in school this week.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

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Stay safe,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 99 – MONDAY 29th JUNE

ASSEMBLY

Friday's ASSEMBLY – PART TWO

We got there in the end!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EYpdVGIwIBGqT4E2LYbJDcB5JPSXHTV_i6kzM6r_X6Sgw?e=BOxAxN

SONG

Living And Learning

A helpful song to reassure us that even in the current turmoil, and the challenges that brings, the earth keeps turning, the sun keeps rising and the rhythms of life keep moving along. <https://youtu.be/FOsX3VZrfL4>
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WEEKLY QUIZ

General Knowledge! Click here!

<https://forms.gle/YrnZuf7g6wmM6xyC9>

Stay safe,

Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 100 – TUESDAY 30th JUNE

NORTH NIBLEY LOCKDOWN IN NUMBERS

100 - days of lockdown

14 - weeks of 'doing school differently'

5,138 – messages sent to families on Class Dojo alone

12,025 – photos and videos sent in by home-learners on Class Dojo That's an average of

12 pieces each by

100 children, in each of the

10 'term-time school weeks'! WOW!

83 – the average number of 'unique individuals' reading the DAILY UPDATE (out of 116)

24 – pupil birthdays celebrated 'online'

14 - staff deployed in 'bubbles' supporting

57 – children face-to-face (out of...

68 – eligible children)

50 – children still at home – how we miss you!

? – counting the days until we meet again!

ASSEMBLY

Bob Hartman – author of much of the Open The Book material – tells 'The Friend At Midnight'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=-9-LCzpFtwl&feature=emb_logo

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

BOOKINGS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6th JULY

Critical workers can now book places for this group, for the week beginning 6th July, from this page:

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

CONSULTATION

You are reminded that public consultation on the proposed "Relationships and Sex Education Policy" closes tonight. You can find this here:

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

RACISM

Some parents have asked me about resources they can access at home to support family discussion about racism. ParentZone have pulled together a list of useful resources. The list can be found here -

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/resources-help-you-talk-your-child-about-racism?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=4f604238a7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_06_25_12_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-4f604238a7-179206309

Stay safe and well,
Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 101 – WEDNESDAY 1st JULY

END-OF-YEAR PLANS

Attached to this update are our plans to meet up with children in YEARS 2, 3 and 4.

We are also emailing this using the Newsletter distribution lists. This is essential reading.

ALL PARENTS

We are providing all parents with advanced notice that school will close on Friday 17th July from 12:30 (exact times to follow) to allow Year 6 a 'Leaver's Service' and suitable 'send-off' in the afternoon, at the end of their primary school career. Full details to follow.

READING

Libraries open again on July 13th – and the Summer Reading Challenge is back!

For full details see

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We will be pleased to celebrate participants and award certificates whenever normality resumes.

ASSEMBLY

More stories from those silly talking vegetables – it's VeggieTales!

Rach, Shack, and Benny (Lessons in standing up for what you believe is right, and not forcing others to do something they disagree with or believe is wrong.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT-OEqC65L8>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

NEW FAMILY QUIZ

Inspired by some recent work in school by Year 5 – a quiz on collective nouns (like a HERD of cows, a PACK of wolves or a FLOCK of birds).

<https://forms.gle/oM7CmNUu8YBFFkMt5>

OLD QUIZ

Congratulations to the following who have scored full marks (eventually! It's OK to have several attempts!)
Eden, Lucy H and Mom, Thomas, Noah and family,
The Pitt Children, Miriam & Joseph, George J, William, Sophia.

PIANO

Someone in the village is "desperately trying to find a home for an upright piano. It is basically a good piano but needs retuning, which of course I could have done." Please let me know if you are interested.

ONLINE PUPIL SURVEY – LOCKDOWN EDITION

In collaboration with Gloucestershire County Council and researchers at the University of Oxford, our school has signed up to take part in the 'Online Pupil Survey - Lockdown Edition', which aims to monitor the well-being of school pupils during lockdown and to assess the impact of COVID-19 on mental wellbeing and learning.

Please read through the information letter for parents, there is more information about the survey on the research team's webpage, including Frequently Asked Questions

(<https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalealth>). You might also find it useful to watch the 3-minute video that we have recorded for children:

<https://youtu.be/gbwVdBuf1zA>

All pupils in Year 4 and above will be invited to take part in the survey unless you contact us to let us know you are not happy about this. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please notify the school (admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) before (2nd July).

Take care,
Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 102 – THURSDAY 2nd JULY

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

iSingPop assemblies are packed full of energy, laughter and dancing!

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

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

TOMORROW'S ASSEMBLY

Wow, are you in for a treat! Rev. Peter Marsh has put together a jaw-dropping Open The Book!

Remember, if you want any work shared, I have to be able to find it. Class Dojo is best (as a portfolio item), rather than emailed to the teacher direct.

SEPTEMBER

It is reported that today we will find out what the Government's plans for schools actually are (rather than media speculation). Following this we will be formulating our plans and we expect to have a detailed response by Monday 13th July. We'd rather get this right first time than have to change later.

SCHOOL NEWS

Can I remind you that this DAILY UPDATE is the principle means by which we agreed to contact ALL FAMILIES, and that every child at North Nibley School has at least 1 parent signed up here? Other channels (such as Nibley Parent) are great for sharing views, but no substitute for getting the news direct.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

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/>

COVID-19 OUTBREAKS

There have been no confirmed cases in Gloucestershire schools since schools opened more widely on 1st June. However, we watch the developing situation in Leicester with interest. Schools are required to report all possible and confirmed cases of COVID19 to Public Health England (PHE) and then PHE will risk assess to inform the next steps. Therefore, please notify school if a member of your household is tested as positive.

LAST CALL FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES

Were you planning to wish Zac R a happy birthday? Do so here - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

Take care,
Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 103 – FRIDAY 3rd JULY



ASSEMBLY

Quite simply, the most stunning Open The Book presentation this lockdown! Peter Marsh really has gone that extra mile!

Part 1 – Open The Book, with the awesome Peter Marsh

This story is accompanied by a new song for us, but one I'm sure you'll like!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EfVyI8f4131lqwDNS_zXuVABC8uTJ9_TU-meMERKhAvaYA?e=PnCIMS

Part 2 – to follow.

NEXT WEEK

We will be confirming collection times for the half-day closing, for all children in school except Year 6, for FRIDAY 17th JULY. Keep a lookout for these.

END-OF-YEAR PLANS

Our plans to meet up with children in YEARS 2, 3 and 4 were shared by Class Dojo and email. If you didn't get yours, please contact the office.

ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS

We are on track to release these in the last week of term. We are required to circulate copies to all with 'Parental Responsibility' so if duplicate copies are required by a second household, please let us know the address to which these should be sent.

SEPTEMBER

The Government have released their guidance for September. As employers of the staff, the governors have a duty to consult the workforce, after we work through the implications for the school and draft our response. As you will appreciate, this will take time, so please bear with us until we are in a position to give full details about the 'shape' of school after the summer break. We expect to share a detailed response by Monday 13th July. We'd rather get this right than have to change it later.

VACANCY

As reported some time ago, Mid-Day Supervisor Helen Morgan has retired from the school. As we look to open as widely as possible it is clear that when school returns to normal we will need a full complement of staff. If you - or someone you know - feels they could make a valuable contribution in this role, even in the short term, please let Mrs Kirby in the office know. We are indebted to all the staff who have worked extra or worked flexibly to cover this vacancy in the meantime.

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Have a great weekend.

Mr B.