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NEWSLETTER 309

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." — Barack Obama

Dear Parents and Friends,

WELCOME / WELCOME BACK (Thursday 3rd Sept)



BACK TO SCHOOL

During the partial closure of school, I took to providing a daily update to parents. Now that we have 'returned' I will be providing information less frequently, and I am asking parents to consider carefully whether I, the class teachers, or the school administrator is the best person to contact for answers to your questions. Consider also whether Class Dojo or another channel might best suit your need. Please consider the phone, email and even handwritten notes! (It would be good for children to see you engaged in actual, rather than electronic writing!) Do not use Class Dojo, please, when your message is urgent or relates to child protection/welfare.

YOUR COMMENTS AND POSTS

For those new to Class Dojo, here is a recap of the advice we gave around its use.

At school we take your data protection rights seriously, so here is a quick reminder about the comments you post.

Messages to staff are only visible to that specific member of staff. However, staff have the right to share these with other members of staff, for example if a welfare concern is apparent, or a particularly good example of learning is worth celebrating! Communicating with a staff member is officially talking to 'the school'. Work posted in the pupil's portfolios (and any comments attached) are visible to all the

members of staff attached to a child's class, and myself.

Messages sent to the 'Class Story' are read by the staff and parents of the children in that class. (Many parents are members of more than one class).

Messages sent to the 'School Story' can be read by all the parents who have signed up.

Governors who are parents have no additional rights to those described above.

Governors who are not parents are not members of Class Dojo. From time to time I copy my Daily Updates so that they are aware of what we are doing.

The links to school assemblies, including Fridays, are (if passed on) viewable by anyone. These have been shared with the Open The Book team.

Book Reviews (with a child's first name only) are in the public domain.

PE

The following timetable has been agreed for the duration of Term 1 (until the October half-term).

Wednesdays - Class 4

Thursdays – Classes 1 and 2

Friday – Classes 3 and 4.

In many instances, these lessons are 'extended!' On 'P.E. days' children are asked to arrive in their kit. Please wear trainers, shorts and t-shirt with a jogging bottoms / tracksuit top to prevent children from becoming cold. Wherever safe, we are keeping many doors and windows open to aid ventilation across the school.

UNIFORM

I understand from a number of families that there are difficulties in the supply chain for school uniform, or that children have unexpectedly grown! We will be adopting a tolerant approach over these early weeks, until you can get yourselves sorted. Please do the best you can, blend in with school colours if possible and avoid extremes of fashion/'dressing up' clothes. Be sensible and anticipate colder/wet weather.

SCHOOL UPDATES

There have been a few changes to the information available here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/autumn2020/>

FROM THE DfE (Department for Education):

Updated guidance for parents and carers

We have updated our guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update

provides information on school admission appeals, entry tests for selective schools, and exams and assessments in the autumn term. We have also provided further information on the use of face coverings in schools and links to online resources that are available to help parents, carers and children with their mental health and wellbeing."

Find this here -

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=2%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

FINALLY,

We are all excited about being back. To begin with, it may feel strange (including those adults now 'home alone' for the first time since March) but we have every confidence that together we'll do a grand job.

Here's to better times ahead!



(Friday 4th)

A few very quick updates for you.

105 out of 108 children in school yesterday, with a few others joining next week.

Unexpectedly, we have one place in our Reception group. If you know of someone who would be interested, please share our number - 01453 542600.

At this time we usually ask for a donation of tissues. Your help here means there is more

money left to fund the curriculum.

Please return all school books etc borrowed over the lockdown period. After sufficient quarantining, we will need these for the children now in school. This includes the blue plastic folders sent home with nearly every child on March 20th. We have only had around 35 returned.

Parents Year 7 (and older) – please return all borrowed books and sports kit.

We have asked SuperStars before-and-after-school care to resume from Monday 14th September.

The Everyman at Cheltenham have cancelled this year's pantomime. We will put our heads together and see what can be done.

We are now asking Classes 1 & 2 to arrive at the main double-gate and a member of staff will collect from there. This saves getting feet wet unnecessarily, but we are asking parents to disperse quickly and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

We held an experimental video-conference assembly today. It was a thrill hearing 'Good afternoon everybody' echoed around the school. We celebrated 8 'summer' birthdays and fine-tuned some of our safety rules.

Have a safe weekend,

Mr B.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

The Bible - The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 13 verse 16