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NEWSLETTER 313

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Dear Parents and Friends,



WELL DONE...

to all the cyclists in Year 6 who made great progress with their cycling ability and safety knowledge this week.

TOMORROW

Our annual 'check' on the data we hold in regard to your children will take place soon. Tomorrow you will find a data collection sheet in the pupils' bookbags. Please bring these up to date and return to the office as soon as possible. These sheets **MUST** also be used to confirm "NO CHANGES". This saves us from having to track you down!

ALSO TOMORROW - HARVEST

Thank you for all your generous contributions to this year's Harvest. Rev Peter Marsh will repeat his assembly twice with different bubbles, and the hall will be cleaned between services!

OPEN DAYS

With the latest Government and Local Authority guidance preventing schools from organising gatherings and tours for Open Days, a short video is in preparation. Please let friends who are beginning to look around know that this year's offer will be different! The webpage to watch is <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/open-days/>

RECYCLING

Mrs Kirby continues to sort through the items which have been added to our boxes for recycling. The crisp packet count has now surpassed 27,000, and earned nearly £100 for the school. Watch out for a new storage bench for the playground, coming soon, which has been bought with the proceeds. Can I remind you that since this scheme is sponsored, we are NOT ALLOWED to collect coffee packets, pop-corn packets, peanut packets etc, even if they are made from the same materials? Mrs Kirby has had to weed these out, by hand, one at a time. Please spare her this task by recycling crisp packets only (made of potato!)

LESSON OBSERVATIONS

As part of my monitoring, I have now spent time in a number of classes. Whilst learning continues well, I have noticed that children are less patient with one another (they interrupt each other) and generally they are a little noisier when compared to pre-lockdown. Any reinforcement you can give at home to the importance of turn-taking when speaking and listening would prove very beneficial.

RUNNING

The children have continued to 'add miles' to their tally, with Mrs Dixon moving the running challenge into regular PE lessons, rather than the running club. The children are doing well.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for supporting the 'push' for an increase in the number of school meals taken today. It really does help.

FLU INNOCULATIONS

Parents must give consent (or refusal) online or by paper copy to the office as soon as possible.

CLARIFICATION: FLU INNOCULATIONS

Paperwork with all details coming home today.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Parents might recall that the county operates a 'Closed School' messaging service, used (for example) in the event of heavy snowfalls. This website will also be used to report the closure of schools due to COVID-19. The web address to view the list of closed schools is:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> .

The new system will also automatically update the twitter feed @Glos_schools, where you can subscribe to text alerts.

ROTARY SHOE BOX COLLECTION

After last year's trial, we are happy to continue to support this charity. However, to ensure delivery by Christmas these need to be back at school by 4th November!

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Please drop of your unwanted clothing to support our fund raising. As per the recently distributed flyer, bags need to be with us on Friday 2nd or Monday 5th, before 9:00 a.m.

PARENT SURVEYS

Our annual YEAR 7 PARENTS-ONLY survey, concerning last year's leavers, will be coming your way soon. We are still hopeful that some sort of meeting (perhaps virtually) will be possible for the Year 7s themselves nearer to Christmas. Reception Parents, your 'new joiners' survey is being prepared and will be available after half-term. Both surveys are scrutinised (anonymously) by governors and staff to see if there are aspects to build on as we strive for excellence across the school.

NEW ARRIVALS (PART 2)

We are pleased to announce the return of Alice Lewis to the staff team, following due process and interview. Mrs Lewis will work as a mid-day supervisor on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Have a great weekend,
Mr B.