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NEWSLETTER 322

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world" – Howard Zinn

Dear Parents and Friends,

CLASS 1 & 2 NATIVITY

Parents who attended the first of our 3 'public' performances of 'Prickly Hay', the Christmas Nativity shared by Classes 1 & 2, were very pleased to see the extent to which we have followed the current regulations in order to keep them, the staff and the children safe. The children were wonderful and danced and sang their way through. One parent said afterwards "I had a small tear in my eye! For me, it's not Christmas until I've seen the nativity!"

Well done to Miss Allen, Miss Tyers and the support staff for working so hard with the children and for making sure that it all went as smoothly as possible.



DVDs (at £3.00 each) are available now (!) from the office, ready for you to share with those unable to attend due to our

restricted audience. The blank DVDs were a kind donation from Liz Hicks. Thank you.

WILL YOU SEND A GREETING?

Videos of families wishing the community 'Happy Christmas' are beginning to arrive (via Class Dojo). The idea is that you gather as a household and video yourselves saying "Merry Christmas from us all" (or something similar.) Christmas jumpers, tinsel and a tree in the background are optional! Once uploaded, I'll stitch them together for public circulation. The deadline **HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE END OF SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER.**

SCHOOL 'TEAM' PE KIT

Please can any items of school kit be returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

ADVENT BAGS - CORRECTION

Well done to reader Frances Brown, who spotted that I'd potentially caused some confusion by mentioning that the 'candles' in the Advent bags would benefit Christian Aid. In fact, the contents will be going to the Children's Society.

PLAY LEADERS

The oldest children continue to develop their leadership skills and Mrs Dixon commented on how well they had come on over the last few weeks.



FREE PIN BOARDS

Sundeala, local manufacturers of pin boards and display boards, has contacted me to offer our families 'Grade B' pin boards measuring 120 cm x 120 cm (which would otherwise be destroyed) since they cannot be sold but are perfectly useable. We are unable to store these at the school, but if you would like to place an order, let me know BY TUESDAY 15th DEC and I will reserve them for you.

SPRING TERM MENU

The menu for cooked school dinners is coming home this week and should also feature on our website. However...

WEBSITE PROBLEMS

Something has 'gone wrong' with our website and it is difficult to navigate away from the home page using the drop-down menus. Please click from the links provided in the newsletter (or type) or navigate via the SITE INDEX until I can find out what has caused the problem. Most likely this will be after next week.

BOOK REVIEWS

Come on, all you readers young and old. Make a recommendation here –

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

(This site is working fine!)

FOUND

1 black drinking bottle (found in the field)

1 USB phone charging lead (found in the car park).

FLU JABS

Any outstanding forms please to the school office, OR complete online. There is NO NEED to do both.

SCOOTERS

A number of parents have asked me to pass on their concerns about children travelling at speed along the pavement, on their way to and from school. Some of these parents are vulnerable if a collision or fall should occur. Others are needing to social distance due to covid. Whilst we are all for healthy exercise, please ensure that all children understand their responsibilities toward other pavement users.

PHONICS CHECK, 2020.

I am thrilled with the attainment of our Year 2s against the national phonics check (held over from June). Everyone has made at least good progress, with a notable few making very good progress in deed!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

NEW JOINERS' SURVEY – Just 3 received so far

<https://forms.gle/gGTPXuBSz8V5Bf9y7>

'OLD PARENT'S' SURVEY - Just 2 received so far

'OLD LEAVERS' SURVEY - 0 received so far

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

A return to our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home.

Discuss these with your children too!

Fit foil behind your radiators – you could save around £20 a year in fuel bills! Why not rearrange your furniture to allow heat from radiators and heaters to get into the room.

'TIS THE SEASON TO...RECYCLE!



Mrs Kirby continues to manage our commitment to recycling and the number of crisp packets has now topped 31,000. You might remember in September the school benefitted from a new bench, bought with the proceeds. Keep recycling and begin to think ahead about how you might recycle cards, wrapping paper, packaging and other Christmas waste.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

ADVENT WINDOWS - LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS

Nearly all of the featured windows in our advent trail can be seen behind a dated bauble here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/advent/> but it's better to see these 'for real'. Remember, if you are venturing out after dark, wear reflective clothing, carry lights and 'Keep yourself safe'. (Note – the trail map, which you can download from the same page, pictures window number 8 a little too close to the village, you'll have to go a little further down the lane than the map suggests.) There are paper copies available from the office too!

Sunday 13th Dec

New DEADLINE for family 'video' Christmas cards. **Your children were shown the first draft today – ask them about it!**

Monday 14th Dec

Our second 'Advent Window' goes live – see below. R.E. Day. Children learning about Christmas across the world.

Tuesday 15th Dec

Classes 3 & 4 – Panto by video. Thank you FONNS!

Wednesday 16th Dec

No school lunches for any pupils!
Classes 1 & 2 – Party day!
Lunch in the hall, games to follow. Parents are asked to provide a 'festive' lunch box, but only to cater for their own children. (We won't be sharing packets etc this year). Christmas jumpers for Classes 1 & 2 please. Classes 3 & 4 – home packed lunch, eat in own class.)

Thursday 17th Dec

Whole school flu vaccinations!
No school lunches for any pupils!
Classes 3 & 4 – Party day!
Lunch either in the hall or Classroom 3, games to follow. Parents are asked to provide a 'festive' lunch box, but only to cater for their own children. (We won't be sharing packets etc this year). Christmas jumpers for Classes 3 & 4 please. Classes 1 & 2 – home packed lunch, eat in own class.)

Friday 18th Dec

Classes 1 & 2 – Panto by video. Thank you FONNS!
End of Term 2.

END OF TERM

I have written to all families (via Class Dojo) to confirm the arrangements for the end of Term 2. Please make sure you have read this letter.

Have a great weekend.
Mr B and all the staff team.