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NEWSLETTER 323

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The only way you can serve God is by serving other people."
Rick Warren

Dear Parents and Friends,

CHRISTMAS
MAGIC!

I am sure your children talked of little else, the day the reindeer came!

Santa's elves had worked very hard to make sure that everything was safe and secure, and we were all thrilled at the experience. Children were able to feed the reindeer and a question and answer session followed, with imaginative questions alongside those on the practicalities of keeping such large pets. It was a magical experience to share with the children.



There are a lot of photos here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reindeer-visit-2020/>

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Given the unusual circumstances of 2020, we are pleased to bring you a somewhat 'different' Christmas Service. This is available for download from the following address -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/christmas2020/>

This includes your 'video' Christmas card' to the community, which exceeded my expectations. Well done! We hope it fills you with the joy of Christmas.

FONNS UPDATE

Name the monkey. The name was Penny, won by a Year 7 ex-Nibley pupil. The raffle prizes were drawn and this can be seen on a video and the list is on the FONNS Facebook page.

Mel and Becs have worked incredibly hard on behalf of all our pupils and the school continues to benefit from their work. The total amount raised over this festive period will be announce this on the Facebook page soon.

THANK YOU YEAR 6



Year 6 pupils have continued to help us explore the idea of service in weekly assemblies. This week they were joined by favourites 'Bella and Bertie'. Thank you, team for your 'service' to us all. A new team take up assembly duties in the Spring

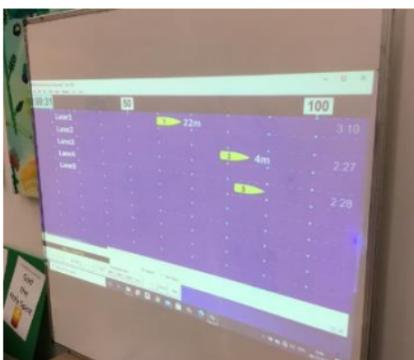
ADVENT WINDOWS

The windows 'opened' so far can be explored on our website here -

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

Since I plan not to be on site during next week, I would be grateful if any photos of windows 19 to 24 could be sent to head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk and I will add them to the page. Covid-related matters keep me on duty up to and including Christmas Eve.

ROWING



The older children really enjoyed their last rowing session of the year, with a competitive race. Working in teams (with copious amounts of sanitising fluid and tissues!) their efforts were beamed to a large display monitor.

BEEBOTS

Class 2 have been using the new beebots to plan ever-more complicated sequences of instructions, developing their logical thinking and positional understanding. Should you wish to develop these skills at home, the following website provides a virtual beebot with a rich variety of mats upon which you can 'travel'. The link is: <https://beebot.terrapinlogo.com/>

LAST CALL FOR... DVDs

First come, first served!

2020 – Summer Production – Rocky Monster (1 left)

2019 – Nativity – Christmas with Aliens (1 left)

2018 – Summer Production – Rock Bottom (1 left)

2018 – Nativity – Born in a barn (1 left)

2017 – Nativity – Busy, busy Bethlehem (3 left)

2014 – Nativity – Christmas with Aliens (1 left)

OFFICE CLEAR OUT

We have benefitted from an office clear out (paper, card, staples etc!) Thank you Mrs Merrifield. Every little really does help!

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE FALLS ILL OVER THE BREAK...

I have circulated a letter explaining the procedures required over the Christmas holidays, regarding positive test results and the impact on your 'bubbles'.

SPRING TERM MENU

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

WEBSITE PROBLEMS

I have sorted the immediate problem, with a 'patch', but it is now apparent that the school website needs an uplift. This will take place over the Christmas holidays, all being well.

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!)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

NEW JOINERS' SURVEY – Just 7 received so far

<https://forms.gle/gGTPXuBSz8V5Bf9y7>

'OLD LEAVERS' (Y7) SURVEY - 0 received so far

'OLD PARENT'S' (of Y7) SURVEY - Just 2 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!

Switch off lights when you leave a room.
Encourage your place of work. Your clubs,
churches and schools to do the same.

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 has been UPDATED to more accurately locate 3 of the windows! There are paper copies available from the office too!)



FRIDAY 18TH DEC - UPDATE

Classes 1 & 2 – Panto by video. Thank you FONNS!
Cooked school meals ARE available.
Class 4 DO NOT need their PE kits.
Class 3 DO need PE kit on, ready for Boxercise!

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE FALLS ILL

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

STAYING SAFE

The county have produced a guidance letter which requires careful reading. I will distribute this tomorrow, and again (via Class Dojo) on the weekend before the start of Term 3.

ALSO IN CIRCULATION

Please take time to read 'The Governor's Autumn Newsletter'. Every year we ask how well you understand their work. Reading their newsletters certainly helps!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



However you spend this holiday we wish you all a very special Christmas, and an even better 2021!
Mr B and all the staff team.