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NEWSLETTER 325 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JANUARY 2021

For the Archives: Day 5 to Day 11

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAY 5 - A STERN WORD (103 views)

We are watching numbers in our bubbles rise, as are schools nationally. We have staff putting their own health at risk, which in turn puts at risk elderly or vulnerable relatives, whilst also juggling children and their remote education at home.

'Critical Workers' - The cover facility for your children MUST match your own shift patterns for work. It is not intended as full time support, unless you work full time. 'Finding it difficult' is not an excuse. We all are.

I am hearing that there are parents who are taking advantage of our school. If need be, I will move to requiring PROOF of your shift patterns and employment details before admitting children. I will not be popular with the line managers of legitimate critical workers, for increasing their workload at this time. What a sad day that would be for our community.

If you can avoid using the school, do so.
Paul

Day 6 (103 views)

Booking is now open for the week beginning MONDAY 18th January. CRITICAL WORKERS PLUS must book their places before 6 o'clock THURSDAY 14th January. The THURSDAY deadline is the 'new normal' for those wanting a place the following week. This includes all those who have booked a place in the past.

The booking form can be accessed here -

<https://forms.gle/XjYVPCgZqVJUjhaM8>

Anyone wishing to cancel a booked place (circumstances can change) should email me directly.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nat is back with a story and a craft activity - great fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8ehQsCyOil>

As always, please supervise the use of YouTube.

If you want a song to sing, "My Lighthouse" is a favourite of the school. Words on screen can be found here -

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

And if you fancy learning the actions...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

Friday assembly

Thank you for all the feedback. A lot came in via the direct messaging 'side' of Class Dojo. I've found out how to improve the sound and look forward to joining you again live at 1:30. Do watch out for the link which I'll publish later in the week.

Stay safe, Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 7
(94 views)

These messages are for you to pass on to your children please –

The Birthday Blogs have been opened on Purple Mash to enable you to celebrate pupil birthdays. There is at least one in each class - we had five over the Christmas holidays (including a 'last North Nibley' birthday) and there are three this week. I know it would be much appreciated if you let these children know you are thinking of them.

If you've not done this before, this video shows you how.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZoFDC0ypn5Jr30nULWMH0lBjd5_fbLD6Au1KpAkXEOEAQ

The Purple Mash link is

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

Please contact your class teachers if you can't remember your log in details.

SONG

Today's Song is an Out Of The Ark classic. Regular singing version (words on screen)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5idAk316hpY&feature=emb_logo&safe=true

and a DANCE version

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/video/songs-for-every/#wakeup/>

Come on children, get your parents moving to

this one!

PARENTS

Don't forget to check back over my recent posts in case you missed something earlier. As always, please supervise the use of YouTube.

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 8 (96 views)



**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**

The Spring Term's Christian Value is Compassion. Look carefully at the graphic attached – I think it rather clever!

ASSEMBLY

This link -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05x424f>

takes you to a BBC assembly site. Parents wanting to engage their children with the content might find the following questions helpful:

Why did Jesus tell the story of The Good Samaritan?

How many people see the injured man lying in the road?

Where is the third person from?

Why is it unusual for the Samaritan to help the injured man?

Why did Jesus tell the story of The Lost Sheep?

What did Jesus say the story of The Lost Sheep showed about God's love?

SONG

This song is so old, parents probably sung this whilst at primary school themselves!

We'll return to it on Friday.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iibEjmrn5E&safe=true>

As always, please supervise the use of YouTube.

Check back to DAY 7 for birthday blogs and DAY 6 for the Critical Workers Plus bookings, for week beginning 18/01/2021.

Take care, Mr B

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 9 (93 views)

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Booking for places at school via our booking form, is needed by ALL children planning to attend school (Critical Workers PLUS). Chasing you for confirmation is time consuming– please help us to plan accordingly.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19/>

SAFEGUARDING

The DfE now requires us to be in contact with you DAILY. If children are ill, tell us. Otherwise, we will be expecting the regular submission of work/evidence of learning and we will be chasing up non-engagers. We want to understand what the barriers are, and help where we can, but lockdown is not holiday – school is happening, remotely. Please note that the calls may well display 'NUMBER WITHHELD'. If we keep trying, it's us!

RECEPTION JOINERS, SEPTEMBER 2021

Don't forget, the application to county council is this Friday, 15th January.

ASSEMBLY

Continuing our 'Good Samaritan' Week, we return to those silly talking vegetables – it's VeggieTales! They ask the question "Who Is My Neighbour?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFj6JYiG0-k>

SONG

Big Family Of God (God loves everyone).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6ZS>

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Stay at home if you can, keep safe, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 10 – THURSDAY (98 views)

QUIZ!

The return of Batchelor's Bafflers, and a fairly easy set of 10 questions this week. Given three characters, can you name the children's film?

<https://forms.gle/Y3cWVvJ44sCmSbkCA>

Answers next week.

BOOKINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Tonight is the deadline please so we can plan staffing accordingly. The booking form can be accessed here -

<https://forms.gle/XjYVPCgZqVJUjhaM8>

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

We are trying another live Zoom assembly on Friday at 1:30, so please join us if you can.

I believe I have sorted the sound problem which prevented us from singing 'together' well.

Teacher certificates and highlights of the week, Open The Book and birthdays!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3905430376?pwd=dGw0dk1tYzdyRjY3Q2I1QXQ0VC9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 390 543 0376

Passcode: AGM

TODAY'S SONG

While We Live, We Learn. Really easy to pick up. Words on the screen!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07my401>

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 11 – FRIDAY (96 views)

At Governors this week we made changes to the Remote Teaching and Learning Policy, to reflect the new requirement to be in contact daily with children who are well but not in school. You can find the updated policy here -



<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19> alongside all sorts of useful information.

CRITICAL WORKERS PLUS

Bookings for the week beginning 25th January are now open, here -

<https://forms.gle/2FndhqMRbNj6paeo7>

Please remember that bookings must match shift patterns. We are up to our maximum bubble size on some days.

TODAY'S ASSEMBLY

Please can you join with microphones AND video cameras off? I believe this will make a big difference to our ability to broadcast. Joining details posted yesterday.

BIRTHDAY BLOGS

Did you post the comments you wanted to? If you've not done this before, this video shows you how.

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PINBOARDS

A number of you asked for free pinboard. These have now arrived. Please arrange a collection time with the office. Mornings are best and there is someone here from around 8:15 onwards.

Take care, enjoy the weekend.

Mr B.