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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (The Bible, Philippians 2:4)

Dear Parents and Friends,

COVID RESTICTIONS

This newsletter clarifies previously shared information.

We are revising our restrictions within school in the light of a number of confirmed positive cases amongst our pupils and their parents/families.

The Government states that if someone in your family tests positive, all the household should get a PCR test.

Given that we are right on the brink of having to close a class, we are saying that if your child is waiting for the results of a PCR test, please stay home until a negative result arrives.

I am aware that this is not inline with current, published advice. However, I have to weigh up the risk to the individual, learning at home (together with their family – sorry) whilst they wait 24/48 hours for their PCR result, against the risk of sending 30 children home, for a week, with 30 families having to supervise home-learning.) It is a no-win decision, bound to upset someone, but this is our current position, seeing that the virus is spreading rapidly through our community.

The Government's advice is that:

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We are saying that headaches are also an indicator, and we want you to monitor all headaches closely.

Our teachers are often with your children, indoors, for 5 hours a day. When we notice a change in them, we will inform you and we expect our observations to be acted upon / taken seriously. Now that we have confirmed positive cases in your child's classes, if children are showing the slightest symptoms, we will be asking you to collect them and arrange a PCR test.

We will not be sending brothers/sisters home unless they are also showing symptoms. We will send them home if someone in their household has a positive PCR or if someone in their household has been called for a PCR test.

We strongly recommend regular testing, several times per week, using the freely available Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs), whether children are displaying symptoms or not. This could include every Sunday night to reduce the chance of infection on Mondays. Continue to use sanitizing gel before attending school every day.

The Government states that if someone in your household tests positively, parents have a responsibility to tell close contacts. Parents should also be alert for messages from other school parents, for example via WhatsApp, since all people with positive tests need to tell close contacts that they may have passed it on.

We are re-establishing eating in different zones today and to keep under review all possible options, including staggered start and end times and in-school bubbles.



NETBALL

The children gave this report:

“5 teams took part, 2 from Trinity, 1 from Alexander Hosea and 2 from North Nibley.”

“Each team played the other four.” It was fun to play against the other

North Nibley team – we knew their weaknesses!”

“The other schools had some really tall players.”

“When we had a break we were able to cheer on the other North Nibley team.” “I found I played better in a



competitive occasion.” “We handled the pressure really well.” “Students from KLB were the referees.” “My team won three matches and drew the fourth, so we won the tournament.” “Our other team came third.” Congratulations to all our players!

CHARITY DAYS

Tomorrow is Children in Need day. Traditionally we have marked this every second year, alternating with Red Nose Day (same calendar year, different 'school' year). Somehow we've slipped on our rota. Please support the charity if you can and we'll do our CiN fundraising in the Spring Term.

PHOTOS – DEADLINE TOMORROW!

Online orders by Sat 20th November please.



CONSULTATION

We have launched a full public consultation on a new version of our Admissions Policy. This vital document has been re-written to improve clarity but it also introduces some key changes, on which your views are sought. You can find out more here –

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

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

For the time being we are limiting parents to just those whose children are celebrating birthdays that week.

SAFEGUARDING

Before we welcome you back as a visitor or helper, school needs to have an up-to-date 'Annual Criminal Activity' declaration (self-certified) for each volunteer and be better informed of your history of living and/or working abroad. Letters are coming home. Please return them as soon as possible, or take the opportunity to withdraw from regular support.

GENERAL PERMISSION SLIP – RE-ISSUE

I am requesting, for all children in Year 1 and older, a quick review of your 'permissions' slip. I ask that you return yours as soon as possible (one per child) in order that what we do in school might better match your own preferences.

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

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!



PLASTIC-FREE STICKY TAPE

Some manufacturers are now providing plastic-free sticky tape alternatives, which tends to be much in use at this time of year.

Biodegradable sticky and also paper-based tape can be found in regular high street shops as well as online.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

*** TUESDAY 14th DEC, 6:30 ***

(We continue to plan as if this will go ahead!)

TESCO TOKENS

Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – we think we'll be allowed a second shot at the Tesco grant soon.

ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you so much – we had 25 boxes for this Christmas Appeal collected for distribution last week.



BOXES WANTED!

Children in Classes 1 & 2 are working on their DT skills and in order to create moving buggies a large number of small boxes (shoebox sized and smaller) are needed. (I've been donating our lateral flow test boxes!)

BOX OFFERED!

There remains a solitary sealable plastic food box from the Macmillan Coffee morning. Could it be yours?

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead: *May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday.

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
rm 2	Monday 1 st Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
rm 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
rm 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022
rm 5*	Mon 25 th April 2022	Fri 27 th May 2022
rm 6	Mon 6 th June 2022	Tues 19 th July 2022
rm 1	Determined soon	Determined soon

TERM DATES 2022-2023

These should be with you before Christmas.



A great big thank you goes to the committee, organisers and supporters who worked on the various stalls and stands for the CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT. (The school's Government-issued CO2 detector was deployed in the hall and never exceeded the 'safe' levels.)

NEXT EVENT:

🎄 Children's Christmas Fair ~ Friday 3rd December.