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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." (Proverbs 12:26 New International Version)

Dear Parents and Friends,

COVID-19 UPDATE

More positive cases continue to be reported in our school. Our thoughts are with those families. The South West Directors of Public Health, UK Health Security Agency and the Regional Schools Commissioner have revised their recommendations for all schools, and in the light of this our 'bubbles' will remain in force for all indoor activities from now until the end of term.

The poster attached gives further details of current measures we all need to consider.

As 'the juniors' begin their PCR checks prior to a return on Monday, can I remind you to send your results only to admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk This inbox will be checked on Saturday evening and Sunday evening. We are planning that school WILL RESUME for those well enough to return.

SCHOOL MEANS MENU

We are reverting to a choice of two main meals (with the least popular having been removed on each day) for the rest of the term. Click here for the new menu <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals/> (The page name has also undergone an edit. Please report any broken links.)

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/>

CHRISTMAS CAROLS UPDATE

In the light of changing circumstances, we are planning an outdoor event on the same day - TUESDAY 14th DEC, in the playground, but we now need to determine a 'best time' to start. You can complete a survey here - <https://forms.gle/jVxiKLtmd23UKeSv9>

The survey asks 3 questions: Would you come?

How many people would you bring?

What is the best start time for you?

Please complete this a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Year 6 – we are expecting you to play an active part in this service!

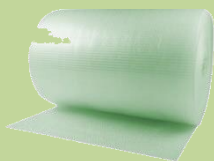


PE

A reminder that we are expecting children to wear their shorts under warm leggings – please don't turn up in just shorts, especially as we have doors and windows open to improve ventilation!

'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!



ALTERNATIVES TO BUBBLE WRAP

We have been made aware of bio-degradable bubble-wrap, which you can search for online, paper-based bubble wrap, screwed up newspaper and even presents protected under wrapping paper by old tea-towels! How can YOU reduce waste, expense and pollution this Christmas?

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT –

Following on from the whole school assembly Miss Allen ran last Thursday, Miss Allen has now extended the deadline for the OPTIONAL Science Poster competition until Monday. Sometimes your emailed photos are less than clear, so remember to bring in your 'best' posters for our judging!

ADVENT GIFT

'Tis the season of preparation... and waiting. The Chapel have generously provided an Advent mobile for every child. These will be going home today and Monday.

WE MUST BE CRACKERS!

Mrs Kirby will be organising a display of home made Christmas crackers to brighten the front of the school. Please bring your crackers to the school office on Monday.

TERM DATES

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

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

FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School



Christmas Raffle



The Christmas Raffle tickets are still available

Amazing prizes to be won, £1.00 a ticket

Additional books can be requested, please let Becs or

Mel know. Raffle Draw will take place on 15th

December. Thank you for your support.

Sold ticket 'stubs' can be returned to the school office.

Please support your school and the steps they are taking to protect your children

We are advising schools to take extra action to help tackle rising Covid cases. The steps taken will vary from school to school and are likely to include some of the below. Please support them and the measures they put in place.



Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for secondary school pupils



Face coverings for staff when indoors



Parents and carers may also be asked to wear a face covering in crowded areas for example at the school gates



Cancelling large events or moving them outdoors



Postponing indoor 'all school activities' including assemblies



Daily rapid Covid testing for household siblings aged 11 years and over



Rapid Covid testing for household siblings of a confirmed case

Lateral flow testing (LFT) for primary aged children might be advised but will be at the discretion of parents or carers.

There is a national shortage of school supply staff, which means classes may be sent home if there is not enough cover. If this happens your child will be offered remote learning.

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:



Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious affects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab please do not delay in taking up the offer



Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport



If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR