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# NEWSLETTER 287

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

On this day in 1470, the battle of Nibley Green took place, reputedly the last battle fought on English soil between private armies.  
Yes, OUR Nibley Green, just down the road!

Dear Parents and Friends,



Children in all four classes have at least 1 parent 'connected' via Class Dojo. Thank you for your help in making communication easier at this difficult time.

If, at any point, this ceases to work, send an email to [head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) and I can re-set you.

From a GDPR (data protection) point of view - we all need to be clear that your comments in response to SCHOOL Stories will be visible to everyone.

Similarly, comments sent to CLASS stories will be visible to all parents in that class. Please, therefore, send PRIVATE messages to a teacher via each pupil's PORTFOLIO when responding to class work, e.g. children's successes and struggles, since this ought not to be public. Mrs Lewis has sent a 'School Story' message which has more detail about message settings.

Teachers who are well will be expected to respond to messages at least once per day. They will be setting one piece of English and one piece of maths each day, in addition to the daily reading which should already be part of your routine support for each child. We may also be setting a third piece of work which might be linked to the class topic. We are also advancing plans for who-school activities, including a 'virtual' Friday assembly!

**JUSTICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**  
"But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"  
The Bible – The Book of Amos, Chapter 5 verse 24.

**PARTIAL OPENING FOR CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS**

Attached here, and sent out as a separate email, we have provided guidance for parents on how the school may be used to enable KEY WORKERS to keep doing their valuable work. We are now taking bookings on our child care service for the children of key workers. Please note, this has to match your shift patterns, so part-time key workers who do not work every day cannot count on school caring for their children Monday to Friday. (This is in response to a parent's question.)

You can book sessions at school for when there is no alternative, on the following number – 07939443778. Please note (and this got missed in the original letter) you'll also need to add your child's name to the text message so we know who you are!

**YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SERVICE**

We are committed to having a Leaver's Service this year for Year 6, even if it means October! Of course, we all hope to return before the end of Term 6!

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Thank you for your support – I gather that the Bingo Afternoon was great fun!

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**RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY**

From September 2020, all primary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education. Schools will be required to have a policy, published on their website, setting out how they intend to approach the subject. (They will also be required to teach Health Education – they are not required to have a policy on this, but may do so if they wish.) The regulations also require that primary schools consult on their Relationships Education policy.

You can find our consultation documents here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/relationships-education/>

**DID YOU SEE ON THE BBC...**

A nursery is putting their nursery songs, action games and music online. Visit <http://www.ragdollyannas.com/> for further information.

**COVID-19 REMINDERS:** Please share with the children.

How to wash your hands properly:  
Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water. Watch this short NHS film for guidance: • <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>  
Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:  
• <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>

## **PARTIAL CLOSURE**

The Government's guidance makes clear the following important points:

- If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.
- the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.
- fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals and key workers in wider society.
- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

From the end of today, North Nibley C of E Primary School will be closed as an educational setting for the foreseeable future (As a 'child care' setting there will be no requirement to follow the National Curriculum). We are able to provide a safe and secure child care setting for;

- children of key workers only (SEE OVER)
- when the child is well AND
- from a home where no-one is showing coronavirus symptoms AND
- where there is no way to keep them at home.

If you meet these 4 conditions, then school will be here for you and your children.

## **GUIDANCE FOR KEY WORKERS**

We are here to provide child care for the children of Key Workers. The Government has defined Key Workers [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision) -

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We anticipate your child-care needs may change daily, therefore it will be important to book places on a day-by-day basis. We have dedicated the following phone number for this purpose – 07939 443778

**Please not, you'll also need to add your child's name to the text message so we know who you are!**

Please send text messages if you can. This means, with our reduced staffing, we won't need to be continuously monitoring the phone during opening hours. Wherever possible we expect places to be booked by 2:00 p.m. the day before, so that we can ensure appropriate staffing levels, safeguarding cover and first aid cover. For Monday the 20th March, as much notice as you can please, including immediately upon receipt of this letter!

We are assuming that we will be able to source a packed school lunch. As usual, these will be free for children in classes 1 & 2, and chargeable for children in Year 3 and above. However, we will let you know if this proves difficult.

**For children coming in to school as of Monday 23rd  
March 2020,**

**IN ORDER TO HELP KEY WORKERS TO STAY WELL**

**the following measures/precautions must be taken:**

- Own clothes (NOT school uniform) to be worn which are fresh on – we recommend putting clothes straight in the washing machine once returning home from school to minimise and control the spread of infection. (Please bring, each day, appropriate PE & outdoor wear (inc. footwear) into which children can change).
- We must register your child in and out of the premises by somebody who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and well and not showing symptoms of coronavirus.
- Up to date contact details for family members must be available within school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus. We will be asking 'on the door', on a daily basis, about the best contact details for that day.
- If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must immediately contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
- Social distancing must be enforced whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.
- School must be informed if you no longer fall within the key worker list, if you have been asked to self-isolate or if someone else in your household falls in
- Thorough hand washing to take place just before leaving the home.
- Children must be dropped off from 8:55 am and picked up at 3:15 pm.
- For Key Workers that need an extended day, please call Jon (Managing Director) of Superstars (07896) 796363 so that he can gauge the viability of holding wrap-around child care sessions.

**All these measures are, of course, dependent on us having staff well enough to attend. Should we at any point determine that we are not 'fit to open' we will communicate this through 'Class Dojo', along with any alternative arrangements which we have been able to make.**

At this difficult time, we don't pretend to have all the answers. We hope we are dealing with the strategic and highest priority items first. We will, of course, attend to minor issues when time and circumstances allow, so please bear with us. And a little encouragement goes a long way, so thank you to all those who have voiced their appreciation – we have a great team here and every day is a joy!

Stay well,  
Paul Batchelor  
Head Teacher

<b>SPRING 2020 – Pupil days</b>	
Term 4	24/02/2020 – 20/03/2020
<b>SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days</b>	
Term 5	? <b>(May Day 8<sup>th</sup>)</b>