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NEWSLETTER 292 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – MARCH-APRIL 2020

For the Archives: Day 6 to Day 12

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 6 (28th March 2020)

It has recently become clear that my view of Purple Mash was limited by my ad blocker. I was missing the 'Sharing' icon in the main row (Home, 2Dos, Work, SHARING) – if you can't see this, whitelist Purple Mash with any ad blockers you have running.

Under Sharing you can see a noticeboard and, in a tab, much faster access to the Birthday blogs. Wish Joe and Ted in Class 1 a "Happy Birthday", ready for next Friday's assembly.

A reminder – it is really helpful that key workers use the phone number 07939 443778 by 2 o'clock the day before if they have a shift on the following day and have no other way of keeping a child safe at home. That's when I'll be able to co-ordinate a response to provide child care at school.

Here's an article which you may find helpful on limiting screen time at home during these strange days -

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/?utm_source=ss_twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=alwayson_feb_screentimeA

I now have 3 photos of folk in funny (home made?) hats. Submit yours here –

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/photo-challenge.html>

That's it. Stay safe,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 7

Wow! 43 responses to the Bafflers quiz. Achieving full marks - Ollie and Sam, Thomas and Cara, Isabella and Fergus and 3 who did not submit their names.

A new quiz tomorrow. Stay well,
Paul



SAFETY MESSAGE

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 8

TODAY'S TALE FROM THE ARK –

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EcCLtVEifUNOmTxC7ag_WdIBGah55KOC_3SX7Vq5UpL18Q?e=NKZpkD

TODAY'S SONG (inevitable really...)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mrbhsusOGM>

(Please supervise YouTube access)

And by Popular request (well, one child - BEA!) THE SAFETY MESSAGE! This is a regular feature of Monday's assemblies.

When should you wash your hands?

You should wash your hands:

- after using the toilet or changing a nappy
- before and after handling raw foods like meat and vegetables
- before eating or handling food
- after blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing
- before and after treating a cut or wound
- after touching animals, including pets, their food and after cleaning their cages

Further NHS Guidance here –

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

As promised, BATCHELOR'S BAFFLERS – Week 2

<https://forms.gle/dL88YNzftZNkXeFEA>

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 9

My work on Monday was in response to a Department for Education (DfE) requirement to update Child Protection Policies in the light of vastly different working practises. Governors are currently reviewing the revisions which have been authored by Head Teachers working collectively.

Mrs Dixon's PE videos here – We recommend you work through them!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pe-with-mrs-dixon/>

18 have already had a go at this week's BAFFLERS – a book-themed quiz.

<https://forms.gle/dL88YNzftZNkXeFEA>

Thank you to all those children taking part in my computing lessons on Purple Mash (check your '2Dos') I'm setting a new one today.

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

Photo challenge. There's still time to be snapped wearing a silly hat before I set a new challenge on Wednesday. <http://northnibley.weebly.com/photo-challenge.html>

Parents of Year 6 are being asked to respond to an invite for children to join Google Classroom. See your Class Story on Class Dojo.

Today's assembly

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/Ed87jihZ3dlCoesYEUKXHcgBAFGh9YtSrC0Gh6PDulQLjA?e=GMK79w

Today's song continues the animal theme (beautiful photos) and we know it well -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-nb5CR1uec>

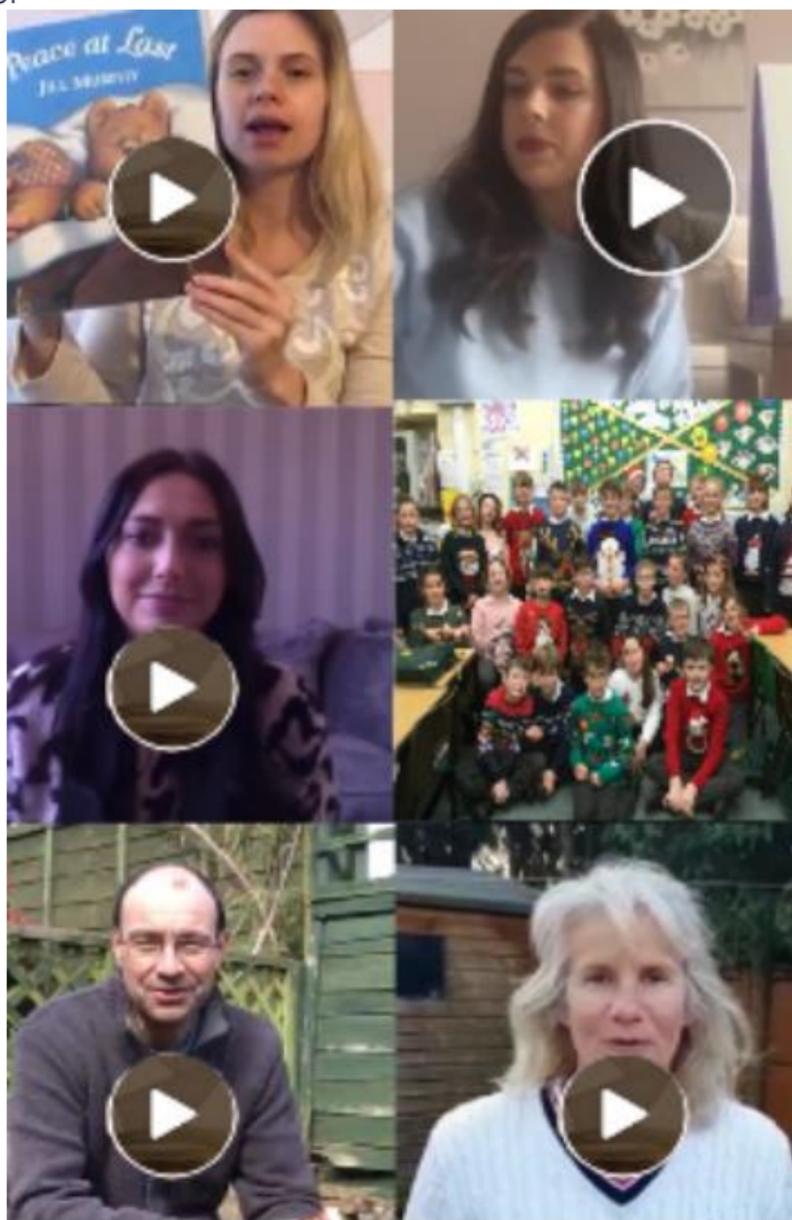
And if you prefer your song with actions –

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

Please supervise YouTube use.

Stay well,

Paul



DAILY UPDATE - DAY 10

I hope this finds you well. Thank you so much for all your work, children. I can see that progress is being made in my computing lessons (all 4 classes) and the video lessons and written instructions from the teachers are full of learning opportunities. Parents, if your children haven't started learning online with us yet, what are you waiting for? Come and join the fun!

BIRTHDAYS

Come on, everyone. Send a message of support to our two children with birthdays this week! Here's a 24 second 'How to ... ' video. Parents, please help.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZoFDC0ypn5Jr30nULWMH0IBjd5_fbLD6Au1KpAkXEOEAQ?e=EsUSMG

WEDNESDAY'S ASSEMBLY.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EeMJssRbSsFLoJaLdg_Uk0wBrIZ6mTWE DdPW0Eul49X13g?e=o5Thvg

(I've tried a different format – let me know if there are problems).

A new song for us – iSingPop – Fighting For Love.

(Don't be afraid, be bold and be strong,
Be brave and hold on) The words seemed appropriate!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LvZODQ92Ao>

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 11 - THURSDAY 2nd APRIL PLEASE READ TO THE END!

THURSDAY'S ASSEMBLY –

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EdHUFn7IPYxJpLI5TbNCJO4BZIQYNvmt DiDhY2bZvHwlgQ?e=CDIZFt

SONG

Another new one – get ready to pull some funny faces!

<https://youtu.be/Uv3JjtQzvUc>

GUIDE BADGE

Girl guiding have put this badge together full of fun things to do over the next few weeks/months - it is suitable for any child aged 5-18, boys and girls. Details attached.

PHOTO CHALLENGE

The next photo challenge is set - Your favourite board game. Please submit by Tuesday 7th April here -

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/photo-challenge.html>

SCHOOL

The ebb and flow of 'normal school' has not ceased entirely. Julie and Paula continue to support the school in the fulfilling of our statutory duties, and there is a new financial year budget to agree. Governors continue to make choices which effect the long term future of the school, whilst also asking questions about

the most vulnerable in our care at this most difficult time.

Teachers have responded to this challenge magnificently, but, as one put it, they didn't come into teaching to stare at a screen all day. The reality is that days are much longer and they feel a pressure to respond immediately to every piece of work and every comment. And, of course and they miss the interaction with the children that is an essential part of the job. Tomorrow, Friday, will be a catching up day again, with a lighter work load.

OPENING FOR KEY WORKERS OVER EASTER

Parental response to the Easter letter was minimal. I suspect many of our key worker families simply don't yet know what child care support they will require. We have a 'skeleton' staff available for the traditional Easter break. It is really helpful that key workers use the phone number 07939 443778 by 2 o'clock the day before if they have a shift on the following day and have no other way of keeping a child safe at home. That's when I'll be able to co-ordinate a response to provide child care at school.

LOCAL AUTHORITY (L.A.) REQUEST

It would be most helpful if you could let me know if your family have TWO key workers (parents) since this is information not available to me at home. Please email head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk if you feel you fall into this category. I'll only be providing numbers to the LA. But they tell me it will help them plan strategically for the coming weeks.

SORRY –

That there was so much to take in today. I hope you manage some down time.

Stay well,
Paul.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 12 – FRIDAY 3rd APRIL



MRS KIRBY'S CHALLENGE

Mrs Kirby has set this weekend's challenge. She writes "Recycling is as important as ever but quite difficult to achieve at the moment. Let's keep recycling what we can and store it at home if possible.

Can you make a recycling storage system to hold on

to your used pens, dental products, crisp packets and stamps?

Here's one I made for home from an old photo board, string and pegs. The holders are a loo roll middle, an old sock, a used envelope a big crisp packet. What can you make? See you soon, Mrs Kirby."

BAFFLERS

22 have already had a go at this week's BAFFLERS – a book-themed quiz. The scores achieved so far suggest this quiz is slightly easier than last week!

<https://forms.gle/dL88YNzftZNkXeFEA>

THURSDAY'S ASSEMBLY (in the 'old' format for those having difficulty yesterday)

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZFhOvdJX4xPhfAH8z3hFIIBEqXUxcSa_k87-kAQyIRnjA?e=VCVKRb

FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

Sorry, this is a large download, but we've included so much – all the audio, the songs, the story, in a single file. I suggest you put the kettle on whilst you wait and if the download seems slow, come back later!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/Ef3qndAvVelNp7TebP9bZxEbb0Q0B9InwgTIEExBOAxpYw?e=eW2fQE

SONG REQUESTS

On a Monday we usually have a 'request' slot for the songs we sing. Children, ask your parents to post a comment here with your song suggestions on Monday.

SOMETHING FOR THE 'HOLIDAY'?

This new resource is designed for children at Key Stages 1 and 2 to support their learning during the period of school closure. Each week new resources will be added.

The activities aim to reassure young people (and their families around them) as they live through these unsettling times. They are designed to encourage self-care and support wellbeing, but importantly to be fun and engaging.

<https://facts4life.org/work-for-home-learning/>