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NEWSLETTER 303 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JUNE 2020

For the Archives: Day 83 to Day 89

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 83 – SATURDAY 13th JUNE

STAFF NEWS

Helen Morgan, a long-standing member of the staff as a Mid-Day Supervisor, announced her retirement from the school. In due course we will find a way to thank her for her significant involvement and commitment to your children. I will provide details nearer the time.

For the time being the mid-day staff – supported by admin and teaching assistants – are able to cover her duties (at a stretch). When school returns to normal we will be seeking to make an appointment and those who feel they – or someone they know – could make a valuable contribution are asked to watch this space.

YEAR 5 KLB HANDOUT

Please find attached a handout from KLB. Please note, we always send out all the transition literature sent to us, but it is up to the secondary schools to provide this information.

SONG – Community request

This song was chosen by Elianna. "All through History".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGbSK5zRTtA>

And if you want to learn the 'official actions' – they are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lxs2l2hzv4>

(Please remember to supervise YouTube use)

SONGS

Parents and/or children, please let me know if you have a special request for a song to share.

ASSEMBLY

Please let me know, children, if you would like to join Mary Blogg and other children (via video conference) for the Open The Book assembly on Friday. It is likely you'll be needed a few days before that, and have access to appropriate technology (with your parent's support and permission!)

RECAP - RETURNING TO SCHOOL?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - If you have decided to return from Monday 22nd June, you have until 6 o'clock ON THURSDAY 18th to register. (Those who have already started back do not need to re-book.) Follow the links from

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reopening-school/>

KEY WORKERS?

You can book 'as needed' places now for the week beginning Monday 22nd June. Please book (and re-book) every week by 6 o'clock ON THURSDAY. We do not 'assume' standing orders or regular shift patterns. We know these can change without warning, so we are trying to be flexible for you. Obviously, the more notice we have, the better.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reopening-school/>

RECAP - YEAR 6

If you know you will not be returning, it's only fair you let us know, so we can release your place to someone else. (We will find other ways of saying 'Goodbye' when life returns to normal!) Use the questionnaire linked to this page to let us know.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reopening-school/>

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 83 – SUNDAY 14th JUNE

ASSEMBLY - Virtual Sunday School – JONAH (retold in a lockeddown bathroom!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdPCkXPo_Cc
(Please remember to supervise YouTube use)

SONG - King Of Me. We sang this a few weeks back, but the song is ALSO about Jonah!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks6zl2hL2Uk>
(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

Take care, and remember to look at yesterday's update if you haven't already!

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 85 – MONDAY 15th JUNE

YOU

The number of parents reading these daily updates continues to hold steady at around 83 each day. Thank you. However, with 116 parents signing up we know that not all of you get the important messages. If you are a part-time reader of the updates, it's important to look back over the last week and see what you might have missed!

ME

ASSEMBLY - Bob Hartman - ME FIRST

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=W8LXKejoyTY&feature=emb_logo

ASSEMBLY SONG – <https://youtu.be/5idAk316hpY> -

great for the start of a new day! Activity sheet attached. (Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

US

We have around 30% of the children back this week, in one capacity or another. Mrs Lewis has visited around 50 children at their homes, with a few more requested visits taking place soon. Bookings are now being taken for the week beginning 22nd June. Those YEAR 6 parents who have already committed to a Monday 22nd restart do not need to book again.

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Take care, and remember to look at the weekend's update if you haven't already!

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 86 – TUESDAY 16th JUNE

FAMILY QUIZ

I said that was a tough one! No-one scored 10/10 this week. The highest score was 8, achieved anonymously. Well done, whoever you are. The quiz is still open

<https://forms.gle/QjZJFhDxoe6jLQyR8>

but there's a new one tomorrow – based on board games. It's a lot easier!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Send a comment via Purple Mash

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

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<https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/>

ASSEMBLY Our Value of Generosity.

Mr Batchelor reads 'The Rainbow Fish'.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EdEMyFAQrjVEhLGHgnXkjXUBsLbbTz7InTW-S5ZgtWyhtw?e=5p0KM3

SONG - Hey, You In The Middle

Perfect to get younger children moving and to show off their best dancing, jumping and hopping.

<https://youtu.be/6vy5heCvcAY>

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

Activity sheet attached.

YEAR 5 PARENTS

I will send out an email to you before the end of the day.

Best wishes

Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 87 – WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE

Lots to read today!

NEW QUIZ – Another baffler – this time the theme is board games!

<https://forms.gle/3pec5EsVmZdFHakn6>

(Easier than last time!)

BIRTHDAY WISHES

There are three birthdays to celebrate on Friday, one each in classes Four, Two and One. This 24 second 'How to ...' video show you how it's done. Please contact me if you've lost your log-in!

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

ASSEMBLY

Back to the Wacky World of VeggieTales!

The Girl Who Became Queen (Based on the biblical story of Esther, but with talking grapes...)

(Lesson - You never need to be afraid to do what's right.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy_an0WkaLQ

SONG Every Step (A potential 'Y6 Leaver's Song?')

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5_HwE

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

REJOINING SCHOOL

Yesterday I shared the following information with Year 5 parents via email. The message included the following: "Today I have received a notification that the last of our Year 6 pupils is planning to re-join school. This group numbers 13 (our 'bubbles' allow a maximum allowed 15). As it would be unfair (and impossible) to select just 2 from your number, I hope you can see the sense in us closing down the remaining places."

VIRTUAL ORCHESTRA!

Jules Miller, parent, music teacher and governor, writes:

"Calling all musicians, would you like to be part of the North Nibley Primary School Virtual Orchestra? It will be just one piece of music recorded and edited together (so no solos!). I have parts for most instruments and abilities. There are only a couple of weeks to get this recorded so let me know if you would like to get involved." Jules can be contacted by email here: jmiller@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

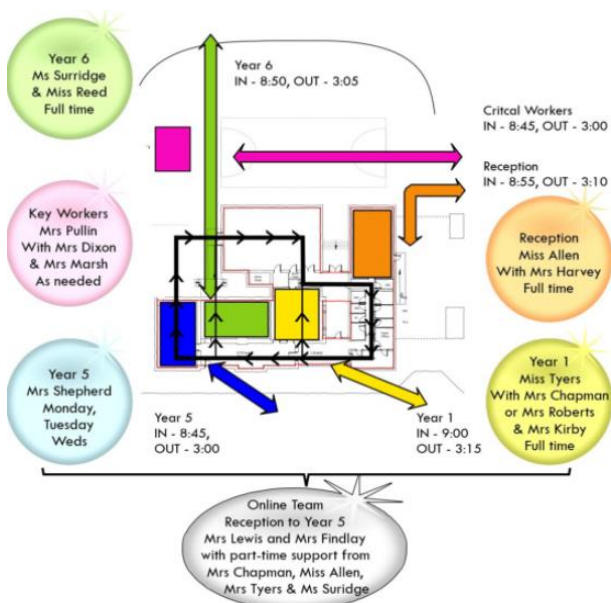
CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

In the middle of March, I announced a 'public' consultation on the new Relationships and Sex

Education Policy that schools are required to have in place before the school year 2020-2021 begins. We have extended the consultation period until 30th June, so if you wished to express a view head over to our school website and download the draft policy. <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 88 – THURSDAY 18th JUNE



RETURNING TO SCHOOL – YES or NO REQUIRED PLEASE Yesterday I sent important emails to parents in Year 5, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please ensure you read these and respond by the deadlines given.

Seven Year 5 so far have agreed to return for a 3-day week (Mon to Weds).

We will be basing our final staffing plans and on-site provision, to last until the end of the school year, directly on what you tell us! (so we also need to hear your 'No, thank you' responses!)

Please note the revised Entry & Exit plans in the graphic above.

ASSEMBLY – courtesy of iSingPop. This week, a message about 'thankfulness'.

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

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LAST CALL FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES

I can't believe that NO ONE wants to wish our 3 children with birthdays – Tilly, Ben and Ava a happy day? This 24 second 'How to ...' video show you how it's done. Please contact me if you've lost your log-in!

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AMELIE WRITES:

"I have chosen to write about this book because I want to get other people interested in it too." What book is she writing about? Head over to our Book Review pages (<http://northnibley.weebly.com/book->

[reviews](#)) and find out. Whilst there, why not post a book review of your own?

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Stay safe and well,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 89 – FRIDAY 19th JUNE



ASSEMBLY –

Most of your Friday Favourites –

Open The Book, Pupil birthdays, A song, School News

Part One - https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ESeCC6z4XxtJqKrMmVMBWvwB06qxKu0iNCHAAtO3BpTCewA?e=aMsSFq

Part Two – https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EV14xQ_9KFXateC1rogK_2EB6SxkuKQ8NgH1Pqb6EKDGLw?e=hjJhzX

Includes a special story from Reception Children.

CATCH-UP PROGRAMMES - BREAKING NEWS

On the radio today the government were talking about catch-up programmes for children. It is clear that over one third of the money promised will be directed at children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. (This is a separate category from the 'Universal' free school meals for which our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils automatically qualify. You can have both!) If you feel that your circumstances, even temporarily, might now make you eligible, I urge you to apply. Pupil Premium Grants benefit your own child directly, as well as school as a whole. This web page -

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school->

[meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/](#) tells you the criteria for qualifying for the free school meals (Pupil Premium).

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NEWSLETTER 290

Watch out for an emailed newsletter, or download yours from

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

Have a great weekend!

Stay safe,

Paul