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NEWSLETTER 312

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Dear Parents and Friends,

I have been asked about the reappearance of the tape at the front of the school, separating the entrances for those in Classes 1 and 2 from those in Classes 3 and 4.

We have 40 children in the older bubble who have no siblings in the younger bubble. We also have 26 children in the younger bubble who have no siblings in the older bubble. We have staff who continue to put themselves (and those at home) at risk by attending, and I note there are some parents too who remain at a distance, for legitimate reasons of their own. Within school we are working hard (at some inconvenience) to maintain the integrity of the bubbles. Please do not allow (e.g.) younger children up to the fishpond area in the older bubble 'zone'. Outside the walls we have little jurisdiction. Within our boundaries, we do what we can. Please respect the steps we are taking, and help us to make all our community a little safer.

OTHER COVID-19 NEWS

"Quadrupling in schools sending pupils home in Covid cases" (BBC News today,
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-54250805>)

There is a lot of speculation over a potential lockdown over the school half-term. It is just speculation. We are not in possession of any specific information about half-term.

GOVERNOR MINUTES

The minutes from Term 6 (July) are available now -
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-minutes/>



THE FUTURE OF THE NEWSLETTER

26 votes so far – results inconclusive! (See the pie chart!) Please vote here -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h-Q3pwyCLkOPhvIVvzQ_DvqjBNO-02pGqWBXaGmVHV9UNTFKTzIHMEZMMTUxNE5PQzICWDMxRUoySC4u

PLEASE HELP

Thursday 1st October is a 'census' date upon which a portion of our continued funding is based. Please order a packed lunch on this day. We are at risk of losing out financially at a time when our expenditure has increased (Covid-19 has cost us close to £3,000 so far, with no opportunity to claim back the preventative costs incurred). This simple step (ordering a lunch) will be a real help to the school.

I trust you are keeping healthy. Within school, all is well.

Mr B

Public Health England (PHE) have asked all schools to circulate the following letter regarding 'Testing'.

WEBSITE

The school website has undergone a number of minor changes. All COVID-related information can now be found here

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19/> (and under the tab 'Key Information')

A draft Remote Teaching And Learning Policy has been uploaded to this page and the Risk Assessment document has been updated.

'Term Dates' has moved to a new place under the 'Parents' tab.

A new menu item, 'Financial Reports', pulls together four associated pages previously listed separately.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It is requested that schools promote the use of the NHS 'Track and Trace' app, for all aged 16 or over.

SYMPTOMS

Please find attached a poster which defines some of the differences between colds, flu and the coronavirus.

Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

NHS Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Overhead onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small>
 Fever (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

NEW ARRIVALS (PART 1)

We anticipate the arrival of a new pupil in Year 5 on Monday – make her welcome! This leaves only one year group short of its full quota – Reception. Please be prepared to promote us if the opportunity arises.

NEWSLETTER

With 38 'votes' now in, the future of the Newsletter is still in doubt. There are 5 options. As it stands, I have to combine three methods to meet the 'first choice' of more than half of you! Please confirm your choice by Friday October 2nd.

HARVEST

Rev. Peter Marsh will lead a Harvest service for the children next week.

We are pleased to join with St. Martins, supporting Stroud District Food Bank, and we are happy to act as a collection point for 'A VERY SPECIFIC' range of items which you can read off the attached poster. Sorry, NO FRESH GOODS this year. We will collect on the mornings of Wednesday 30th, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of October.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Please drop of your unwanted clothing to support our fund raising. As per the recently distributed flyer, bags need to be with us on Friday 2nd or Monday 5th, before 9:00 a.m.

KEEPING WARM

Please remember all children will need a coat daily, and the open windows/doors means our classrooms are cooler than normal, so dress appropriately.

FLU JABS

Keep your eyes open for a forthcoming letter detailing this year's roll out. We anticipate a date very close to Christmas for our school.

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a collection of items at the school gate awaiting transportation to the local tip/recycling centre. Please help yourself if you have capacity. Bookings are still required by the council.

ADDITIONALLY our Class 1 sand pit needs emptying. Please let me know if you can help.

Last year a few of parents researched or otherwise typed up the lyrics to a number of songs. Although singing in school is still disallowed, any offers to complete this task would be appreciated.

Before the lockdown happened, we sent nearly every child home with a blue 'presentation' style book with plastic pockets. We'd love to have back at school. Sadly, we have had less than half returned so far.

Have a very pleasant weekend. See you Monday!
Mr B