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NEWSLETTER 320

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve"
Martin Luther King Junior

Dear Parents and Friends,

ADVENT WINDOWS - LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS

On Tuesday 1st December the first part of our Advent Windows trail should be unveiled, and I'm very grateful for all those who have chosen to take part. As time allows, I shall be updating the online 'Advent Calendar' with photos of the windows in all their glory. If you are not local, have mobility issues or it's just too dark, you can follow along on this page here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/advent/> Those planning to view in person, there is also a map on this webpage which you can photograph on a smart phone to take with you, or download a map using the QR code below! There are paper copies available from the office too!



BOOK REVIEWS

Just as I wrote "Nothing since September..." last weekend, up popped 'The Hobbit!'. Come on, all you readers young and old. Make a recommendation here - <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

We have updated our Emergency Closure procedures, which are being sent home shortly, and available in the school website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/emergency-closure-information/>



Children continue to make progress and achieve personal bests! Well done to all the children pictured here from a recent assembly.

WEBSITE SPRING CLEAN

I've begun working my way through 160 pages of the school website, updating content and removing redundant links. I've completed around a third (pages beginning A to E), but please let me know if I've missed any. Newsletters from the school year 2017-2018 will be removed from the website this Christmas break! Last chance to download and keep!

SAFEGUARDING

After the Covid-inflicted delay in the availability of Safeguarding Training, I am pleased to say I'm now 're-certified' as the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. Thank you to deputy safeguarding leads Mrs Lewis and Ms Surridge for the intervening cover.

SCHOOL 'OPEN DAY'

Our next Open Day 'Zoom' meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER at 7:00

Potential attendees need to contact admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk with their email address. Please spread the word.

PLEASE SHARE OUR OPEN DAY VIDEO ON EVERY PLATFORM YOU CAN. Our Open Day video is now available to view – see our website, our Facebook page and this page here!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/open-days/>

The video has been downloaded 222 times so far!

NEW JOINERS' SURVEY – Just 2 received so far

We invite those who have recently joined the school, either as Reception or in other Year Groups, to complete a New Joiner's Survey.

This can be found online here -

<https://forms.gle/gGTPXuBSz8V5Bf9y7>

After last week's false start, the survey is now 'open' and a second change has been to lockdown the results to maintain your anonymity. Results will only be viewable by staff.

'OLD PARENT'S' SURVEY - Just 2 received so far

We have written to the parents of last year's Year 6 leavers, asking them to complete a survey. Please ask if you've not had sight of this invitation.

'OLD LEAVERS' SURVEY - 0 received so far

Year 7s get their own survey too. Access was sent to their parents last week.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

The first of our video 'Christmas Cards' has arrived! The idea is that you gather as a household and video yourselves saying "Merry Christmas from the (?) family". Christmas jumpers, tinsel and a tree in the background are optional but possible as we edge closer to December. Send the video via Class Dojo and I'll stitch them together for public circulation. The deadline will be Thursday 10th December.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

But Christmas cards, sadly, will not be welcome in school this year. Children, why not draw a card and use Class Dojo to 'send' it to the class?

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

And FONNS is treating us all to a Pantomime!
(Oh yes they are!)

"Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men"

Sherwood Forest is coming out of quarantine - even Ye Olde Tesco is open with a one-way-system and a plentiful supply of loo roll!! We will join our hero Robin of Lockdown Loxley (online) as he attempts to outwit the evil (but obsessively well sanitised) Sheriff of Nottingham. As well as robbing from the rich to give to the poor, can he romance the beautiful Maid Marion (from a suitable social distance of course) along the way?

CHRISTMAS IS COMING....

Sadly, it looks like any mass gathering at the Church will be beyond us next month. Even if permissible (after this lockdown), many will personally find it a step too far / too soon. We are working towards a video of the Class 1&2 Nativity, and separately some Year 6 Christmas readings and a few more surprises.

NEXT WEEK WE HOPE TO HAVE OUR FULL CHRISTMAS OFFER IN DETAIL.

Have a great weekend.
Mr B and all the staff team.

FONNS RAFFLE TICKETS – These are on sale now.

FREE MONEY! (RAISE MONEY FOR FONNS!)

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school, especially in the build up to CHRISTMAS – Amazon Smile. You can find all the information about using this FREE service on our website page here - -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/>

Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price!

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<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

ONLINE CHRISTMAS TREAT SHOP

HOMEMADE MINCE PIES. £2.50

CHRISTMAS JUTE BAGS FILLED WITH CHOCOLATES. £2.00

HOT CHOCOLATE BOXES. £2.50

CHRISTMAS CONES FILLED WITH CHRISTMAS GOODIES £1.00

CHRISTMAS LOLLY POPS. 50P

PRE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER

COLLECTION LAST WEEK OF TERM

