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NEWSLETTER 321

Friday 4th December 2020

SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5 v 13

Dear Parents and Friends,

ADVENT BAGS

We are very grateful to the Churches of North Nibley who have collaborated to bring the children a 'goodie bag' to celebrate the season of Advent. These bags were quarantined in school for 10 days before being handed out. Every child in the school received a collection of puzzles and games, a lolly and an advent calendar to customise for themselves. There is also a 'Christingle' collecting tube which raises money for Christian Aid. If you are able to return any donations, there is a bucket in the school lobby.



Decorations by Mrs Lewis!

STAFF NEWS

Miss Kerry Williams is joining the staff team to temporarily provide support for children in Class 1. She brings a wealth of experience working in Early Years education. This has been made possible by the government's release of funding to support school during the Covid pandemic. See issue 317.

FONNS RAFFLE TICKETS – These are on sale now.
CUP-STACKING REACHES NEW HEIGHTS



Class 1 were very pleased with their balancing skills and dexterity. Alexander was able, by standing on his toes, to place the upper-most cup. Well done Class 1.

CAN YOU HELP?

One of our parents' cars was involved in a collision with a horse box on Wednesday at pick-up time, just outside the school. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Our parent would be pleased to hear from anyone who saw the incident, Ask if you'd like an introduction.

CHARITY UPDATE

Poppy collection - £179.94

Children IN Need £183.16

We still collect stamps! Proceeds to CRY.

Old Clothes – save up your cast-offs for a collection in February. Proceeds to FONNS.

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/>

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>

SCHOOL 'OPEN DAY'

Our next Open Day 'Zoom' meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER at 7:00 (AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE BUSIEST YET!)

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. See our website, our Facebook page and this page here!

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

The video has been downloaded 230 times so far!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

NEW JOINERS' SURVEY – Just 3 received so far
<https://forms.gle/gGTPXuBSz8V5Bf9y7>

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

'OLD LEAVERS' SURVEY - 0 received so far

FOUND

1 black drinking bottle (found in the field)

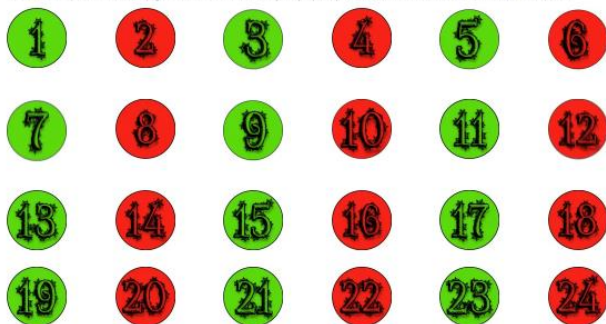
1 USB phone charging lead (found in the car park).

ADVENT WINDOWS - LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS

The first of our Advent Windows trail should now be visible and I'm very grateful for all those who have chosen to take part. You can visit our website here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/advent/> and click on a dated bauble to reveal the window, but it's better to see these 'for real'. Remember, if you are venturing out after dark, wear reflective clothing, carry lights and 'Keep yourself safe'. (Note – the trail map, which you can download from the same page, or using the QR code below, pictures window number 8 a little too close to the village, you'll have to go a little further down the lane than the map suggests.)

Advent Windows 2020

Please find the map at the bottom of the page. As windows are added each day, I'll try to post a photo here, so come back often! Click on the baubles for the photos!



There are paper copies available from the office too!



WILL YOU SEND A GREETING?

Videos of families wishing the community 'Happy Christmas' are beginning to arrive (via Class Dojo). The idea is that you gather as a household and video yourselves saying "Merry Christmas from us all" (or something similar.) Christmas jumpers, tinsel and a tree in the background are optional! Once uploaded, I'll stitch them together for public circulation. The deadline is **Thursday 10th December**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Year 6 have begun recording on video their traditional Bible readings for Christmas, as part of our preparations for a service. Many of the Year 6 enjoy wearing a little bit of 'Christmas bling' or a silly hat for the readings, so if they could have something small and not precious in school (in advance) that would prove helpful. Thank you!

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

(Tuesday 8th Dec

Y2 Phonics Check – this national requirement from the DFE has been held over since May.)

(Evening – Open Day 'Zoom', 7.00. Please ask admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk for an invitation.)

We host the next 'Advent Window' – see above.

(Wednesday 9th Dec

Year 7 'Zoom' meeting for last summer's leavers. 2 signed up so far. Replaces the usual 'Mince Pie' meet.

Thursday 10th Dec

Classes 1 & 2 Nativity under strict Covid measures. 9:15 p.m. and 2 p.m.

DEADLINE for family 'video' Christmas cards.

Friday 11th Dec

Classes 1 & 2 Nativity under strict Covid measures. 2 p.m.

Monday 14th Dec

Our second 'Advent Window' goes live – see below. R.E. Day. Children learning about Christmas across the world.

Tuesday 15th Dec

Classes 3 & 4 – Panto by video. Thank you FONNS!

Wednesday 16th Dec

No school lunches for any pupils!

Classes 1 & 2 – Party day!

Lunch in the hall, games to follow. Parents are asked to provide a 'festive' lunch box, but only to cater for their own children. (We won't be sharing packets etc this year). Christmas jumpers for Classes 1 & 2 please. Classes 3 & 4 – home packed lunch, eat in own class.)

Thursday 17th Dec

Whole school flu vaccinations!

No school lunches for any pupils!

Classes 3 & 4 – Party day!

Lunch either in the hall or Classroom 3, games to follow. Parents are asked to provide a 'festive' lunch box, but only to cater for their own children. (We won't be sharing packets etc this year). Christmas jumpers for Classes 3 & 4 please.

Classes 1 & 2 – home packed lunch, eat in own class.)

Friday 18th Dec

Classes 1 & 2 – Panto by video. Thank you FONNS!
End of Term 2.

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