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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 329 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – FEBRUARY 2021

For the Archives: Day 33 to Day 39

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 33 – SATURDAY (95 views)

Success! We managed 23 live video streams on our unsteady internet connection (which is ‘bounced’ off the tower of St Martin’s Church!) As a result, next week we will start with cameras on (but stay muted please until asked to join in!). Overall, our best live assembly yet! I’ve been asked if we can record Friday assemblies for distribution afterwards. My understanding of the law is that we’d have to seek permission from all those attending first (data protection), so sorry, but that’s not possible at the moment.

BIRTHDAYS

The birthday blogs for this week are open. Wish your class mates a ‘Happy Birthday’. You can find our ‘How to...’ video here https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZoFDC0ypn5Jr30nULWMH0IBjd5_fbLD6Au1KpAkXEOEAQ

READING

During Friday’s assembly I reiterated the school’s view that reading is THE MOST IMPORTANT thing you can do with your children to support learning. Beginning today – Seven Top Tips to Support Reading at Home. Shared reading is a great way to develop children’s language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

TIP NUMBER 1 - Concentrate on reading quality (it isn’t all about reading lots!) Don’t worry too much about the ‘what’ and ‘how’ of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is! (KS2 Specific - Why not set your child a reading challenge: How many different things can you read in a day?)

BOOK REVIEWS

There are another 6 reviews on our Reading Website - <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

Which of your children's friends are posting reviews?
What are they recommending?

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 34 – SUNDAY (90 views)

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Abraham & Sarah and the Don't Laugh Challenge!
(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Day 2 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 2 - Ask your child lots of questions
All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

Stay safe and well and warm! Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 35 – MONDAY (79 views)

Do remember to check back over the weekend's updates to see what you missed!

Day 3 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 3 - Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read

If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?' (KS2 Specific - For example, 'can you see the fox on the front cover? Why do you think he's so sad?')

ASSEMBLY

Once again iSingPop bring us a joyous, music-filled assembly. Episode 4 on the theme of 'Respect' (one of the school's values) can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/497672198/622911d96b> As before, the password is spring .

BIRTHDAYS

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NEW PUPIL

We welcome a new Reception-aged pupil in to our school today. From a social distance, do make our new family feel welcomed into our community, if you should see them when collecting or dropping off. The single space in Year 5 is all that is automatically available. Anyone else seeking a place will have to appeal.

EXERCISE

I've been doing a lot of walking (and remembering to log my activity on the Tokyo Challenge!) Snowdrops are everywhere! (See the photo). What catches your eye?

REMINDER

Those in Class 3 on site tomorrow will need wellington boots or walking boots, "just in case..."

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 36 – TUESDAY (89 views)

ASSEMBLY – Join Bob Hartman (the author of Open The Book) as he dramatically tells the story of.... "A Friend at Midnight"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=-9-LCzpFtwl&feature=emb_imp_woyt&safe=true

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

SONG

Make some noise with one of our favourites – "Bigger Than Big"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_Vwba3dGeY&t=93s

(Please supervise pupil access to YouTube.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Day 4 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read

When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and

maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?' (KS2 Specific - Think about how the characters behaved and interesting things that happened in the plot. You could encourage your child to keep a reading diary, describing the big idea of each chapter.)

QUIZ

Don't forget our family quiz – acronyms. Easier than it sounds, honest! LOL!

<https://forms.gle/UnGy8MihEAiwsKZu8>

Stay safe and well, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 37 – WEDNESDAY (90 views)

A HELPING HAND

There's nothing like a difficult situation for bringing out the best in people. Over recent days we've had the following to thank:

St Martin's Church – a brand new iPad to support the school

Cotswold Tynedale Rotary Club – The gift of 2 preowned iPads to support our IT

Wotton-Under-Edge Lions – The donation of funds to provide headsets (headphones and mics) to support learners at home

Families who've dropped off goodies for the staffroom – thank you from us all!

Sundela – Notice boards for families. If you ordered one or more, please arrange collection a.s.a.p. You'll need a large car or a wide a boot!

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Day 4 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 5 - Ask your child to write about what they have read. Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together. (KS2 Specific - Ask them to fill the outline with lots of information about the main character.)

ASSEMBLY

Enjoy Fischy Music's assembly from Monday 8th February – positive and affirming songs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SFj73rzYa4>

As always, please supervise the use of YouTube.

CLASS 1

Miss Allen is having issues with her connection to the internet today, from home. Please be patient – she hasn't forgotten you!

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 38 – THURSDAY (91 views)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Cookie, Peter and the Tyndale Benefice Team invite your parents/carers and staff to The Tyndale Benefice Ash Wednesday online service, via Zoom.

The order of Service (so people can follow from home) is attached.

Wednesday 17th February, 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87515908273?pwd=VVo0VDNibjNaSjB0QVhYNnJ1VTBJdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 1590 8273

Passcode: zU5S66

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Day 6 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 6 - Read and discuss reading with friends or family

Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call.

Laugh about them when you are making meals together.

For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

(KS2 Specific - For example, 'you could use your slime-power to help me cook tea tonight.')

PARENT'S EVENINGS

We have taken the decision to delay the Parent Evening appointments that we would normally hold around this time, until the week beginning March 22nd. We imagine that by then there will be a clearer position for schools and pupils regarding a return – but we've been surprised by 'events' before, so watch this space. Appointments with you will mainly be by phone, and teachers will try and arrange these with you nearer the time.

RUMOURS

There are a number of rumours circulating about extending the school day and/or providing summer schools. Officially nothing has yet been decided. The Local Authority anticipate further information sometime around the last week in February. This will then need interpretation at county and local (school) level. Until then...

BIRTHDAYS

Get your birthday messages on Purple Mash this evening to ensure inclusion in tomorrow's assembly (which we are trying with all cameras turned on!) See last Saturday's Update for details.

QUIZ

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DAILY UPDATE – DAY 39 – FRIDAY (91 views)

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Topic: Friday Assembly 12/02/2021, Time: Feb 12, 2021
01:30 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3905430376?pwd=a0pHOVFJ eGJuWUkwTEtkQUVvVURRUT09>

Meeting ID: 390 543 0376

We are allowing cameras ON today (but please stay 'muted' until asked to join in!)

You may share the link with wider family if you wish, but please no further. If we are 'zoom-bombed' by anything offensive, I will terminate the broadcast with immediate effect and apologise later!

Today's passcode is: RIODJ Can you guess why?

THANK YOU MRS HARVEY

Classroom Two has had a makeover, with new paintwork by our very own Mrs Harvey. The smart new colours were 'teased' back in Update 30, and thanks to the loan of a 'Rug Doctor' from the Holland family, then carpets have been cleaned too. Mrs Tyers is looking forward to being back in the room next week.

Mrs Harvey wonders if there are any families with 'left over' tins of paint sufficient to repaint the staff toilets? Neutral and pastel colours are preferred please if you wanted to pass on unwanted paint.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Day 7 of our 'SEVEN TOP TIPS' to Support Reading at Home.

TIP NUMBER 7 - Maintain the motivation to read

Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.' (KS2 Specific - Give your child choices about what they read, being in control is great motivation! Encourage them to recommend books to family and friends. For example, 'you should read this book, Grandad, because you love funny stories.')

STRUGGLING FOR SOMETHING TO READ?

As well as the school's own growing bank of book reviews (more please!) I've found this site. Enter your child's age and interest areas and you get a host of recommendations.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER ATTACHMENT

Following on from yesterday's invitation, attached is a prayer card & note of explanation (back page) and Order of Service for the Ash Wednesday online service, via Zoom.

See you later! Mr B.