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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 337

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Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust you had a blessed Easter time. We had snow, chocolate and family time. It's a great time of year!

PERSEVERANCE IS OUR NEW CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained."
Marie Curie

OUR SUMMER TERM VALUE IS PERSEVERANCE and the children will be reflecting on this acrostic poem to fine-tune their understanding.

Pressing on
Eager to continue
Running the race
Sticking with things
Encouraging each other to keep going
Valuing the support of others
Eyes fixed on the target
Reaching a goal over time
Aiming to complete the task
Not giving up
Commitment to keep going
Ending up where you want to be

Find out about the Christian basis for our Value here –
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/values-and-ethos/>

COVID UPDATE

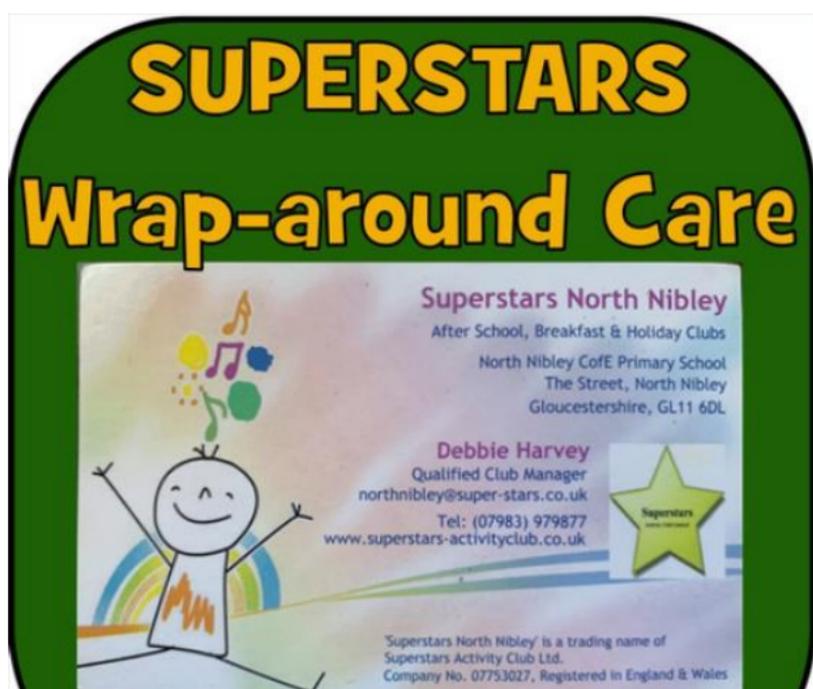
Having reviewed the school's Covid response in the light of continued good news for the nation, and specifically in our local area, I can confirm we are sticking with a drop off between 8:40 and 9:00 in the morning with collection times as they are now, 3:05 for Classes 1 & 2, 3:15 for older pupils. Other measures for playtimes and lunchtimes continue for the time being, but in one change, teachers in classes 3 and 4 may now choose to arrange tables in a 'grouped' formation.



LOOK HERE

NOW HERE'S A THING! Expect me to reiterate this **RESEARCH-BACKED** evidence into improving children's reading on a regular basis. It costs **NOTHING**, takes just **SECONDS** and could make a **LIFETIME** of difference to your children!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zlSnJ-oao&t=5s>



WELCOME BACK TO MRS HARVEY

Superstars is up and running and places can be booked through the details on the card – Email northnibley@super-stars.co.uk or call 07983 979877

WISHLIST

You may recall that we host a wish list on the school website. I had cause to update this recently and was pleased to see the progress we had made against a good number of the ideas you have contributed. You can still add new ideas and comment on existing ideas if you wish.

(<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist/>)

STAFF VACANCY

Please spread the word widely, our Vacancy Application Pack is now available for download here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancy-ta-2021/>

STAFF NEWS

Parent, Music Teacher and Governor Jules Miller is joining the Mid-Day Supervision team to support us over the Summer term, beyond which we hope to have more news concerning lunchtimes.

CLASS DOJO

Did you know that 'Dojo Beyond' is available for home use? "Make routines at home easy as pie with Dojo points Watch your kids reach new heights with Goals & Rewards Plus, kids get access to hundreds of new monster parts!" I'd be very interested to hear from any family that uses this.

SCHOOL TEAMS & THE 'TOKYO' CHALLENGE

Don't forget – having 'reached Tokyo' once with our exercise challenge, we are attempting to repeat the challenge, but as individual school teams. You'll need to select the right team when you log on to record your exercise. Adults can 'play along' too and add their walks, swims, rides and runs to the pupil teams.



SUMMER TERM MENU

This has been posted on the school website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals-menus/>

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home.

Discuss these with your children too!

Give away unwanted stuff through Freecycle (www.freecycle.org.uk) – this is a great way to reuse things and stop them going into landfill.

Bonus: Organise a Freecycle event for your church, workplace or local community to exchange possessions that are no longer needed.

PIN BOARDS

Amongst the turmoil of the lockdown, my notes on those who requested the last of the free pin boards has been lost. Please identify yourselves. Having posted this message since 12th March, if you do not claim yours by Friday next week I am able to offer a number to anyone who now wants one. First come, first served!

Cam News

Obviously this local, tragic story has filtered through our community and led to speculation, exaggeration and, in a few cases, fear, with the youngest being particularly vulnerable. As a staff we have decided not to initiate whole class/ school 'discussion' around this news. We have, however, highlighted the availability of the class 'worry wallets' and will seek to answer individuals if the matter is brought up.

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 5	Mon 19 th April *	Fri 28 th May
Term 6	Mon 7 th June	Tues 20 th July
Term 1	Thurs 2 nd Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 nd Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022

* May 3rd = Bank Holiday

COMING YOUR WAY – All About The Family

We are pleased to be able to provide a digital copy of a new magazine – All About The Family – via Class Dojo. I hope there will be something of interest for all the family.

FONNS NEWS

16 boxes have arrived in school – ask your children what's in them! An extremely generous and most welcome gift from FONNS.

AND...

Over the Easter FONNS also provided (via the Hall family) sufficient bark to make safe and attractive the ground around the play huts. Thank you, both, for helping the money stretch further!



PERFECT!

As I write, we've had 3 consecutive days of 100% pupil attendance (and only one away on Monday). This is amazing and helps enormously to support pupils in making good progress in their learning.

AN EASING OF RESTRICTIONS?

Looking forward (and, as ever, subject to Government restrictions) we currently are planning the lifting of our own restrictions as follows:

From:

Friday 23th April (Today) – Open The Book can return 'live' to the hall

Monday 7th June – Arrival times to be 're-set' (Some staff are finding the 'soft start' window beneficial and this may continue in one form or another). Watch this space.

Monday 21st June – The end of bubbles for outside play and the end of staggered lunchtimes.

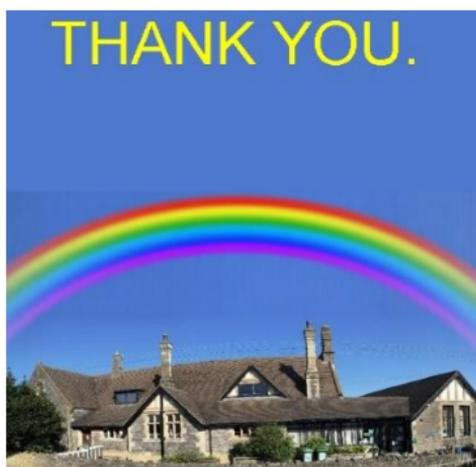
Whole school end-of-day collection time, 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd JUNE – HAPPY 'UN-CHRISTMAS' – a rescheduled Christmas Dinner!

Friday 25th June – The first 'Whole School' Assembly (since Friday 13th March 2020!) Adult visitors welcome!

Friday 2nd July – The 'new/current' Reception Welcome service. Get those pebbles ready! Visitors welcome!

Tuesday 20th July – Leaver's Service in St Martin's Church.



THANK YOU.

Your compliance with 'drop-and-go' starts, facemasks, swift 'exits', distancing and other measures have helped to keep us all safe.

Just a little longer now, the end is in sight!

PERSEVERE !