

Newsletter

7th April 2020

Easter wishes

The staff and governors of Newnham St Peters' wish you all a happy and safe Easter. We hope you are enjoying some of the family Easter challenges that have been set by the staff. We looking forward to seeing your photos on the school's Facebook page - keep sending them in!

COVID-19 Update –including Easter arrangements

(this information was also sent out in an email)

COVID-19 has impacted on all of us. For some families, this has included a sudden change in financial circumstances. **Please can all parents read the important document (Pupil Premium) at the bottom of this newsletter to see if you are eligible for more support from us.**

I am very proud of all my staff and how they have been working hard to ensure that they are giving you as much support as possible with home learning as well as continuing in their roles of key workers to ensure that we can keep the school open for those who need it.

Today we should be celebrating the end of the Spring term. However, in these exceptional times, we will be keeping the school open on Tuesday and Thursday on both weeks of the Easter holidays for families who have been identified as needing this provision. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff who have volunteered for this.

I am aware that several parents have taken on different roles in the last few weeks and our current register of Key Workers is now out of date. If you are a key worker, please can you notify me: head@newnham-st-peters.glous.sch.uk. Please also include your role and if you are working from home or travelling to work.

Where single parents are key workers, or in families where both parents are key workers, child care can be a real challenge and we are happy to support you through provision in school.

It is likely that shifts and working patterns could be changed/ increased at short notice. Although we are currently open over Easter for two days a week, if you find your circumstances have changed and you require child care on another day, please email me immediately head@newnham-st-peters.glous.sch.uk. The staff share my commitment to ensure that we will support our key worker children on our own site and we will adapt arrangements if necessary.

In recognition of the Easter Holidays, staff have not prepared the normal weekly home learning packs. Instead, they have identified some key activities to continue at home and suggested several fun activities you may wish to try. If you have fallen behind on the home learning activities provided to date, you may also wish to use these two weeks as catch up.

Where possible, I am encouraging my staff to take some down time over the Easter break. Your family's welfare remains of paramount importance to us at all times. If you have any welfare concerns over the holidays, please email myself:

head@newnham-st-peters.glous.sch.uk.

Or Mrs Broady

kbroady@newnham-st-peters.glous.sch.uk.

School lunches will not be running over Easter (with the exception of FSM children or children who are on site). I am hoping to continue the bike shed provision after the Easter holiday but with packed lunches only.

Forest Food Bank

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Forest Foodbank is changing how food is being distributed to those in financial crisis. This will remain in force until further notice at which point we will return to our normal operation run from our 3 distribution centres.

The Forest Foodbank will now operate a delivery only service. This service is to protect everyone from close contact during the period of this pandemic.

In addition to the delivery service, Lydney Town Council have agreed to act as a partner to the Forest Foodbank and will run a collection point for people who are not in self-isolation. This will operate from the Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, GL15 5AT between 2-4pm on Thursdays. These food parcels need to be reserved by following the process below.

There will be dedicated phone lines for all food requests either from people needing food or for agencies helping those in need. These phone lines are set up for the following post code areas.

GL15 – 07391 001217 – Line open 2pm-4pm Wednesdays

GL16 – 07387 502240 – Line open 2pm-4pm Mondays

GL14 & GL17 – 07553 611294 – Line open 9.30am -11.30am Fridays

Please note that calls to these phone lines outside of the times specified will not be answered.

The operator will ask questions regarding details of the claimant. All calls are strictly confidential and operators have signed a non-disclosure agreement and we comply with data protection legislation.

The Foodbank will aim to deliver food parcels within 24 hours of the request. This will be dependent on the number requests made during each session. It may take a longer during periods of high demand.

The parcel will be left on the doorstep and our driver will knock but will not have any contact with the person receiving the food. It is up to the individual to be at home to receive the parcel, if not, it will be left at the door.

PLEASE NOTE: This service is for people in financial crisis who can't afford to buy food. It is not intended for people who are self-isolating but can afford food. In those cases please contact the Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519 for support.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub>

This week's value - Friendship

Pupil Premium

Having spoken to several parents, I am aware that the financial circumstances of many families have been effected by COVID -19. Parents who are in receipt of qualifying benefits (shown overleaf) are entitled to claim for free school meals. During the current situation we will be able to provide meals and /or vouchers to families that qualify.

It is important to register if you now qualify (or if you qualified prior to COVID-19 and have not previously done so).

Pupil premium provision is different to the infant school meals that are offered to all children up to Year 2. If you have a child in this age group and your circumstances have changed, you need to register to access this service.

You can register online at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Or Complete the form attached and post to;

Travel Assistance & FSM Team,
Commissioning for Learning,
Shire Hall,
Westgate Street,
Gloucester,
GL1 2TP

If you are unable to print the form at home, these are available from school. The school is open today (Friday 3rd April) and will be open on Tuesday and Thursday of each week of the Easter Holidays.

Registering could also raise money for our school

Even if you don't want your child to receive a meal or vouchers, you should still register, so that our school receives as much funding as possible from the Government. By registering you could raise an extra £1320 to help fund valuable support for your child like extra tuition, teaching assistants, after school clubs, music lessons and sports activities

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide will be used by the school to claim Pupil Premium Funding from Central Government. This is the amount of grant money the school can claim, and is based on the number of children from families receiving the qualifying benefits, as detailed on this form.

It is really important that you complete all the information requested on this form, to help keep Gloucestershire schools as well funded as possible.

Free School Meal Registration Form

Your Full Name: Mr Mrs Ms Miss

First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Relationship to child or children:

Full address:

Postcode:

Telephone number (inc. code):

Email address:

Have you recently moved into the county of Gloucestershire

Child/ren previous school:

Please state you National Insurance Number (e.g. AB 12 34 56 C):

Please state your NASS Number (Asylum Seekers):

(The NASS is a 9 digit number, in the format "010234567" where the first four digits should be in the format YYMM.)

Please tick boxes below to indicate which benefit you are entitled to:

Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Guaranteed Pension Credit

Employment & Support Allowance Asylum Seeker Support

Child Tax Credit (**not Working Tax Credit**) and an annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) of no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit 4 week 'run-on' - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Child's Surname	Child's First Name	Date of Birth	Year group	Current School

DECLARATION: The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. Any personal information you give us is held securely and will be used only for the purposes outlined in the privacy notice. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 we must inform you of how we use this information for the purposes of Free school Meals, in line with our responsibilities under the Education Act 1996 (s512). For further information on how we use this information please view our Privacy Notice which can be found online at:- www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/privacynotice

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

**By making this application you are confirming you have parental responsibility for the child/ren above.

If you have any questions about completing this form please call the Travel Assistance & Free School Meals Team on 01452 425390 or email edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

