

Dear Parents and Friends, **Team Nibley bring home the Small Schools' shield for the second year running!**



Runners from Year 2 to Year 6 competed in the final race of the annual schools Cross Country Championship on Saturday. Having already competed in three races from the start of the season and put in some tremendous performances in all four age groups, Team Nibley were in pole position going into the fourth race. It needed runners to turn up in force as well as grit and determination from the whole team to hold on to their lead and secure the shield for the second year running. They certainly did this and more, with some of our runners turning up too poorly to run but in support and others running when they too felt under the weather. We had many individual medal winners in all four age groups. These included first and second places in the Junior Girls with Joss Reynard and Catherine Shepherd and first place in the Junior Boys with Mark Barber. We also secured first places in the Junior Girls and Junior Boys, second place in the Senior Boys and third place in the Senior Girls team events. We even had a silver in the parents race! Well done Mrs K. Rea! The children were all wonderfully supportive towards one another. Joss said "I really enjoyed cheering on my friends." Catherine added "It was fun when all the trophies and medals were given out." Erin said that she was delighted that North Nibley brought home the shield. It was certainly a proud moment for children, parents and teachers alike. Well done Team Nibley.



Our 'Junior Girls' look as keen as mustard to get going in the final race of the cross-country season!

**CLUB NEWS** – Mrs Dixon will be unable to take Sports Club on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> and Weds 8<sup>th</sup> March, while she recovers from surgery. We will let you know about running club later on.



We have been pleased to be able to provide six new and robust picnic tables in the playground. Now we just need brighter weather so we can fully enjoy the outdoors.

**Congratulations** go to Miss Sara Wight, and partner Chris, for the safe arrival of baby Charlie. Mum and baby doing well!



### Who would you choose, to help you change the world?

In Class 1 children were challenged to think about the choosing a team to help them change the world. This was in response to the story of Jesus choosing the 12 disciples. In addition to many of her class friends, Sasha chose a Power Ranger for strength, Jess (from Toy Story) because she is “nice” and Sleeping Beauty, who is “brave”. Lovely work, Sasha. Well done.

### Instrument Tuition

We anticipate a timeslot becoming available for woodwind lessons (recorders, flute, saxophone or clarinet) after Easter. Why not join with a friend and share the cost?

### Data Collection

The deadline for completing this has now passed. This ‘return’ is an annual requirement and helps to keep your children safe by ensuring that all details are correct. Please complete yours after reading the letter of explanation first. It will help to reduce unnecessary amendments.

**Swimming** Dressing children in socks, trousers and skirts is REALLY helpful. Tights tend to cling to damp legs and delay the class getting back to school.

### Parent’s Evening

I shall be available on both evenings if parents want to share their ideas about the end-of term learning ‘statements’, or address other matters, though on Tuesday, due to a meeting at Shire Hall, I might not be back on site before 4:30. On Monday a Governor’s meeting begins at 7:30, so again I will have to cut short my availability, though we should all be finished by then, especially if we all stick to time! Thank you.

**Clubs** In addition to the cancelled clubs on Monday and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February, we are also cancelling Polli:Nation and Board Games on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**School Policies** The consultation on the revised “School-Discipline-And-Pupil-Behaviour-Policy-Oct-2016” has now ended. Our EYFS Policy is due for renewal in 2017 and you can find this on our website. Please comment using the form provided, before the end of March, if you wish to share a thought.

**Polli:Nation Project** Plans are now well advanced for our ‘Polli:Nation Corner’ and we are very keen to hear from anyone who might be able to provide low-level boards (similar to ‘scaffolding planks’) which can become a back wall to the raised bed. Around 12m are needed in total. Anyone who wishes to make a donation of time and/or money is invited to speak to Miss Allen, who together with her Y1 & 2 club, are leading this development. We will be seeking out plants and shrubs which encourage pollinating insects, as well as dressing the area with netting and other features to create a really pleasant space.

**STOP PRESS – Re: School Closure – Thank you for your speedy response and understanding. Full story on Facebook.**

**Diary Dates** Our online diary can be found at [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=267](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267)

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> FEB	And Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Parents Evenings. NO CLUBS ON THESE NIGHTS.		
Weds 8th	No Polli:Nation or Board Games club.		
Thursday 9th	Class 4 trip to Bletchley Park. RETURNING AROUND 5:00 p.m. 2.45 – Class 2 are reading their stories to parents.		
Friday 10th	CLASS 3 ‘SHOWCASE’ assembly. Final day of Term 3. FONNS DISCO Classes 1 & 2, 5:30 to 6:15 pm, Classes 3 & 4 6:30 – 7:30 pm Tickets £2 on the door and includes a drink and snack.		
Monday 20th	First day of TERM 4 – THIS IS A PUPIL DAY. Swimming for Years 1 & 2 continues. First day for Simone Shephard, Teaching Assistant in Class 3.		
Friday 24th	Miss Allen out, updating her Paediatric First Aid qualification.		
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> MARCH	Class 1 & 2 trip to @Bristol. Due back at 3:00 p.m.		
Thursday 2nd	Training for cluster teachers at North Nibley – expect additional traffic. Pupil day as normal.		
<b>THIS SPRING – Pupil days</b>	<b>NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days</b>	<b>AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days</b>	<b>SPRING 2018 – Pupil days</b>
Term 3 03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017	Term 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17	Term 1 05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017	Term 3 04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018