

Dear Parents and Friends,



As easy as Pie!

Popular author and teacher-trainer Pie Corbett led a day's training on site this week, including an observed session working with Years 5 & 6. Previously, our staff have been trained at other schools in the partnership and worked with other year groups. The children worked together with Pie to craft a paragraph on the blitz in support of their WWII topic. Along the way they reinforced their understanding of hooks, cohesion, rhetorical questions, generalisations and a wide variety of punctuation. How many can you spot in the paragraph below?

The Horror Of The Blitz.

Do you know anything about the blitz? If not, read on.

The blitz was a period of time (during World War Two) when London and other cities were bombed by night, and sometimes by day, causing mass destruction. As a result, blackouts were used to block light so that planes overhead could not locate cities and towns. The large majority of citizens evacuated to an air raid shelter so that they could be safe. Imagine being cooped up in an air raid shelter with no guarantee of survival and, possibly, thinking that you might be about to take your final breath!

Parents - Did you know... New Child Seat Regulations come into force next month. For further information follow this link -

<https://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/travelling-young-children/>



Work has begun on our new Playground area. We hope to make a small time-lapse video charting the development.

Comic Relief I am volunteering to have my head shaved for Comic Relief (March 23rd). Whilst not requesting sponsorship directly, I would be very happy to see an increase in 'on the door' donations to reflect this bold decision! More on Comic Relief soon.

Safeguarding Children – PLEASE NOTE - Photographs of Children

We go to great lengths to establish, verify and respect your decisions, as parents, regarding the taking of photographs. In addition to the questionnaires etc, you will have heard me refer to this at Nativity productions etc. When parents kindly agree to support us as volunteers, they agree to a set of rules which includes NOT taking photographs on their own phones/devices. Twice in the last month this rule has been forgotten, and though I am convinced there is no deliberate flouting of rules or malicious intent, I also know that parents would expect me to do all I can to honour their wishes. At school-run events, please do not take photos.



Did you know... Once per week I put on a Hi-Viz vest and give the children safety advice – everything from the dangers of frozen water in winter, to the need for cycle helmets and internet safety. 96% of children have chosen a named adult contact at school to whom they would go to if they had a worry or concern. (I'd like to see this at 100%!)

Lunch Times The point has been raised that it would be extremely helpful to have an extra Mid-Day Supervisor 'in reserve', who we might be able to call on when illness or absence results in us being short-handed. Please enquire at the office if you feel that you may, on the odd occasion, be willing and available.

FONNS DISCO – How lovely to receive the following; the DJ, Annie said "Your children were absolutely delightful! So please be very proud of having such gorgeous children at your School!"

Are You Disqualified? It's that time of year again, our annual request for information that we are required to hold for safeguarding purposes. Please make every effort to return these by the 28th. For any volunteers who joined since last February, yes, please do complete a second form. Our records are reset every February.

Sports & Running Club – Mrs A. Dixon will be unable to take Sports Club on Weds 8th March, while she recovers from surgery. She reports that all went well. Mrs Lewis and Mrs N. Dickson will 'run' the Thursday morning Running Club on 9th.

Instrument Tuition

We anticipate a timeslot becoming available for woodwind lessons (recorders, flute, saxophone or clarinet) after Easter. Might you want to start a woodwind instrument (clarinet, recorder, saxophone or flute)? Why not join with a friend or two and share the cost?

Diary Dates Our online diary can be found at http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267

Mon 6 th March	Quick-sticks Hockey – 2 x 4-a-side teams, KLB, finish between 4:00 and 4:15		
Tuesday 7th	Recycling – paper collection – Full Governing Body (evening)		
Weds 8th	1 st round of the Wildlife Quiz AND Woodwind lessons. NO sport club (See above)		
Thursday 9th	MOCK TRIAL event with Class 4. 2 nd Glos Rugby event (Years 5 & 6)		
Sat 11th	X-Country County Final – We have 1 entrant! Well done Mark.		
Monday 13th	Year 4 – 'In The Net' Internet Safety Play		
Weds 15 th	7:00 Governors, 7:30 FONNS		
Tuesday 21st	Girls Football Tournament, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.		
Weds 22nd	Dance Festival – details to follow.		
Thursday 23 rd	(POSSIBLE) Wildlife Quiz, round 1.		
Monday 27th	Monday Lunch (Year 6) Teaching and Learning Committee (Governors) 6:30		
Thursday 30th	1:00 - 3:30 Year 3 & 4 Rugby		
Friday 31st	Final Friday for 'outside school' certificates etc.		
Mon 3 rd April	Last Swim for Years 1 & 2. Finance & Premises Committee (Governors) 7:30 (t.b.c.)		
Tuesday 4th	Country Dance Festival, Stroud – details to follow.		
Thursday 6th	Archery, 3:00 – 6:00		
Friday 7th	REALLY SPECIAL trip out for Class 4 – watch this space! Last Day Of Term.		
THIS SPRING – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days
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

A diary entry from our Class 4 spy, Fed Hoyle, inspired by his trip to Bletchley Park. (But don't tell anyone).

Dear Diary, 1940 the 5th June

Hello my name is Fred Hoyle, I work at Bletchley Park. I shouldn't be telling you this but I want to tell you what it's like to work here. Today ~~I~~ ^{my friend and I} me and my friend worked hard cracking codes. We broke a code and it was like this, Bye some milk. If you don't know when we put that in the enigma machine it came out with Attack At Dawn.