



NEWSLETTER 194

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AD 194 - Aelius Galenus writes his manual on pathology, The Art of Curing.

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Dear Parents and Friends,



FUN-draising!

The children looked 'red-iculous' in their Comic Relief finery on Friday. We had a lot of laughs, the jokes were brilliantly funny and I was 'balded!' It's not too late to donate through the school if you find yourself playing catch-up. Altogether we have raised over £350.00. However, one of our pupils managed to raise more than £600 all by herself, by completing a 24 hour sponsored silence. When asked all about it, she said "....."



PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The work has now been completed and the Heras fencing is due to be removed on the last day of term. It is hoped that the Easter break will allow the grass to bed in properly and be fully ready for the children to explore upon our return on Monday 24th April!

IN THE NEWS

Forecasts of impending difficulties with school funding seem to be a feature in the news everyday. As we prepare for a potentially 'lean' period I thought I might remind you of practical ways in which you can support the school.

- We know we are not perfect! But please talk up our good points as well when you discuss our 'areas for improvement!'
- Invite friends to the open day. Each year we require as full a Reception Year as our limit allows, in order to maintain our four class structure.
- Support the work of FONNS – have fun, but recognise that the funds make a real difference to our work. This includes supporting the fund raising events and the FONNS Lottery.
- Support the changes we are making in the office, for example the use of ParentPay for an increasing number of activities. This will enable our administrator to work on other projects, rather than count coins!
- If you are eligible, apply for Free School Meals (You don't have to tell anyone at school, nor even have the meals!) School receives an additional £1320 for each eligible child (the Pupil Premium) which MUST go towards supporting learning. Application forms are on our website.
http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=58northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- Write to your MP and argue against the continued squeeze on schools.
- If you can afford it, please make those voluntary contributions for trips, swimming, music etc.
- Let us know about grants and/or matched funding opportunities, special deals and bright ideas.
- Support the supermarket 'voucher' collections.
- Offer a service, such as weeding or window cleaning, if you are able.
- Neither FONNS nor the school are going to refuse any donations – no matter how small or how generous!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Tonsillitis

A number of children, and now staff, have been affected by this recent outbreak. Please seek advice and/or treatment a.s.a.p. if symptoms are present. We would appreciate all possible steps being taken to help reduce the infection in school.

School Meals Price Increase for Year 3 Pupils upwards – Letters have been sent home this week advising on an increase in paid school meals from our contractors Caterlink which we would ask that you please take note of if your child pays for a school dinner. The cost will be increasing to £2.28 effective Monday April 24th 2017. Can we ask that all those who have a ParentPay account ensure sufficient funds are available to manage this increase? Anyone who does not have an account and would like to set one up, please contact the office and this can be arranged for you.



Experience Easter

On Wednesday 5th April a team from St Martin's Church will take us all through the 'Experience Easter' programme. Some of this is planned to take place outdoors, so please dress appropriately.

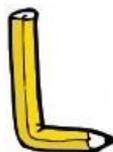
CLUBS

We hope to start the Summer Clubs from Monday 8th May, but this is dependent upon the club ‘menu’ being completed, distributed and returned promptly. Some Clubs are already sorted (Cross-country, Silly Science etc) but if you would like to offer an after-school (or lunchtime) activity, please get in contact as soon as possible.

NO SPORTS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL – Thank you to all for your continued understanding and support while Mrs Dixon is recovering from her operation. It is hoped that we can resume as normal after Easter.

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

Mon 3 rd April	Last Swim for Years 1 & 2. Finance & Premises Committee (Governors) 7:30 (t.b.c.)		
Tuesday 4 th	Country Dance Festival, Stroud – details to follow.		
Wednesday 5 th	Hockey - County Finals 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Experience Easter – in partnership with St. Martin’s Church. Badminton tasters here at school 3:30 – 5 p.m. – Letter to follow. NO SPORTS CLUB.		
Thursday 6 th	Archery tasters, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Letter to follow.		
Friday 7 th	Class 4 trip to see ‘The Bloodhound’! Last Day Of Term.		
Monday 24 th	First day of TERM 5. Governor’s meeting, evening.		
Weds 26 th	Woodwind lessons start back.		
Friday 28 th	Polli:Nation Day – watch this space		
SATURDAY 29 th	Pre-School-organised Family Photo session in the hall.		
Tues 2 nd MAY	Country Dancing Festival, Stroud Leisure Centre		
THIS SPRING – Pupil days		NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days	
Term 3 03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017	Term 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days
Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17	Term 1 05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017	Term 3 04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
		Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018



Iron Giant

Class 3 have been writing about an Iron Giant, inspired by the book ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes. As part of our work to improve writing, we have introduced ‘Purple Polishers’, which are purple pens the children use to edit their work.

(Please see the ‘virtual bookbag’ copy for Lara’s work).