

Dear Parents and Friends,



Our dancers were delightful, and danced the evening away at Stroud's Country Dance Festival. Many hundreds of children take part over several evenings and the floor is a whirl of bright colours as the children go through their moves. We are looking forward to them repeating their dances at the

forthcoming Church event, 20th May.

Please can the borrowed skirts etc be returned, and can anyone who has ever taken part search the backs of cupboards and drawers since we seem, sadly, to be missing much of the school kit generously bought by FONNS a few years ago.



Experience Easter

On Wednesday 5th April a team from St Martin's Church took the whole school, in small groups of 8 or 9, through the event of the first Easter. The sun was shining on us and 2 of the 'stations' were outside.

Leon and Ellie said "It helped us remember the stories of God. One activity was to draw on a stone a time when we were alone. We also remembered people who were suffering across the world today and we wrote on small crosses which we took back to school. We also looked at a model of the garden where Jesus was buried." Our thanks go to all the team, which included current and ex-Governors, and two ex-members of staff. Happy Easter to you all.

Newsletter News!

Following an earlier problem with email addresses, hopefully all those who 'disappeared' from the system are back with us. Please let me know if you don't get these as expected. We are fast approaching Newsletter 200! Are there any special requests?

Spring Reports

Staff are putting the final touches to a very different sort of 'end-of-term' report. As before, your views will be sought and this will help us finalise our plans for next year. The reports should be ready in the first week back, barring any other illnesses or injuries!

Wow vouchers!

Everyone, it seems, likes a certificate, and in our pupil surveys children frequently rate this as one of the high points of Friday assemblies. On very rare occasions I issue a 'WOW' note for particularly impressive contributions to school life, though this is usually done 'quietly'. Pupils, staff, parents, community members and governors are all eligible!

Hockey More on this story another time. However I just wanted to draw attention to the fact that we were praised for our promotion of the values of 'The School Games'. Well done all who took part. You are a credit to the school.

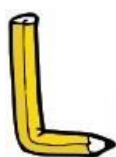
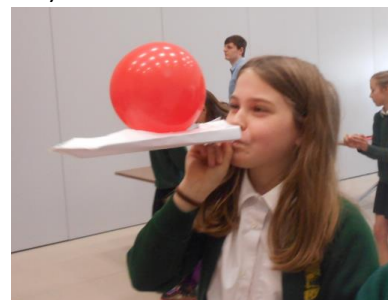
Wotton Rovers Youth FC is running Town Hall teas in Wotton on Easter Sunday (16th April) 2.30 – 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and have tea and cake, there will be a tombola and guess the weight of the cake.





Archery Yesterday children from Year 5 and 6 took part in an archery event at KLB. Rose, Sylvie and Georgia explained a little more. "Eight schools (9 teams) took part. We had two teams, an A team and a B team (although we had tried to balance these before we started). There were two events. On one side of the room we played real archery, with pointed arrows and targets. On the other side there were games with arrows which had suckers on. All the games gave points for accuracy. Points were added up in both games. North Nibley A came second, and North Nibley B came first, for that day. We are waiting for the other events to find out if our points put us into the County Finals."(North Nibley were County Champions in 2014!)

Bloodhound Harvey and Ben explained what happened. "Class 4 went to see 'The Bloodhound' (well, a 1:1 scale replica) at Renishaw today. It will be a year until the car is finished and then it will be raced in Australia. We learnt that the steering wheel has been moulded to the driver's hands. When it is there the builders and engineers are hoping it will break the land-speed record. We then built our own rocket-cars, powered by balloon."



Class one have been learning to write non chronological reports in their literacy lessons. Maya has created a great information leaflet about Rabbits, researching the details and choosing pictures from the internet to illustrate her ideas. Well done Maya!

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!

and would like to set one up, please contact the office and this can be arranged for you.

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.

CLUBS We hope to start the Summer Clubs from Monday 8th^t 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.

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

Monday 24 th	First day of TERM 5. SILLY SCIENCE CLUB, 3:15 – 4:15, Governor's meeting, evening.		
Tuesday 25th	Violin Starts back, probably! Please bring your instruments even if we've got this wrong!		
Weds 26th	Woodwind lessons start back. Wildlife Quiz, second round, at Uley Primary School from 3:45		
Friday 28th	Polli:Nation Day – watch this space!		
SATURDAY 29th	Pre-School-organised Family Photo session in the hall.		
Mon 1 st MAY	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL		
Tues 2 nd MAY	Country Dance CLUB, here at school		
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

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Class 1 non-chronological report, by Maya.

All mistakes and omissions are mine – we ran out of time for proof-reading. Sorry! Have a very Happy Easter.