

Dear Parents and Friends,



Happy Easter and a big THANK YOU to the bunnies who supplied the chocolate at the end of term! Around £80 was raised but there are still some receipts to come in.



**Tunnel Vision!** (With thanks to Mr Murray for the article headline!)



It was with great excitement that the children rushed through the playground on the first day back, eager to experience the enhanced play space which school and FONNS, working together, have achieved at the bottom of the playground. Ellen described the space as "Fantastic!" Alex said "Excellent" whilst Sophie said "Spectacular!" Charlotte said "There's brilliant equipment to play on and there's so much of it." "I like the way the tunnel gets darker" "It gives the playground a sense of adventure." Josh even thought the turf was good quality! On behalf of all the children can I say a big thank you to all those in our community actively involved in fundraising, and to the governors for seeing the advantages that this development has brought to the school. Working together we achieve so much more. **COMPETITION TIME...** I've called it a play space, but perhaps it's a den zone, or an adventure centre? This 'space' needs a name. Please can children suggest names and place them in the 'Name the space' collection box in the lobby. The staff will announce the best name at assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. There might even be a prize!

## FONNS UPDATES

- **Race Night - Friday 5th May - 7.30pm** - School hall- tickets £1 (Grownups only). Please Come along and join in the fun and excitement of the horse races. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Tickets on sale from the gates or office.
- **Summer Fete - Saturday 20th May - 2pm** - Jubilee field. Who doesn't love a fun family fete? Something for the whole family; from plant sales and Bric-a-brac to bouncy castle, face painting and Beat the Keeper. Loads more stalls will feature as well as the children from our very own Country dancing club. A raffle is also being run and tickets are £1 each available from the gates or on Race night or on the day.

## Nature Quiz

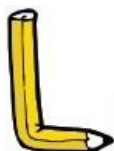
Our Nature Quiz team put in another strong showing and won through to the Area Finals. This will be our opportunity to win back the trophy we have held for the past 5 years (if I recall it correctly – the trophy is back with the organisers.) Playing 'away' at Uley we were challenged on questions relating to birds, fungi, diet and animal classification. Everyone agreed that the questions are getting harder. The staff attending hoped that Mrs Freeman's suggestion for a staff competition was in jest!



**SATS meetings-** Miss Tyers and Ms Surrige are willing to take interested parents through the ‘mechanics’ of the National Tests (SATS) for Year 2 and Year 6, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 3:20. Year 6 Children may attend, Year 2 children (and others) will be amused in the hall for the duration of the 30 minute meeting.

**Term dates.** It has emerged that the ‘Year Planner’ for holiday dates (the A4 sheet) is not in agreement with the dates contained on the newsletter. I can confirm that the final pupil school day of the year, the date of the leaver’s service and the FONNS BBQ are all for Thursday 20th July. I can only apologise and ask that you speak to me if this causes you difficulties.

**Website update:** As well as new ‘inclusions’ in our Virtual Tour map (including the new play area), you can find (and comment on) a revised draft of our Charging and Remissions Policy (this is a policy we are required to have by law!) We have also added an initial contact form for admissions Sept 2018!



Mr Trotman has vacancies for those wishing to take their first steps in learning how to play piano / keyboard. Please enquire at the office for details.

**Photographer** – We have booked a photographer for Class photos and Y6 Leavers individual portraits. We are exploring a new contact and have agreed the rather early date of **Friday 5th May at 1:00pm**, so make sure you come prepared with hair brushes etc. We are next due a ‘whole school’ photograph in the Summer of 2018.



**Spring Reports** You should by now have received an update about attainment and progress, for your child. Please don’t forget to respond by completing the survey.

**School Meals** Price Increase for Year 3 Pupils upwards – We have, on several occasions, informed you that our contractors, Caterlink, have increased the cost of school meals to £2.28 effective Monday April 24th 2017. Can we ask that all those who have a ParentPay account to ensure sufficient funds are available to manage this increase? **WE HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN DEBT BY 8p! THIS IS CLEARLY AN OVERSIGHT** and we ask you to spare us the hassle of chasing you for 8p! Please make sure your funds are in credit.

Anyone who does not have a ParentPay account and would like to set one up, can contact the office and this can be arranged for you.

**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.

**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)

Friday 28th	Polli:Nation Day – timetabled activities across the school		
SATURDAY 29th	Pre-School-organised Family Photo session in the hall.		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> MAY	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL		
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	Country Dance CLUB, here at school SATS MEETING – See above		
Weds 3rd	Governor visit to school		
Thurs 4th	ALL Year 1s and 2s – Multiskills at KLB		
Friday 5th	Mini-tennis – team of 8, KLB Photographer, Class groups and Y6 individual photos		
Monday 8th	SATS week for Year 6 CLUBS START – HAVE YOU MADE AN OFFER TO HELP?		
Saturday 13th	Formula Goblin, Renishaw, 8:30 start		
Thursday 18th	Full Governing Body Meeting		
Monday 22nd	‘Monday Lunch’ for a Year 6 group		
Weds 24th	Quad Kids 1:30 – 3:30 KLB		
Friday 26th	Last day of term 5		
<b>SUMMER – Pupil days</b>	<b>AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days</b>	<b>SPRING 2018 – Pupil days</b>	<b>NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days</b>
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 5 16/04/2018 – 25/05/2018
Term 6 05/06/17 - 20/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 4/06/18 – 24/07/2018