

NEWSLETTER 197

Friday 5th May 2017

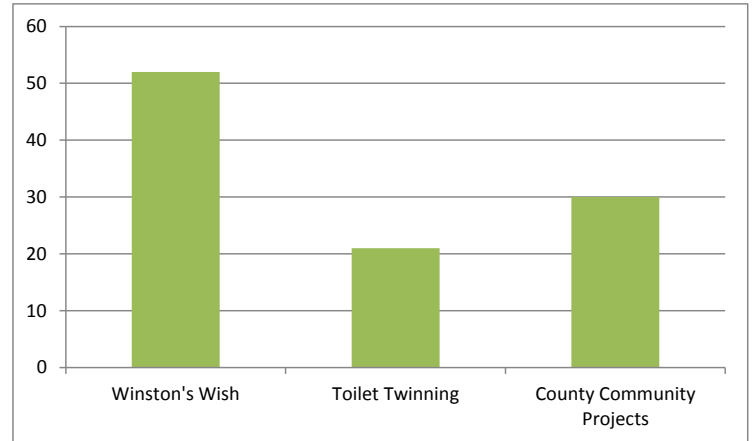
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Dear Parents and Friends,

G This term's Christian Values in Focus are Thanksgiving and Generosity. As part of our work on these important values, and following on from my earlier newsletter article on charity support, I gave an assembly this week which included a presentation about 3 worthwhile charities. The children then voted (giving us an opportunity to reinforce their understanding of the fundamental British value of democracy) and we agreed to support the one with the most votes in the Summer Terms.

Winston's Wish, the charity that supports bereaved children, clearly touched a nerve. Details of what we now might do to support them will follow soon.

Next year, Year 6 will undertake the research and make the presentation for three charities.



The first sessions of our new motor-cross club for Years 1 & 2 have taken place, and the children are very excited about this opportunity. Perdie said she really liked it. Zac said "It's fun riding around. You start slow

but soon you are whizzing along!"

Max said, after the first session, "It's the best thing in my life!"

Sasha and Sophia try out the new mini-quads at the MotoCross Club.



Following on from the SATS meetings, parents of Year 2 and Year 6 might find the following videos, produced by the Government, helpful to remind them of key points.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

It looks like there is more change to come. Those concerned about the direction Primary Assessment has taken might be interested in the Education Select Committee's recent review. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-39745884>

Water bottles, sun cream and hats! Please remember these essential items as the weather improves. Water bottles should contain water. Children have been told about the dangers of surrounding their teeth with sugary drinks, especially when they 'sup' continuously on their bottles.

Multiskills

On Thursday Years 1 & 2 went to KLB to take part in the inter-schools Multi-Skills event. Haiden enjoyed hitting the ball to his partner, Ellie. Ollie made new friends. Max said "I enjoyed playing stuck in the mud." Amelie and Daisy preferred playing 'bull dogs'. Alice and Posie liked running through the ladders, and many enjoyed throwing objects at the leaders!

FONNS UPDATES

- Race Night - Friday 5th May – **has been cancelled.**
- 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 gate on the day.



A Year 1 child learns how to plant and take care of a precious sunflower seed. Please find enclosed an instruction sheet, including competitions details.

As part of the children’s work on life-cycles, Mrs C. Brown brought a lamb in to school. As you can imagine, this was very exciting!



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 Meal Prices have increased for Year 3 Pupils upwards – We have, on several occasions, informed you that contractors, Caterlink, have increased the cost of school meals to £2.28 effective Monday April 24th 2017. Can we PLEASE ask that all those who have a ParentPay account 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 Most clubs start back next week. Rotas were required for “Bollywood dance” and “Arts”. We have contacted these families separately.

Daisy’s writing in Reception. How quickly they advance!



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

Friday 5th	Mini-tennis – team of 8, KLB Photographer, Class groups and Y6 individual photos		
Monday 8th	SATS week for Year 6. CLUBS START – BUT NOT SILLY SCIENCE (Year 3&4) - Sorry!		
Thursday 11th	Class 4 picnic. See the letter in our Virtual Bookbag http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=245		
Saturday 13th	Formula Goblin Race Day, Renishaw, 8:30 start		
Weds 17th	Class 3 build a pyramid day with the History Squad here at North Nibley		
Thursday 18 th	Full Governing Body Meeting		
Monday 22 nd	'Monday Lunch' for a Year 6 group		
Weds 24 th	Quad Kids 1:30 – 3:30 KLB		
Friday 26 th	Last day of term 5		
Weds 14 th	'Competitive' Sports Day, with guests (next year’s Reception). Afternoon.		
Weds 5 th July	Play Leader’s Sports Day – all invited.		
SUMMER – Pupil days		AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days
Term 5	24/04/17 - 26/05/17	Term 1	05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017
Term 6	05/06/17 - 20/07/17	Term 2	31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017
		Term 3	04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
		Term 4	19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018
		Term 5	16/04/2018 – 25/05/2018
		Term 6	4/06/18 – 24/07/2018

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH
AND
FRIENDS OF
NORTH NIBLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING FAYRE and FUN
SATURDAY 20TH MAY AT 2PM ON THE JUBILEE FIELD - NORTH NIBLEY

BBQ, ICE CREAM,
REFRESHMENTS,
STALLS AND
ENTERTAINMENT