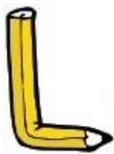


Dear Parents and Friends,



So proud! (Says the headteacher!)

Many of us were at Renishaw (Kingswood) a few Saturdays back, enjoying the races between the Formula Goblin cars that had been built and maintained as part of school projects over recent years. Last year we won the portfolio award, but this year we were awarded a top award - The Spirit of Greenpower Award. The organisers say "This award in many ways is the essence of Greenpower. It ties together the teamwork, leadership, organisation, performance and all the other elements that go into a Greenpower team. Over the years the winners have displayed incredible determination, fantastic solidarity with other teams helping out where possible, and the 'never say die' attitude keeping their car running in all circumstances." That this class was recognised for the way they work together is a testimony to the hard work at school which goes into building a close and trusting community, where behaviour and support are key and our values evident in all we do. I'm very proud of them all. Oh yes, and we also came top in the drag racing competition – Go Team Nibley!



Highly recommended

Mrs Shepherd (Class 4) highly recommends the app DoodleMaths, which is free and sets age-related maths puzzles and calculations for children based on the National Curriculum (although, be warned, there are additional upgrades which are unnecessary). After 10 minutes a day there can be an observable improvement in ability and confidence.

External Moderation

As well as the unannounced monitoring visit we received in SATs week, we have also hosted a monitoring visit for our Early Years Foundation Stage children. Well done to Miss Allen for being so well prepared, and so accurate with her judgements.



FONNS and St. Martin's Spring Fayre

A big thank you goes to all those who supported, by parting with cash but especially by volunteering on the stalls. Though the weather threatened from time to time, eventually the sun shone on us all. The Country Dance Team performed again a selection of their dances, supported by Ms Ciotti and Ms Howie, and it was good to see the event so well attended. Over £400 was raised for the school, so congratulations go to FONNS and the church, working in partnership.



Safeguarding is our number 1 priority. Our last Ofsted inspection described this aspect of our work as 'Outstanding'. In preparation for the Year 5 and 6 residential trip next October, Miss Parker has trained to take up the role as Deputy Safeguarding Lead since both Ms Surrige and myself will be accompanying the children to London. The school will be in safe hands! We have also instigated a better system for signing in and out, for pupils arriving late or leaving the site for various reasons before the end of the day. Please co-operate with our measures to account for your pupils at all times.

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It is always a difficult call to make, how much to share and how best to phrase it. Suffice to say, Class 4 respected the minute's silence on Thursday contemplating the value of life, respect for the bereaved and their hopes for a better future.

School Dinners – Sport Day Special Our caterers will provide a special option on Sport Day, Wednesday 14th June. Hot dogs, or veggie hot dogs, with chips, salad and coleslaw or Jacket Potato will be available, with flapjack to follow. Please book in the normal way. **Please can I remind all those using Parentpay to ensure their account has sufficient credit as we do have a few parents who are failing to do so.**



Vacancies - Wrap-around Care & School Administrator I hope you had time to read the Chair of Governor's letter this week, re Wrap-around Care (Breakfast and After-school clubs). The vacancy details for employment at the clubs can now be found online and on our notice board. Also online are details of our new vacancy, the role of administrator (only) created by the splitting of the 'financial' and 'secretarial' aspects of our office support. Please refer to my letter this week for further information. See www3.goucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/ for details.

School Office Update We are pressing ahead with changes to the way we do things in the office, and ask for your support in reducing the amount of cash we have to count, receipt and bank. Increasingly we will be expecting the default method for payments to be completed on-line, through Parent-Pay. We are also in the process of arranging for school uniform to be ordered online, with options for delivery to your own address. Since this service will be handled directly by the supplier we will be able to implement other efficiencies in our office.



Nature Quiz – Area Champions It was another closely fought round on Monday, which saw North Nibley retain the Area Championship for the third year running. One of our team thought the questions were noticeably harder than earlier rounds. Another felt that our team were really well prepared for the picture and specimen rounds. Quizmaster Mrs Freeman said it was rare for both teams to score full marks on the specimen rounds (as happened this time). One of our team said that there were many hard questions, for us and our opponents. "The British School were really good, it's just that we were better!" On to the county semi-finals!

SPORTS CLUB

Due to the availability of off-site opportunities for our sports teams, and other complications with the school diary, we have decided to **cancel** the remaining **WEDNESDAY SPORTS CLUBS**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Water bottles, sun cream and hats! Please remember these essential items as the weather improves. Water bottles should contain water. Children know about the dangers to teeth of prolonged exposure to sugary drinks. We have new supplies of school caps if you need one (remember to protect the tops of ears with a little sun cream) but other sensible hats (without large floppy brims) are also beneficial to the children during outdoor PE and playtimes.

School Photos - You should now have seen proofs of the class photos, the sibling photos and the Year 6 Leaver photos. Do let us know if you like the new, contemporary style. We shall arrange individual photos in time for Christmas 2017, and a (traditional) whole school photo in the summer of 2018. Please return orders to school by Monday 5th June (1st day back).

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

Monday 5 th June	Governor's Finance and Premises meeting (The Bishop's Visitor will be with us on June 19 th)		
Tuesday 6th	Year 2 Tyndale Cluster trip to Badminton. Please see letters for details. Year 6 to the Cathedral for the Leaver's Service. Potential for a late arrival back at school.		
Thursday 8th	Welcome meeting for next year's Reception Parents, 7:00 p.m. in the school hall.		
Friday 9th	1 st Nibley Nibbles fund-raising café, 2:00 onwards. Girls Kwik Cricket competition, Cam CC, leaving 9:30.		
Tuesday 13th	Nature Quiz – County Semi-finals, Elmore Hall, GL2 3NT, 4:30 p.m. Supporters welcome.		
Weds 14 th	'Competitive' Sports Day, with guests (next year's Reception). Afternoon – 1.15 start.		
Friday 16th	Quad-Kids – County Finals ! OPEN AFTERNOON – EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE PARENTS from 1:00 – 2:30 (and on to assembly?)		
Weds 5 th July	Play Leader's Sports Day – all invited.		
SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days
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