

Dear Parents and Friends,

## Howzat?



Our Year 3 & 4 cricketers earned a place in the COUNTY FINALS by coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district. Clearly, however, they had yet to reach their peak, and after playing the group stage and semi-finals at Wycliffe School on Tuesday, they found themselves in the County Final against (much, much larger) Charlton Kings. The children made the following comments: "Everyone in the team got to play." "I scored a 6 to put us through to the final." "I stopped another school from reaching the boundary." "It wasn't too hot and we played in our new t-shirts". In the end they came second, losing by just 3 runs. It was a fantastic achievement for our small school (94 schools in total took part) and a testament to the talent we have in our children and staff. Congratulations to you all.

## Bloomin' marvellous!



On our third successive year at the COUNTY FINALS, the North Nibley Nature Team, supported by Mrs Bailey and Mrs Meyer, finally secured the 'top spot.' Over 100 schools take part annually and at the evening event, held east of Cirencester, it was very close, with two of the three schools taking it in turns to hold the leading position. Children said "The questions were a lot harder than we had experienced before." "The team which came second were our toughest competitors so far". "I was pleased with my answers." "We worked well together as a team." "It was very tense. It was often silent, but we were well supported." In the end our greater ability to identify specimens made all the difference and we are CHAMPIONS at last!

## FONNS / MUSIC FESTIVAL



Thank you so much to everyone who helped. You are an amazing bunch and the children benefit so much from your support. Several festival goers, queuing for a breakfast burger, told me they wished they had something like this for their schools. If you didn't help this year, there are SOOOO many ways to get involved. Did you know ...

- Someone washes and irons the bunting! Could you do a job like that?
- Someone interleaves paper plates and napkins in advance. Could you donate an hour doing that?
- Someone buys the washing up liquid for washing up afterwards. Could you donate a bottle next year?

We have an amazing team and with your help we'll be amazing still in years to come.

The final profit for FONNS is an AMAZING **£10,726.54** (That's £100 per child!)

**Winston's Wish** Earlier this term children voted to support the charity Winston's Wish. We have agreed that Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-school uniform "WEAR W" day. Use your imagination and come in fancy dress. Think wigs, wings, wands, Wally, waiters, whales, wellies, weights, wildcats, water, wheels, waistcoats, watchdogs and wardrobes! The list is nearly endless (but this website helps! <http://noun1.com/start-w/>) (PLEASE – NO WEAPONS) Winston's Wish supports children struggling with bereavement of a loved one. Please make a donation, collected at the door on the morning.

**Staffing News** On Monday we held interviews and made an appointment to the 'new' position of Administrator (only), allowing Mrs Bargewell to concentrate on the school finances. Names and 'opening hours' will be announced shortly.

Our values - 'Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.' William Arthur Ward

### School Council Election

On Thursday, after two weeks of campaigning, the children of North Nibley Primary School constituency elected a Year 5 pupil to the position of Chair in next year's school council. Throughout the campaign we have been striving to make the experience as real as possible, in support of our teaching on British Values. We held a 'husting' during which prepared speeches were read out. We used a real ballot box, 'employed' security and had our own official photographer and returning officer. Congratulations to all the candidates for such a well-run and friendly campaign. All the candidates proved very capable, but in the end there could be only one. Each class decides in September who will join the winner on the council.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE** At times of extreme heat, we are happy to accept sandals. However, children must also be sensible. Playing football would be unwise!

### PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please can I remind all parents who have/use a ParentPay account to ensure that any monies owing on your accounts for lunches etc are fully paid up prior to the end of the school year. This debt is not allowed to be carried forward into the next academic year and it will be the responsibility of the school to pay this on your behalf should you fail to do this. It is especially important that parents of Year 6 children who will be leaving us this year do this as it will have an impact on your child's secondary school's ability to set up an account for you if this is not done. Many thanks to all who have supported the school in using ParentPay.

**Parent Survey** Please don't forget this year's parent survey. Our own survey reflects current 'hot' issues and local plans, whilst Ofsted's ParentView website asks questions common to all schools. This year we have posted the survey online, and request that you complete. In trials it has taken 15 minutes to complete, so if you could find the time it would be extremely helpful. You can complete the survey by visiting our website and choosing Parent Survey 2017 from the choices under the "Parent and Visitors" tab. The answers you give will help us to set priorities and provide better services next year.

**I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ENTRY IS FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY.**

**PLEASE WILL THE PARENT WHO WROTE** "Newsletters used to be emailed to me but now I don't get them." Contact me directly please – [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) and I will try to rectify this.

**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 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Miss Allen to pre-school settings. Nibley Nibbles Café from 2:00		
Monday 10th	Miss Allen on a two day course (Mon and Tues), KS2 Summer Production 'WHAT A KNIGHT' 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.		
Tuesday 11th	KS2 Summer Production 'WHAT A KNIGHT' 6:30 p.m. *****SOLD OUT *****		
Weds 12th	Swimming Gala Yrs 3/4 Leaving 1pm, expected return 4pm		
THURSDAY 13th	<b>RUNNING CLUB IS ON! (usual 'rain' rules apply).</b> Teaching and Learning Governor Meeting, evening.		
Friday 14th	Bollywood Club perform in assembly. LIKELY day for end-of-year reports.		
Monday 17th	Monday Lunch		
Thursday 20th	Last day of term. Year 6 Leaver's Service 9:30 in St. Martin's Church (over the road). All invited. FONNS BBQ on the playing field – times to be confirmed. ALL INVITED, INCLUDING NEXT YEAR'S RECEPTION!		
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





Recorders – An opportunity has arisen for children to start recorder lessons in the Autumn Terms. Please ask at the office for further details.

- 204 balls may be stacked in a pyramid whose base is an  $8 \times 8$  square. 204 is a square pyramidal number.
- On an infinite chessboard, a knight can reach exactly 205 squares within four moves.

‘Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.’ Oprah Winfrey

I have a lot to be thankful for. I am healthy, happy and I am loved.’ Reba McEntire

‘Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.’ Alice Walker

‘The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.’ Eric Hoffer

“Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.” St. Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Preferred preferred

#### Parent Survey

This year we are asking about

- The booklets we send home
- Homework
- Reading, Writing and Maths at home
- Maths Passports
- The work of Governors
- Our website
- Social Media
- Parent Meetings
- The School Vision and environment

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[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu5msUpmGbx8KLmb2ZKt5YO8JZRH8LJlpEhEeQa88YQI7nPQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link#responses](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu5msUpmGbx8KLmb2ZKt5YO8JZRH8LJlpEhEeQa88YQI7nPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link#responses) (Newsletter Subscribers by email should have no problem with this address!) THERE IS A LINK FROM OUR WEBSITE FOR THOSE WHO WILL STRUGGLE WITH THIS ADDRESS! For those who cannot contribute online, we have a 12-sided A4 copy (since the screenshots don’t scale down easily). Please ask, but our preference is for entries to be online.