

Dear Parents and Friends,



Well done Reception!

You are adjusting to school life well. Your classroom is 'buzzing' nicely with fun activities, playing and early phonics and number work. You get on well with the adults that care for you. On Thursday and Friday you joined the rest of us on the BIG playground. Your Year 6 buddies did a great job looking after you. We look forward to you joining us for lunchtimes next week. Well done for a super start!

PLEASE CAN RECEPTION PARENTS LET ME KNOW IF THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE NEWSLETTERS EMAILED TO THEM.

FREE! One Filing cabinet has gone to a good home. We have one large metal cupboard that would suit a garage, workshop, barn or office. Please let us know if you are interested.

PHOTO COMPETITION I've been inspired by the sunflower photos coming in from the children. I wondered how we might extend this interest. I'd like to set a challenge. I'm after some stunning autumn photographs to use as backgrounds to the songs that we sing in worship time. Photos that will work the best will feature similar colours or tones throughout, so that contrasting text can be overlaid. See what you can do, and email entries to newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

INSET There's been some interesting views aired in recent days in national media about the purpose and timings of school INSET days. For the record, when INSET days were introduced the number of days that children attended remained the same, and teachers were required to attend for 5 additional days. Children still attend 190 days and teachers work the equivalent of the five days extra across the year. In addition to the staff meetings we often work off the equivalent of an INSET day by working together for 3 evening. This term we are attending defibrillator training and an autism awareness course. Schools are able to choose their own dates. Occasionally the competition to 'buy in' particular trainers or attend (for example) a national conference means that schools schedule INSET days in the middle of term, and these I suspect are the occasions which cause working families the greatest inconvenience. To date I have only (with the agreement of the Governors) added these to the beginnings and ends of terms. For those who are really keen, the INSET day agenda can be read here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/staff-training-and-inset/> (A temporary page to be removed in October.)

IMPORTANT: Please can the Data Collection sheets come back to the office as soon as possible.

- Young Voices – ticket and T-shirt orders are needed by 18th September without fail, thank you.
- Clubs start next week, with the EXCEPTION of HAMA BEADS and SPORT, due to staff training.
- Class 1 are appealing for a donation of tissues and kitchen roll to see us through the season of coughs and sneezes!
- DVD copies of What A Knight were put aside for those who pre-ordered them. PLEASE COLLECT THEM NOW.

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/>

Monday 18th	Reception children stay for lunch. Please collect your child at the end of lunchtime – 1.05pm would be great! Year 6 – Cluster Water Sports Day
Weds 20th	NO SPORTS CLUB and NO HAMA CLUB – Staff training on the use of a Defibrillator
Thursday 21st	First Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22 nd	Head Teacher Drop-in, 9:00 – 10:00. All welcome (especially parents of Reception children)
Monday 25 th	Full time school begins for Reception children, unless special circumstances apply. We will let you know. Cycle Training for Year 6. Cycling continues on Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday Lunch at the Village Hall too!
Tuesday 26 th	Meeting for Parents of Year 5 & Year 6 girls.
Weds 27th	Assessment / Standards / Expectations – Annual Update meeting for parents. Answers the question "What about the most able?" (Raised twice in recent Parent Surveys)
Tues 3rd &	AND Weds 4th Parent / Teacher meetings. Children welcome too. WE DISTRIBUTE SIGN-UP SHEETS LATER
Weds 11 th to	Friday 13 th OCT London Residential NO BLOGGING CLUB