



NEWSLETTER 208

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ON THIS DATE IN 2011, scientists announce their discovery of neutrinos breaking the speed of light.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

South Cerney 2017

We had a splashing time on the water at South Cerney. This is an annual event for the six schools of the Tyndale Cluster, and useful in building relationship between a larger group of Year 6s (all the Tyndale Schools have year groups of about 13 children). The Blogging Club have started writing about it and you'll be able to see their report on our website's new blogging page next week.



We are particularly interested in growing an international readership, and ask that readers make an encouraging comment or two, from time to time. If we can see where our readers are we will plot their home countries on our map.

PLEASE CAN ANY PARENTS LET ME KNOW IF THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE NEWSLETTERS EMAILED TO THEM?
DO THIS BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

HOMEWORK Staff are working hard to make sure that we are doing all we can to support children to make progress. Homework plays an important part and this year (you may have noticed) we have increased our expectations about the quality of the work coming back to school. Here are our broad expectations for homework

- 1) Work should be completed to the expected timetable – below
- 2) It is the child's responsibility to get the homework from the classroom to the home!
- 3) Work should be completed to the same standards expected in the classroom (neatness, accuracy and quantity)
- 4) All homework is expected to be attempted independently, though help reading the questions can be given if needed.
- 5) Work can be ASSISTED by family members, providing a note is added to this affect
- 6) Work that is too hard should not lead to undue distress (child or parent!) – much better to have a conversation with the class teacher (before the deadline) to identify and overcome any barriers.
- 7) Last year we published a book of handy homework hints – this is still available on our website. Find this on the Parent Pages - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/supporting-learning-publications/>

HOMEWORK	Year 1	Year 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Homework out	Yet to be confirmed	Friday	Friday	Monday
...and returned by	Yet to be confirmed	The following Friday	The following Weds	Friday of the same week
SPELLINGS				
Spellings out	Yet to be confirmed	Monday	Friday	Monday
... to be tested	Yet to be confirmed	The following Monday	The following Friday	Friday of the same week

Well done Class 3 – ALL homeworks completed AND returned on time last week! Sadly Class 4 can't claim the same ☹

STAFF LEARN TOO!

This week staff spent an afternoon after school learning about how to operate the defibrillator which was recently purchased for the school by FONNS, the Parent and Teachers Association. Another way in which we work together to keep children safe.

NEXT WEEK Jon from Superstars, the Wrap-around care providers, will be in school to sort final practicalities and talk to our parents in assembly. Hopefully all your questions will be answered!



WELCOME SERVICE Every child joining our school brings a small stone or pebble to add to a collection, to represent their place in our community. This collection remains on display for the duration of each child's time with us, and is reclaimed upon leaving. Next Friday is the first 'Friday' assembly for Reception, during which time we'll have a little moment set aside to welcome them properly. Each stone should be identified in some way. A stone from home, or another special place, could be particularly helpful, but we can source stones from our playground too! Please make sure your stones are with us by Thursday.

KNIVES AND FORKS Please can you help children at home to master eating with a knife and fork? We've noticed several who struggle with this during lunch times.

CLUBS We have been able to organise additional staff training on the night of MONDAY 16th OCTOBER. Advanced notice, therefore, that Young Voices choir rehearsal is cancelled for that afternoon.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL Our service is on Tuesday 10th October, starting at 2:15. As well as a 'thought for the day' and a song or two, we would like to make a presentation of items of food, either fresh or in tins/packets, which St. Martin's will auction at their annual Harvest Supper. If you could be so kind as to send your child to school on the 11th with an item, either fresh or packaged, we will make a grand presentation of all the donations during the service.

IMPORTANT:

- Class 1 are appealing for a donation of tissues and kitchen roll to see us through the season of coughs and sneezes!
- Please can the Data Collection sheets come back to the office as soon as possible.
- DVD copies of What A Knight were put aside for those who pre-ordered them. PLEASE COLLECT THEM NOW.

PHOTOS At the end of last year we offered class photos via email. This is still on my to-do list. Sorry!

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
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! A group of Year 6 need packed lunches.		
Tuesday 26 th	Meeting for Parents of Year 5 & Year 6 girls.		
Weds 27 th	Assessment / Standards / Expectations – Annual Update meeting for parents. 7:00 in the school hall. This meeting answers the question "What about the most able?" (Raised twice in recent Parent Surveys)		
Friday 29 th	Welcome Service for our new Reception – See above Meet Jon of Superstars re Wrap-around care. Assembly 2:40		
Tues 3 rd AND Weds 4 th	Parent / Teacher meetings. Children welcome too. WE DISTRIBUTE SIGN-UP SHEETS LATER Tues – NO TEXTILES CLUB, NO TABLE TENNIS CLUB, NO ART CLUB Weds – NO HAMA BEADS CLUB, NO SPORTS CLUB		
Saturday 7 th	Cross-Country Race at KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start		
Monday 9 th	OPEN DAY – join us for the morning and find out why we love our school!		
Tuesday 10 th	Harvest Festival, 2:15 in St. Martins		
Weds 11 th	FONNS AGM 7:30, School Hall. Drinks and nibbles and a discussion about the future!		
Weds 11th	Annual 'Reception' photo for publication by the Gazette		
Weds 11 th to	Friday 13 th OCT London Residential NO BLOGGING CLUB		
Monday 16th	Extended staff meeting, so NO YOUNG VOICES CHIOR Deadline for Linela Uniform order		
Tuesday 17th	More staff training! NO TEXTILES CLUB, NO TABLE TENNIS CLUB, NO ART CLUB		
Weds 18th	Class 3 trip – watch this space!		
Friday 20th	Last day of TERM 1. TERM 2 BEGINS ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER – NOT MONDAY!		
AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days	SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN – Pupil days
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 1 decided in Autumn 2017
Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 4/06/18 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 decided in Autumn 2017



Have you also seen...(In the Virtual Bookbag this week)

Our Parent Survey tells us a number of you don't get what we think goes into the bookbags. I am listing here what we've sent. If you don't find it, PLEASE ASK or visit the virtual bookbag for an online copy. The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday.

- Autumn Term Class letters and topic plans