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# NEWSLETTER 211

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ON THIS DATE IN 1864 US President Lincoln formally establishes Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## A Capital Adventure!



We had a fabulous time away. I am so grateful to the staff for all their work (and additional preparation) which was needed this time to help it all run smoothly. The children were all great fun, but my highlights have to be those special moments when members of the public praised their behaviour. On Wednesday we were told we were "the politest school ever to come through Reading Services." At the Science Museum we were approached by a shop assistant, who said "Excuse me, are you in charge? You are the most polite school we've had all year!" On Friday the workshop leader at Shakespeare's Globe, said "For focus and energy this is one of the best groups I've worked with in 5 years!" Well done, children, you've made us very proud! Hopefully these memories will live on for many years to come. According to some parents, the children can't stop talking about it! There are several photos (!) now viewable on our website beneath the picture of Queen Elizabeth II Tower on the front page (you can't see Big Ben because that's a bell inside the tower!) Coming your way soon, via our new Pupil Blog, you will be able to read pupil recounts of our time in London. You can find our blog on the 'Learning' tab on our website's main menu.

**WRAP-AROUND CARE** Jon from Superstars, the Wrap-around care providers, has confirmed that Ofsted are visiting the school during half-term to approve the site for the start of Wrap Around care. We have created a page on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wrap-around-care-breakfast-and-after-school-care-club/> which links to the Superstars site. All updates leading to the commencement of the service will be posted there. We'll also Tweet the news!

**PHOTOS** On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November a photographer will be taking individuals and sibling-groups first thing in the morning. Bring (but don't share) a hair brush!

**D.T. WEEK** The week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November will see us taking part in a Design Technology and Enterprise week. We are very excited! A letter went home asking for donations. Please find this letter in the virtual bookbag. Please collect some pinecones for us.

## SAFEGUARDING

The online education community have been recently stirred up by reports that efforts in schools across the country, to keep children safe online, simply don't seem to be working. This is not a question of the technology in school, or the supervision the children receive, it's about the behaviours of pupils and young people when given freedom online, the risks they take and the consequences they suffer when it goes wrong. We now read regularly of children as young as 8 years old falling victim to scams, bullying and worse. As a community we have to accept that it could happen here. Last year I conducted a survey with Class 4. I hope the findings become talking points in your own homes:

- Most children DO NOT have to ask permission to go online at home.
- Only 3 children had parents who set a password to limit internet access
- Most children believe that there are no controls (e.g. blocked sites) on internet access at home
- 7 children knew at least one password their parents use
- 6 had received messages from someone they didn't know
- 6 had received messages that upset them
- 5 children add content to their own profile pages on social networking sites, like Facebook (despite the age ban)
- 4 children say they have been bullied online
- 3 children confessed to lying about their age to access material online
- More than half the class share photos online, 5 upload videos to YouTube (despite the age ban)
- MORE THAN HALF THE CLASS play online games with people they don't know.

As parents, do we know enough? Which Apps are inherently dangerous? What can we do? I have invited Alan Mackenzie, who addressed our parents in an evening meeting a few years ago, to return. Unfortunately he can't come until April. I can promise you that what he says is shocking. Perhaps we need to be shocked? The evidence suggests we do. If you are able, track down a copy of this week's Times Educational Supplement (TES) I highly recommend it to you.


## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR VOLUNTEERS – THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Staff undergo update training every 3 years as part of the requirements of working in a school. I am aware that we have a vast number of volunteers who, although cleared by the DBS screening service, nevertheless receive no information on Child Protection beyond the handouts given at the time they join us as volunteers. I have arranged a meeting for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00, where you can receive some important updates to help you play your part in keeping children safe.

**FLU VACCINATIONS** A reminder that you are strongly encouraged to respond to this treatment opportunity online. The administrator writes "We appreciate this is a new method of gaining consent and would like to support parents by providing a link directly for parents which they can copy and paste it into the tool bar or click on for direct access. The online consent link is : <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent> ." Those with emailed copies of the newsletter can 'click through' from the link above. Please tell US if you do not wish your child to have the immunisation.

**CLASS 2 – STAFFING NEWS** Miss Tyers will not be at school for nearly 2 weeks, immediately after the half-term break, to recover from an operation. Mr Sweet and Miss Murton, who have both covered the class before, will take the class.

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/</a>			
MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (SORRY!)		
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back. Uniform delivery (we hope)		
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Photography – see above	Flu Vaccinations	Girl's Football event SHOEBOX deadline
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	FONNS Bonfire Night		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	D.T. Week		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Boy's Football event		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Safeguarding event – see above.		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cross-country race at KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start please.		
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.

- FONNS Fireworks – tickets in the office
- FONNS Lucky Squares Lottery
- A letter about D.T. week
- Immunisation reminder
- Photography reminder