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ON THIS DATE IN 1512, the Sistine Chapel ceiling, painted by Michelangelo, opens to public.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

North Nibley Calling!



Ofsted Inspection

Many of you will be wondering about the outcome from today's Ofsted inspection. The official line is that we must wait for the report to be quality-controlled before it is released, which I anticipate being in two to three weeks. Rest assured you will be the first to know, direct from the school via email, the school's website and in hard copy.

Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive response via ParentView – the Ofsted survey site. 41 individuals registered their views (which could equate to over half the number of our families) and on behalf of the staff and governors I thank you for your continued trust and support.

The new chair of our school council has recorded a message on our answer phone. It is her voice you will hear if we are unable to take your call. Recording the message was a real giggle!

WRAP-AROUND CARE Jon from Superstars, the Wrap-around care providers, is anticipating a start date of Monday 6th November. This Ofsted meeting lasted 2 and a half hours and no stone was left unturned! 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 about this service will be posted there. We'll also Tweet the news!

D.T. WEEK The week beginning Monday 6th 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.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”
The Bible - The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 13 verse 16.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR VOLUNTEERS – THURSDAY 9th 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 9th November at 7:00, where you can receive some important updates to help you play your part in keeping children safe.

There is an important request on Page 2. Please read on for further details of how you can help to make a real difference to the children of our school.

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

Thurs 2 nd Nov	FONNS Bonfire Night		
Monday 6 th	D.T. Week		
Tuesday 7 th	Parent information evening (with crèche!) 3;15 – Early reading and phonics		
Wednesday 8 th	Boy's Football event		
Thursday 9 th	Evening Safeguarding event – see above.		
Saturday 11 th	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



Act of Remembrance Children and their families are invited to join a few of us at the North Nibley War Memorial on Sunday 12th November at 10:45, since we are not in school on the 11th to mark the occasion this year. School uniform is optional.

Dear Parents and Friends,

You may be aware that our school- the governors and the parent community together – are trying to raise funds for additional teaching space – a breakout room where groups of children can work without recourse to working in corridors or the hall, as is currently the case.

Please, please, please, use your free votes at

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6149>

to vote for our project, and help us to get between £1,000 and £5,000 towards much needed space.

YOU CAN VOTE. YOUR FRIENDS CAN VOTE. YOUR RELATIVES AND COLLEAGUES CAN VOTE!

Please spread this link as widely as you can. Support a great cause! Thank you.



“We are trying to raise money to build a breakout learning space with multiple uses, helping the children and their families in several ways. The space would be a simple, environmentally friendly standalone timber building approx 11x4m. It would be built within the existing grounds of the school where there is currently an old storage shed. Together FONNS and the school have already secured 80% of the money for the project, and have plans in place to raise a further £10,000. We need help to get across the line to raise the final £5,000.

The school has old buildings which, by modern standards, provide very limited and inflexible space for teaching. Due to the school's small numbers the children learn in mixed year classes. Having a quiet space where smaller groups of children can go for additional teaching support is invaluable. This currently happens throughout the day in the corridor, the staff room or in the hall at the same time as other activities - it would be great to have one dedicated quiet space for this.

The school is in a rural broadband "blackspot", often getting less than half a "meg" broadband speed. With the financial support of FONNS, some resourceful parents at the school have recently managed to "beam" internet from a nearby town to a radio dish on the school roof. This has greatly improved the connection speed and opened up a new learning opportunities for the children who previously had barely usable internet. To build on this success we want to use the breakout space as a dedicated place to be able to teach IT as well as to store associated equipment (again currently stored in the corridor...).

North Nibley is an amazing local village school within a vibrant rural community. In the current financial climate it is increasingly difficult for small schools like ours to make ends meet and to provide anything other than the bare essentials. Capital projects costing many thousands of pounds are particularly hard to fund. This project would give the school, the children and the immediate community a real lift.”