



NEWSLETTER 213

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On this date in 1989 Germans begin demolishing the Berlin Wall. In 1983 Windows 1 was introduced!

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Dear Parents and Friends,

WRAP-AROUND CARE IS UNDERWAY!

On Wednesday morning our Breakfast Club launched. This was followed by after-school care until 6:00. We know from conversations with parents that numbers will grow as existing care arrangements come to a natural, or termly end. Such a facility can also only help our recruitment of pupils each September. We have created a page on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wrap-around-care-breakfast-and-after-school-care-club/> with all the times and prices. Also on this page is the document sent home in the week. All updates about this service will be posted there.

Please consider registering, even if you do not regularly plan to use the service. If they hold your paperwork, SuperStars will be able to cover in rare circumstances, such as the closure of the M5 resulting in your delayed journey home.

A note about the 'management' of this wrap-around service.

As part of the selection process, Governors made it a priority to appoint an experienced and fully independent provider, so that the management of the service would not impact on the running of the school. For this reason all bookings, cancellations and illness notifications should be run directly through SuperStar's own phone numbers and email addresses. Call: Jon (MD): (07896) 796363 or Kristy (Director) (07817) 612995 Email: Info@superstars-activityclub.co.uk

It will help the school considerably if you could remember this when it comes to submitting registration forms etc. Illnesses etc which effect the school day should still be shared with the school as normal.



Flash, Bang, Whizz, Pop! Our grateful thanks go once again to those parents who supported the fund raising on Thursday 2nd November. It all went incredibly smoothly and had a lovely 'family friendly' feel, commented on by many of our younger families and those visiting with pre-school aged children. Ava said "It was really fun! The fireworks were colourful and loud! Ella said "Everyone was really kind. It made me jump when the first firework was set off because I wasn't ready for it." Emily agreed. "The bonfire was really hot – I was right up on the fence so I could feel the heat." Sylvie added "My favourite firework was the one near the end which lit up the whole sky". Members of the closed FONNS Facebook group can see photos and a video of some of the high lights. (Literally!)



Election of Parent Governor at North Nibley C of E Primary School

I am pleased to inform you of the result of our election for parent governor.
Elected unopposed: Name of candidate: Mr Anastasios (Tas) Stamatopoulos
Yours sincerely, Paul Batchelor, Headteacher

Favourite Christmas Carols On the school website you can find a link to our Christmas Carols Survey. Please choose your 5 favourite carols from the list. Your choices might help influence the order of service for this year's Carol Service! This is open to all our community, children, adults and neighbours alike! (We always sing "We wish you a Merry Christmas", so it's not on this list, and the Choir have already chosen "Silent Night", so you might hear it, rather than sing it this time around!) <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/christmas-carol-survey/>

DID YOU KNOW? We now collect used stamps, to benefit a charity called "CRY" (Care Relief for the Young). For more information visit their website – www.cry.org.uk

IF YOU MISSED either the phonics or the safeguarding presentations, you can find the slideshows here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

DID YOU NOTICE, we have a new email address – finance@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk – which is the best email address to use for all matters financial. Mrs Bargewell now works on a Tuesday and a Wednesday on the school's finance.

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

From January we will count the emailed version of the Newsletter as our main copy, and cease the 'default' position of 1 paper copy per family. We will also provide a pile of paper copies by the front door and train the children of the few families who do not subscribe to take one on their way out. This change comes as a direct result of improvements to our internet connection, the response of parents to this question in our surveys and our desire to do more to support the environment. (The font used this week is Century Gothic, which we are advised is more dyslexia-friendly. What do you think?)

Welcome to our 'new' readers – those who gave permission on their visits around Open Day have been added to our lists. If you are not getting these electronically (and you wanted to) please check your clutter, span and filter settings! Those wanting to switch should email newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

By now we hope you are all 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!

BECOME A VILLAGE HALL REP!

School traditionally has a representative on the Village Hall Committee. If you would like further information on taking up this post please contact David Earle to discuss the requirements, which I think is a minimum of 1 meeting a year! David can be contacted on 01453 546659.

Ofsted Inspection Many of you will be wondering about the outcome from last week'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 to all our wonderful volunteers who helped us get 'stuck in' to our DT week, whether by providing materials or working in the classrooms. It is much appreciated. **WELCOME BACK to Miss Tyers!**



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.

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

Saturday 11 th	Cross-country race at KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start please.		
Sunday 12 th	Act of Remembrance at North Nibley War Memorial, 10:45		
Weds 15 th	Hi-5 Netball @ KLB		
Thursday 16 th	Full Governing Body meeting,		
Monday 20 th	Indoor Football 3:30 – 6:00 @ KLB		
Friday 24 th	Sport Ability @ Archway School – to be confirmed		
Monday 27 th	LAST SWIMMING LESSON for Class 3		
Thursday 30 th	FONNS's CHRISTMAS TREAT – Panto at Cheltenham for the whole school! Home around 5:30 ish. No Blogging Club and no Sports Club either!		
Friday 1 st Dec	FONNS & ST. MARTINS' COMBINED CHRISTMAS FAYRE		
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 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 decided in Autumn 2017



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -

- FONNS Christmas Fayre Flyer
- Pantomime Letter