



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015

# NEWSLETTER 131

Elections -131BC - Gaius Papirius Carbo secures use of secret ballots in assembly voting.

Term 5	13/04/15	-	22/05/15
Term 6	01/06/15	-	17/07/15
Term 1	03/09/15	-	21/10/15
Term 2	02/11/15	-	18/12/15
Term 3	04/01/16	-	12/02/16
Term 4	23/02/16	-	24/03/16

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This term's value in focus is 'Service' ~ keep your eyes open and look out for ways to make others smile!

Dear Parents and Friends,

### Maypole Dancing at Nibley House

The sun shone on Saturday and the children of our country dancing club, plus a good number of friends, joined in (bare-footed) at St. Martin's Church Sumer Fete. The fete took place in the beautiful grounds of Nibley House. The dancers were ably led by school parent Louise Ciotti. Thank you everyone who took part.



**Water bottles, sun cream and hats!** Please remember these essential items as the weather improves.

**Adios Pablo!** Over the past 3 months we have been pleased to host Spanish Trainee Teacher Pablo Rodriguez Garcia. He's written a few words for the newsletter. "First of all, I want to render thanks to the whole North Nibley Family for having me these three months and for giving me the opportunity to live such an extraordinary experience, it has made me not only a better teacher but a better person. I love how the school cares for values and how they are transmitted to the children. From the very beginning, I was impressed of how well behaved the children are. In Spain, we are too worried about tests and results and we often forget about those values, so I will definitely employ what I have learnt in this school to try to improve the education in my country. I want to conclude stating that all the staff should be proud of their work and parents can be pleased of the fabulous education their children are receiving." Thank you for your kind words. It's been a pleasure.

### School Website Update

We seem to be winning this battle! The home page is once again 'top of the pops' for Google searching! Recent additions include [Maypole dancing](#), [school places for 2015-6](#) and our implementation of the requirement to teach [British Values](#).

Talking to adults improves reading AND writing skills. Please encourage your children to talk in FULL SENTENCES!

TALKING POINT...

Democracy has been in the news this week. It's one of our British Values. See also our website [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=2077](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=2077)  
If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you choose?

**Sports Events** At various times of the year we are able to send individuals and teams to compete in various inter-school events. Occasionally we hear about opportunities at the last minute and sometimes, despite all the work that goes into organising transport, events can be cancelled at the last minute too. Our apologies if this has caused you difficulties, but we really are at the mercy of the availability of staff from other schools, their equipment, venues and often the weather, all outside our control.

**End-of-year Reports** As we complete KS2 SATs (well done Year 6 on keeping a level head throughout the process) and we approach half-term, teacher's thoughts turn towards report writing. We have a small 'focus group' of parents looking at how we develop our reports to reflect all the changes schools have had to face this year. There is also a serious message behind this tongue-in-cheek 'blog' <https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/2015/05/10/dear-parents/> which makes several points very clearly.

- 1) The goal-posts have been moved – and moved substantially for our oldest children
- 2) We have done our utmost to provide the smoothest and most effective transition for your children as we move from one national curriculum to another.

I have already sent this link to our Governors and I recommend this blog very highly. I don't always agree with his comments, but teacher/author Michael Tidd always makes me think!



**Archery** Mae described the recent archery event as 'Target-tastic'. A squad of archers travelled to KLB to take part in an archery competition. There were lots of schools involved, with two different events taking place, one using 'proper' arrows and another using arrows with suckers. Sadly we didn't score enough points to make it through to the next level, so we are unable to defend our County Championship 'Gold' award achieved last year. However the children enjoyed the event and recommend being part of our club because archery is a fun activity. Report by Mae, Eliza and Jack.

#### Junior Master Chefs

Class 1 and 2 have enjoyed cooking this week, with a number of savoury dishes being made to support learning in D.T. in the new National Curriculum. As well



as learning about basic hygiene, preparation and cooking, the children were learning about different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. I was especially grateful for a taster (in the guise of 'quality control!') on the day that I left my lunch at home! Jacob identified "two types of protein, salami and ham" on his pizza. Well done.

**A busy week!** The ceiling over the cleaner's cupboard and the boy's toilets came down over the last weekend, due to the boiler tank splitting and causing water to leak over the electrics. On Monday morning a mass clean-up was required and the leak stopped. All this was completed before a decision was needed on closing the school. We seriously considered (albeit briefly) moving the Year 6 tests to the village hall! We are so proud of the Year 6's for their composure, and ready support for one another during this testing week. The budget for next year is as good as set and we've hosted a visit from 'The Bishop's Visitor'. We have distributed letters to those who we hope will make up next year's Reception, and request that anyone you know who is still considering a place gets in contact as soon as possible. Other less-than-full year groups can be found on our website here – [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=2031](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=2031)  
You will see from the dates below that a decision has been made over the Junior Summer Production. Exciting times!

**DIARY DATES** Our online diary can be found at [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=267](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267)

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday Lunch for group A. This is where a Y6 group from school serve lunches to the local community.	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cluster Maypole Dance day for Year 2 children.	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Orienteering Team selected from Years 5 & 6 Westonbirt	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	Cricket – Girls – Cam	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket – Open – Frocester	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 SHOWCASE assembly here from 2:40	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS – WELCOME MEETING	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Head Teacher 'Drop-in' – enjoy a drink and catch up. No fixed agenda.1:00 – 2:30	NEW
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception and all Year 1 children – Forest School @ Redwood (Tyndale Cluster event)	NEW
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (afternoon). Details to follow.	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral. Late back to school. Details to follow.	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 trip to the Waterways museum	NEW
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon for new Reception children and their parents	NEW
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Athletics team – field events here at North Nibley School, 4:00 – 5:00	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics team – track events at KLB, 6:30 – 8:00	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket – Years 3 & 4 – Stroud KLB Induction Day for Year 6 and a 'Taster session' for our new Reception year. 'Moving up' transition day – experience life in your 'new' (September) class.	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	To Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July - LAST WEEK for clubs	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Taster session for our new Reception year. Year 5 language lessons - taster morning.	NEW NEW
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Gala	NEW
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior musical production rehearsal for rest-of-school and younger visitors	CONFIRMED
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Rednock Induction Day for Year 6	NEW
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior musical production – evening performance 1	CONFIRMED
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior musical production – evening performance 2	CONFIRMED
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day of the year. 9:30 am – Leavers service at St Martin's Church, North Nibley. FONNS End-of-year barbeque – details to follow.	NEW

**FOUND** Some money out on the road. If you know what you lost, please ask the office, or I'll donate it to the school fund!

**NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL,**

15/5/15

Dear Parents,

We have booked Class 4 in to visit Gloucester Docks to support their water topic on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

This trip, will include a workshop on the river Severn and the Gloucester Sharpness canal, a tour of the museum and a canal trip on one of the Dunkirk small ships.

We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15.50 to cover the cost of the entry, workshop canal trip and coach.

The coach will leave North Nibley School at 9.15am and we will return by the end of the school day.

This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit. If this cost causes difficulties please speak in strictest confidence to Mr Batchelor or Mrs Todhunter in the office.

The children will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch, with some snacks plus a water bottle (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please). If you have one, a small back pack would be handy. Please ensure they have appropriate out door clothes for the weather, as we will be outside all afternoon.

Please complete and return the reply slip, with your contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Surridge  
Class teacher.

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Visit to Gloucester Docks – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in this activity.

I am/am not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £15.50 to cover expenses ( enclosed)

Child's name: ..... signed .....parent/carer

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13/5/15

Dear Parents,

**Kwik Cricket Tournament,**

I am very pleased to let you know that your child has been selected to represent North Nibley School in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Cam Cricket Club on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

We will be leaving school at 12.00pm and returning to school around 4.45p.m. We will be travelling in staff/parent cars who have the correct licence insurance, disclosure form and CRB/DBS. All children will need a packed lunch.

Your child will be provided with school team kit but will need trainers, a drink and a snack.

Please bring appropriate clothing for the weather ie sun hat and apply suncream.

We look forward to an exciting and interesting tournament.

Yours sincerely,

*Alison Dixon*

Class Teacher.

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**Kwik Cricket Tournament- Cam - Wednesday 3rd June**

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in this activity and travel in staff/parent cars with the appropriate licence, , volunteer driver form , disclosure form CRB/DBS and insurance.  
I am /am not able to help with transport and have .....spaces available.

*(Please delete as appropriate)*

Child's name: .....

Signed: .....

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**We have a Tyndale Schools Cluster Maypole dance workshop at North Nibley on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May for all the cluster Year 2's.**

**Could you please ensure your child has trainers or suitable shoes available in school and a sun hat, please apply sunscreen before school and send some in with your child if they can apply it themselves. Water bottles should also be available in school.**

**There will be a demonstration of what the children have learned at 2.00pm, if you are available and would like to watch you are most welcome, please could you be here before the 2.00 start as the cluster children will be picked up at 2.30 by their parents and we would like to be prompt to avoid too much congestion.**

**Ms S Wright**

**Class Teacher**

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