



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

# NEWSLETTER 133

In AD 133 Sextus Julius Severus, governor of Britain, was sent to Judea to quell a revolt.

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
Term 5	11/04/16	-	27/05/16

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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,

**Are you sitting comfortably? Then let us begin.** Our lovely spiritual garden, so generously built by FONNS for the school last summer (using the proceeds of YOUR fundraising) has a new addition – a Story Teller's Chair! This large item of quality furniture sits well in the corner and provides teachers, children and visitors with an ideal place to sit and read to the class. "Thank you, FONNS. Your fundraising efforts really do make a difference." Photo by Ella, Class 2.

Rach, "The Chair" of FONNS, tries out "The Chair"!



**School survey** This week Governors have been looking again at the Parent Survey results for 2015. I note that 91% of those responding agreed to complete ParentView soon – Ofsted's on-line parent questionnaire. In our survey we deliberately avoided the questions Ofsted use, to spare you duplication, and ensure that your thoughts are shared clearly with those who have responsibility to monitor our progress. If you've not yet followed up on this commitment, please do so soon, and be aware that it is nearly a year since our Ofsted inspection. Your previous ParentView comments have an expiry date!

**The Hole In The Wall** I'm sure many of you have been disappointed to see that the hole containing the bird's nest was filled in over the half-term by workers who had been briefed to attend to the wall around the Spiritual Garden. I am in no doubt that they thought they were helping out, and I am keen not to apportion blame in this instance. It is a sad misunderstanding occurring just one week after I had sought permission from Governors to mount a surveillance camera on the school with a live feed (to the hall in the first instance) of our nesting sites. I can only hope that the young had fledged the nest along with the other birds which nest around the rear of the building. The school has a long history of promoting environmental education, and plans are underway to increase the proportion of 'outdoor learning' which takes place in the next school year.

**First Aid Day** Following wide-spread support for the idea in the Parent Survey (89% in favour), we have a first-aid day planned for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. All classes will be taught different skills and be involved with a variety of different scenarios. In our Parent Survey we anticipated making a request for a £3.00 voluntary contribution. I am pleased to revise this down to £1.00 per child. A letter requesting support with this funding will be sent home shortly.

**Stroud Camera Club's Young Photographer Competition** There are two age groups and some superb prizes. For full details: Email: [chairman@stroudcameraclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@stroudcameraclub.co.uk) Or visit [www.stroudcameraclub.co.uk/competition](http://www.stroudcameraclub.co.uk/competition)



**Cup-stacking** is proving to be a popular club and break/lunch time activity. As well as supporting the development of excellent hand-eye co-ordination and important motor skills, it also provides children with an impressive party-trick!

**Term Dates. This item is about the NEXT school year.** Following the confirmation that Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016 would NOT be an INSET day, I failed to inform you that the summer term would, effectively, finish a day earlier (with teachers working additional 'twilight' meetings in the year, equivalent in time to the moved date). The last day for pupils, therefore will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Term Dates are available on our website, with a paper copy to follow in September.

PLEASE CHECK THE DIARY (below) CAREFULLY. NO SPORTS CLUBS – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**Food News** The Local Authority has replaced “Edwards and Ward”, the providers of our School Meals service, with a new contractor. We are still finding out what these changes will mean for us. Can I remind those who feel that they might be eligible for Free School Meals (whether you are a parent of an infant OR junior aged child) that your application releases special funds for the school (the ‘Pupil Premium’) and that this benefit runs ‘invisibly’ as far as pupils are concerned. It supports your child, can be used for uniform, swimming lessons and residential etc if you are qualified, even if you have no intention of taking up this provision. For more details ask or visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.



In the Parent Survey one parent asked if school could do more to promote healthy lunchboxes. So starting this week I will be running a short series of items on alternative ideas for your packed lunches. If you have a great idea to add, please let me know. Email your ideas to [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

**This week’s snack ideas!** Cheese, mixed dried fruit or fat-free pop-corn!

**“NIBLEY NIBBLES”** Our Year 5&6 run café opens again, raising money to support October’s London residential trip and providing parents with an ideal start to the weekend. Hopefully the sun will shine! Starts at 2:00 pm.

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

**TALKING POINT...**

Do you have a favourite item of furniture? It might not even be at your home! What is it, where is it, and why is it special to you?

### Summer Musical Production

Rehearsals for our summer spectacular are now underway. Please may we ask your help in sourcing the following props?

A small gong  
A trumpet

A good length of rope  
A large lamp

Brass instruments  
A rickshaw (!)

**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 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis – group from class 3	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS – WELCOME MEETING 7:00 pm	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Wildlife Quiz – county semi-final 4:00 Robinswood Country Park	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Head Teacher ‘Drop-in’ – enjoy a drink and catch up. No fixed agenda.1:00 – 2:30	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception and all Year 1 children – Forest School @ Redwood (Tyndale Cluster event) ADDITIONAL ‘transition day’ for children in Y2, 3, 4 & 5.	NEW
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral. Late back to school. Details to follow.	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (afternoon). 1:15 to 3:00 pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	UPDATED
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 trip to the Waterways museum	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon for new Reception children and their parents. Includes Violin concert – so violins needed!	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Athletics team – field events here at North Nibley School, 4:00 – 5:00	
Wednesday 24th	FIRST AID DAY (whole school) & Athletics team – track events at KLB, 6:30 – 8:00 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	UPDATED
Friday 26th 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.	NEW
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	To Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – LAST WEEK for clubs	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Rounders Tournament Team British 1:15 pm	NEW
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Taster session for our new Reception year. Year 5 language lessons – taster morning at KLB.	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Gala	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior musical production rehearsal for rest-of-school and younger visitors	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Rednock Induction Day for Year 6	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Aladdin Trouble! Junior musical production – evening performance 1	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Aladdin Trouble! Junior musical production – evening performance 2	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (2) – Afternoon - The Play Leaders from Class 4 take responsibility for this event!	
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.	

## 2015 Year 6

# Leavers' Services charity appeal

As part of our theme 'One Life' we have chosen to support the charity Gloucestershire Young Carers during this year's Leavers' Services.

The children and young people who are supported by this charity undertake significant caring tasks and may assume levels of responsibility for a family member which would ordinarily be taken on by an adult.

The charity's mission is to support young carers in reaching their potential, enabling them and their families to access support that minimises the physical and emotional impact of caring.

Gloucestershire Young Carers provides a wide range of services including:

- Support groups – offering a safe environment with other young people who share similar experiences and feelings
- Day and residential activity breaks
- Specialist support
- Support for the whole family



With the money we raise this year we aim to improve the lives and life chances of young carers.

For further information please visit GYC's website: [www.glosyoungcarers.org.uk](http://www.glosyoungcarers.org.uk)

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015.

Dear Parents,

The Year 6 children have been invited to take part in the Leavers' Service for Church Schools at Gloucester Cathedral on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. The theme for this years' service is called 'One Life' Each year schools are asked to respond to the challenge of the theme by making an appropriate offering. Each child is asked to donate £2.00 towards Gloucestershire Young Carers . The children will be travelling to and from Gloucester by staff and parent cars.

We will leave North Nibley at 11.45a.m. and hope to be back by 4.00pm . **Your child will need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks)**

Unfortunately due to space restrictions they are unable to accommodate parents wishing to attend.

If you can help with transport on the day please fill in the slip below.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Batchelor

Headteacher.

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SERVICE AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in the visit to Gloucester Cathedral.

I can /cannot help with transport and have the appropriate licence, child restraints, insurance and have signed a volunteer driver form . I have .....spaces available.

I have enclosed my donation of £2.00 for Gloucestershire Young Carers

Child's name: .....

Signed

North Nibley C of E School

1/6/15

Dear Parents,

Y5 + Y6 Only.

As part of the PHSCE curriculum during the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> June Ms Surrige and Mr Batchelor will be showing a film and conducting discussions about puberty, growing up and sex education. If you would like to pre view the film and ask questions about this topic area and its presentation there will be an opportunity to do so at 3.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

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Head Teacher

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Head Teacher

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

2/6/15

Dear Parents,

As you know the children have qualified to go through to the next round the County Semi Finals of the Wild life Quiz, this will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the Gloucestershire Trust Headquarters .

We will be competing against Sherborne Prmary and St James'Primary ( Cheltenham). The Trust Headquarters is on Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Rd Gloucester, GL4 6SX.

We need to be there by 4.00pmpm ready for a 4.15pm start so will need to leave school at 3.15pm.

Could the children please have a drink and snack to keep the brain sharp!!! Do come and support if you are able.

Please could you fill in the attached permission slip and indicate whether you will be able to offer, or need transport.

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher

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County Semi Final – Wildlife Quiz –County Semi Finals –Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to attend the Wild life quiz.

I can /cannot help with transport and have .....spaces available. I have a volunteer driver form, DBS disclosure form and the correct insurance and licence.

I need/ do not need help with transport.



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

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

Dear

As you may well be aware, legal limits on infant class sizes mean that three year groups (Reception, Years 1 & 2) are often taught across 2 classes at North Nibley. Over the coming weeks the staff will be beginning to consider the likely placing of your Reception-aged child for their Year 1 experience in 2015-16. Upper-most in our thinking is the need to ensure that children receive an education that allows them to flourish. In this letter I explain the process we will follow before final decisions are made.

1. The process will begin with an open meeting, when the criteria will be clearly explained. This year the meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 and I do hope you can attend.
2. Parents will have an opportunity to share their observations and concerns in the attached questionnaire before the school makes its decision. On the questionnaire we seek permission to disclose the year 1 placements for all the children in the Year group. This has the advantage in that when the letter comes it gives a better insight into the thinking behind the decision, and the presence of 'known friends' may reduce any anxiety the children feel. It seems fair to me that this must be agreed by all before school will follow this through. If one parent withholds permission it would be respectful to withhold sharing any of the details in this way.
3. Parents will be able to meet with staff individually to hear the school's current thinking. This will take place in 'Parent Evening' style appointments, preferably all parents on the same day. We have put aside 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to meet with you. Please tell us if this is inconvenient to you.
4. The initial decision will be made in the first week in July, in writing, to allow for final Early Years Foundation Stage data to play a part in the decision. To ensure all parents receive the information on the same day letters will be sent by post.
5. Following this letter, Parents will be able to meet with staff to explore any factors which they feel might have been given insufficient weight.
6. You will be informed in writing about the school's final decision before the end of the school year. For clarification I confirm that School Governors play no part in deciding the Year 1 placements for named children. School staff are solely responsible for the day-to-day management of the school, whilst the Governors have a strategic role.

If there are any aspects of this process that you would like to ask about, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Allen or myself. This can be a difficult time for all involved. Whatever the outcomes, I do wish to assure you that your views will be listened to. If we are not able to accommodate your wishes, please continue to have confidence that any concerns raised can be successfully overcome, through the high quality teaching and great levels of care you have come to expect.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher

Rebecca Allen, Class Teacher

YOUR CHILD'S NAME PLEASE. \_\_\_\_\_

If we decide to split the year group of 20 children, what number of children makes a sensible group?

Minimum	Maximum

Do you have a preference for one of the two classes? CLASS  NO PREFERENCE

What is it about your child, or their learning, that supports this preference?



Please suggest the names of three or four children your child would be happy to work alongside.

When the final decision is made, are you happy for the school to release a list of children's names in 2 groups, headed "Class 1" and "Class 2"?

YES / NO

Unless all the parents agree, we will withhold this information.

How helpful has this questionnaire been? How might it be improved?

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE BY FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

Thank you for your thoughts. We will treat all this information confidentially. Only school staff will consider your comments and we look forward to discussing these with you on, or close to Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> June. If needed beforehand, we will get back to you for clarification on the details you raise.

