



Thursday 9th July 2015

NEWSLETTER 137

Psalm 137 in the bible begins "By the rivers of Babylon...". Can you sing it?

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,

Countdown to the end of the year.

This time, more than ever, it feels like we are trying to fit a month's work into a week! If the photocopier doesn't let us down, we are aiming for the following:

THURSDAY 9th	(TODAY!) Proposed music tuition letter out. Reply needed by TUESDAY 14 TH .
FRIDAY 10 th	REPORTS OUT Nibley Nibbles Café Miss Allen 'Baseline' training for September, Year 6 Transition Day @ Rednock All outstanding certificates & trophies for awarding at Friday Worship, 2:35 pm
MONDAY 13th	LONDON RESIDENTIAL – Final confirmation and next instalment due. Please note that the entire trip is dependent on numbers! Monday Lunch – Year 6 GROUP B – This group need a sandwich lunch ALADDIN TROUBLE. Children to arrive AT 6:30 please.
TUESDAY 14th	ALADDIN TROUBLE. Children to arrive AT 6:30 please. DEADLINE for MUSIC TUITION REPLY SLIPS
WEDS 15th	Whole school picnic at the monument – see below for details. Reception 2015 – have you placed a uniform order yet? We can order by next Wednesday for a September delivery.
THURS 16th	Y6 to run their 'Play Leaders' 'Sports Day' – 1:30 start time, supporters welcome. Might you be able to help empty the staffroom into the hall, at the end of the day, to allow a smooth start to the building work? Thank you.
FRIDAY 17th	LEAVER'S SERVICE at St. Martin's Church – all welcome. From 9:30 NO afternoon assembly. NO Nibley Nibbles Café School ends 3:15 FONNS BBQ, and family games, starting from 5:30 IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Whole school picnic at the monument, Wednesday 15th July

On Wednesday we hope to have a picnic up at the monument, if the weather is fine, to celebrate the end of the year. All children, therefore, require a packed lunch on Wednesday.

Please ensure the children also have appropriate shoes and clothing for the walk, and for the weather i.e. sun cream and hat. Please make sure they have a bottle of water particularly if the weather is hot.

Next time -

Swimming Gala District Sports County Cricketers Aladdin Trouble Goodbyes

SEPTEMBER DATES

1 st & 2 nd September	Staff training days, including Reading and First Aid
Thursday 3 rd Sept	School starts for ALL pupils. See the top of every newsletter for all the pupil dates for the coming year.
Monday 7 th Sept.	Swimming starts for ALL Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 15 th Sept	Year 6 South Cerney day – with the Y6 of the Tyndale Cluster

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

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09/07/2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,

LONDON – 2015

We now need all slips returning with either a final "Yes" or "No" commitment by MONDAY 13TH (next week!) The travelling company need to purchase tickets for the major parts of our programme now, based on the numbers we can give them.

Please note that the entire trip is dependent on sufficient numbers being willing to go.

Please could you send the attached slip into the office by Monday?

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher

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LONDON – 2015

My childwill /will not be taking part in the proposed trip to London 2015. I understand that this is a final commitment.

I have enclosed my next instalment of £50.00

Cheques should be made payable to North Nibley C of E Primary School.

Signedparent/carer

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

9th July 2015.

Dear Parents,

We propose to take the children of Class 3 (Miss Parkers' Class) to Dursley for Swimming on Monday afternoons, **commencing 7th September**. The children will leave school by KB Coaches at approximately 1.30 p.m. and return before the end of the school day. The remaining dates will be: -

September 14th, 21st, 28th
October 5th, 12th, 19th
November 2nd, 9th, 16th

The cost of swimming for the term will be **£52.00** to include the coach, entrance into the pool and qualified instructors. If you prefer you can make 10 weekly payments of **£5.20**. The children will be swimming for 10 weeks this term. Swimming is a curriculum activity.

Please also note that the school is liable for the total cost of swimming and even if your child misses a week due to illness the school still has to pay this cost. With current severe budget restrictions the school's ability to subsidise such activities is severely limited.

Please make sure your child has swimming kit for Monday September 7th. The pool has requested the following:-

- All long hair must be tied back.
- No baggy shorts for boys
- Girls need a one piece suit.
- Children may wear goggles if they can safely manage them themselves and if they do not fiddle with them constantly.

If any parent would like their child to go swimming but feels unavoidably unable to make this contribution could they please come and see me, or Mrs Todhunter in the office.

Yours sincerely,
Mr P Batchelor

Headteacher.

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Proposed trips to Dursley Swimming Pool during the
Autumn Term 2015- commencing Monday 7th September

I give / do not give my child..... permission to attend swimming lessons travelling by coach to Dursley.

I am willing to make a contribution of **£52.00** per term which I enclose with this letter.

I would like to pay a weekly contribution of **£5.20**.

Signed: Date:

N.B. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PAYMENTS ARE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

8/7/15

Dear parents/carers,

We are participating in an exciting singing event on the 13th January 2016. The children who wish to join in will be travelling by coach with Ms Wright and staff to the Genting arena Birmingham to sing with many other school choirs.

We need to finalise numbers in September, and to ensure that those parents who wish to travel up and watch can gain priority tickets we need to know how many children will commit to this event.

This will involve attending choir practises once a week, every week until the event these practises will be after school on a Tuesday – Choir club.

Committing to attend the event we will not be back until after 11.00pm!

Parents need to purchase their tickets in the short time frame in September so we will need to have numbers and order forms strictly by the deadline. Parents do not have to attend. We will send the order form home in the first week in September, but need some idea of the numbers of children who will be attending, so please can you fill in the slip below so that we can send numbers to the organisers.

Ms Wright

Class Teacher.

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Choir Club – for performance on 13th Jan 2016.

My child.....will be attending choir club and the performance on the 13th Jan 2016.

Signed.....



REDNOCK SCHOOL
YEAR 6 INTRODUCTORY DAY

FRIDAY 10th JULY 2015

TIMETABLE

8.30am – Arrival and Welcome in the Main Hall

8.45am – 10.40am – Community Get Together & Science or English Lesson

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10.40am – 11.00am Break Time

(Please bring a snack and a drink if you are going to need one)

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11.00am – 12.00pm – Design & Technology or ICT Lesson

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12.00pm – 1.00pm – Lunch Time

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1.00pm – 2.00pm – ‘Rednock’s Got Talent’ Show

2.15pm – 3.00pm – Celebration Assembly (Parents Invited to Attend)

3.00pm – End of School Day

LUNCH MENU

Main Meal served with a dessert - £2.00

Battered Fish and Chips
Cod Fishcakes, Chips and Baked Beans
Jumbo Sausage, Chips and Baked Beans
Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Garden Peas
Vegetable Pasta Bake

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Gino's Pasta

Pasta with a choice of sauces, including a vegetarian option - £2.15

Teppan Service

Mild Curry and Rice - £2.10

Grab & Go

Various Pizzas including a vegetarian option - £1.25

Chicken Twister Wrap - £1.90

Various Hot Filled Paninis - £1.90

Hot Wraps with various fillings:

Chicken Tikka, BBQ Chicken, Ham & Cheese - £1.60

Large Selection of Baguettes & Sandwiches, Bloomers, Cold Wraps & Crusty Rolls
From £1.15

Vegetable & Fruit Bags – 50p

Cold Desserts & Fresh Fruit – from 55p

Cold Drinks – from 40p

Selection of Cakes, Cookies & Muffins – from 65p

Written responses

Some 15 'free-text' questions were asked in the Parent Survey, and most of those returning surveys were good enough to comment on the topics in greater detail. Overall the support for the school, the provision of the curriculum, the ethos and strategies – and in particular the staff – attracted very favourable views. Where individual staff were praised, these comments have been passed on.

Endorsements

Governors were particularly pleased with the degree to which the new vision statement was seen to match parental aspirations (100%), and the recognition that the grounds continue to improve. Parents widely agreed that the staffroom was the next area requiring an upgrade and hopefully you will have read recently that our efforts here have borne fruit. We hope to return in September to a much improved multi-use room with significant benefits for the children. Parents whole-heartedly appreciate the staff presence 'at the gate' and the nurturing environment on offer, "where every child is known".

Improvements

Following feedback the school newsletter has regularly sought to reference the survey results in describing developments for the school. Other changes will be implemented as the year progresses – for example the Infant Parent Meeting on reading will occur much earlier next September. This presentation will be available on our website, as will recent presentations on the transition to Year 1 and the 'Welcome' meeting for new parents, held earlier this term.

Other requests, whilst not directly implemented, have led to internal review. Rather than provide a transition letter, children have already spent several sessions in their 'new' classes. In September a new protocol for illnesses will be provided.

The call for additional information on Governors and their roles came through clearly. In addition to the section on the new website, an introduction at the 'Welcome meeting and a re-issue of the school booklet, Governors have written a newsletter which shall be issued regularly in the future.

Ideas Rejected

Given the funding available to school, Governors felt that the provision of tennis courts fell well-outside their capabilities. The school does not agree to providing parents with their child's position 'ranked' against their classmates. The changes to the end-of-year reports do mean that parents have access to additional information which should prove helpful.

Challenges

The school has joined forces with the local community to lobby for improvements to our broadband. This continues to be a challenge for the school.

Tidiness was commented upon. The school continues to struggle with a lack of storage space, though staff are increasingly ruthless when sorting out cupboards. Improvements to the staffroom should also help here.

Collective Worship (Assembly) on a Friday, and in particular the school's identification with the Christian faith, attracted a number of comments. A large majority were very favourable. The school's position on R.E. is clear – our collective worship is broadly Christian, and the teachings of other faiths takes place in the classroom. Nevertheless, the school is aware of the need to increase inter-faith and inter-cultural awareness in class lessons, and we will be developing this from September, together with the new legal 'duties' to promote 'British' values and protect children from radicalisation.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY 2015 – SUMMARY

Dear Parents,

40 Questionnaires were returned by the deadline, representing 55% of families at school in March 2015. Governors have met on three occasions to compile the results and discuss implications, with your comments continuing to influence future agendas. I have pleasure in providing a numerical breakdown of the views expressed. Since not every parent responded to every question, the % value of each response can change from answer to answer, and may not total 100% where rounding has occurred.

OUR VISION IS TO INSPIRE AND CELEBRATE LEARNING, ACHIEVEMENT, FAITH AND FUN.

How well does our new Vision Statement match your own aspirations?	Very well 70%	Well enough 30%	A little 0%	Not at all 0%
PARENTVIEW I am willing to complete the ParentView website.	YES 91%			NO 9%
ENVIRONMENT Have the changes made improved opportunities for children at North Nibley?	YES 100%			NO 0%
PUPIL PROGRESS How satisfied are you with the information we provide about your child's progress?	Very well 37.5%	Well enough 62.5%	A little 0%	Not at all 0%
HOMEWORK Have you found the new homework menus an improvement?	Very much 56.7%	Some 40%	A little 0%	Not at all 3.3%
COMMUNICATION How satisfied are you with school-home communication?	Very well 77.5%	Well enough 22.5%	A little 0%	Not at all 0%
Have you visited the new 'Classes' website?	YES 82.3%		NO 14.8%	
OUR SCHOOL VALUES Do you see these values in your children?	Always 17.9%	Usually 66.7%	A little 15.4%	Never 0%
Have you found the Home-School values sheet helpful?	11.8%	29.4%	50%	8.8%
GOVERNORS Do you know who the Governors are?	Most 23.1%	Some 51.3%	1 or 2 17.9%	None 7.7%
How well do you understand the work of the Governors?	Very well 15%	Well enough 42.5%	A little 32.5%	Not at all 10%
How satisfied do you feel with the governor contribution to the school?	Very well 19.4%	Well enough 75%	A little 5.6%	Not at all 0%

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Do you believe there are enough opportunities for children in Years 1 and 2?	Very well 31.2%	Well enough 46.9%	A little 18.8%	Not at all 3.1%
Are there enough opportunities for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6?	Very well 65.4	Well enough 30.8%	A little 3.8%	Not at all 0%
Are you satisfied with the RANGE of clubs?	YES 93.3%		NO 6.7%	

EQUALITY

How satisfied are you the curriculum is accessible to all?	Very well 61.1%	Well enough 38.9%	A little 0%	Not at all 0%
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ENRICHMENT Which of these enrichment events had a POSITIVE IMPACT on your child?

World Book Day	Big impact 70%	Some impact 30%	No impact 0%
Children In Need	33%	66%	0%
10 Pieces – classical music	25%	55%	20%
Diwali	18%	53%	29%

The following results are based only on the feedback of those who took part (and returned questionnaires).

Warhorse	Big impact 88.9%	Some impact 0%	No impact 11.1%
Infant Nativity	88.6%	11.4%	0%
Junior Summer Production	82.4%	17.6%	0%
Y6 South Cerney Water Sports	50%	16.6%	33.3%
Y5 and Y6 Coding Day	42.9%	14.3%	42.9%
Y4 Coding Day	37.5%	37.5%	25%
Reading Challenge	30%	66.6%	3.3%
Year 2 Maypole Day	26.6%	40%	33.3%
Take-Over Day	16.6%	66.6%	16.6%
Macmillan Coffee Morning	8.3%	79.2%	12.5%
IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE Would you prefer to book Parent Evening online?	YES 40%		NO 60%
Should we extend basic 1st Aid training to classes 1, 2 and 3?	89%		11%
Would you prefer to ONLY receive emailed Newsletters? We could only put this into effect if a large majority say 'Yes'	51%		49%

6th July 2015

Hello

So we are almost at the end of the school year, hasn't it just flown by! I am sure you and your families are all looking forward to some holiday fun and I hope you all have something nice to be looking forward to.

I wanted to send out this final communication this year to say a **MAHOOSIVE thank you** to all those people who helped at our BBQ and Bar at the Music Festival this year. It was so great to see some new faces volunteering and I hope all those who did enjoyed themselves. Mr Batchelor also wanted me to pass on his thanks to those involved.

A special thanks goes to Kate & Tom Rea who without their support and help the event would not have happened.

Now although we have not yet done all the accounts and some expenses are still to be accounted for, I thought it only fitting that you all knew and understood the impact that this one event has for a school our size.

So our takings over the weekend came to.....drum roll please.....**£10,368.15**

For the final profits figures will be announced at a later date but will be part of the AGM report in the new school year, we anticipate that this will be in excess of £5000.

There is only one more thing to mention and that is the **End of Term Party** which will be on the school field on 17th July from 5.30pm. It's a fantastic end to the year where we get to say Goodbye to those year 6's who are on their way to secondary school, and Hello to those new 2015 reception families. We will have a BBQ and drinks available and maybe some games for the kids to play.

Any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me at fonns@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

Thanks again

Rachael Stewart

Chair of FONNS

