

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

25/9/15

Dear Parents,

To support our current topic of 'Fire' we are planning to take ALL YEAR 1 and 2 children on a trip to Stroud Fire Station, on **Wednesday 14th October**. We will be travelling by coach and will need a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per pupil to make this visit possible. Please contact the office or Mr Batchelor in confidence if you will not be able to make this voluntary donation.

Please ensure the children wear suitable clothing that day as part of the demonstration is outside, and it could be chilly or wet!

Please sign the permission slip below and return with your contribution.

Miss Allen      Miss S Wright

Class Teachers

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**Stroud Fire Station –Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

I give permission for my child.....to travel by coach to Stroud Fire Station on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

I have enclosed my voluntary contribution of £6.00.

Signed ..... parent/carer.

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28<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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Dear parents/carers,

We have recently completed our wonderful new kitchen and FONNS have now supplied some exciting new kitchen resources, we would like to make the most of these, and meet the needs of the new curriculum by starting a Class 4 lunch project.

We would like to have a small group of pupils ideally each week, cook their own lunch, laying the table correctly and having a 'formal' meal. They would also be expected to wash up!!!

We would like to start next Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> October which is our 'Open day' which means I do need a quick turnaround for permission slips by Wednesday organise our first group.

To allow this fun project we will need a rota of parent helpers, if we have less parent's help we will need to cook less frequently. We also have to ask for a voluntary contribution from each pupil cooking and eating that day, their normal 'hot lunch' amount of £2.20 is proposed.

We propose cooking on Monday mornings and would need help from about 9.30am

Could you please give your permission below and indicate whether you are prepared to help cook, and able to contribute the £2.20 towards ingredients. We anticipate cooking meals such as pies, quiches, casseroles etc.

Ms Surridge

Class Teacher

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Class 4 - 'Hot lunch project'

I give/ do not give my permission for my child.....to take part in the Class 4 Lunch project

I am prepared to help cook on Monday mornings from 9.30am.....

I am/am not prepared to provide a voluntary contribution to my child's lunch of £2.20

Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

29/9/15

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is bringing home a template today for a Christmas T Towel as part of this year's FONNS fundraising for the school.

There are some very specific requirements needed to ensure each child has a design which is available to be purchased, and a very strict deadline which is the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The child must produce their self-portrait in black ink, within the white area not the grey, and no glue, glitter or additional colours are permissible.

There must only be one large image of the child and it must be only a self-portrait with no additional details.

The children's completed drawings must be kept flat and in good condition.

Within the classroom they will also be producing a Year group Christmas card and this will also be available to purchase nearer Christmas.

Please note:

Last year several children did not bring a completed drawing back into school by the deadline and this meant they did not have an item available to purchase. This caused some disappointment to parents.

**If your child does not bring a completed self-portrait back into school by the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> October, in the morning, they will not feature on the items available to purchase!**

Sorry to put it so bluntly, but we must be clear and we ask you to respect this deadline.

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last year, we gave away hundreds of Forest Green Rovers football shirts to local children to encourage engagement with community sport, and we're doing the same again this year.

We're offering a **FREE** FGR home shirt to Year 3 pupils in Stroud District Schools (400 shirts available).

What's more, we're also giving **FREE** entry to this season's FGR League home games to ALL children under 10.

To register for a free shirt, please go to [www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freeshirt](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freeshirt) or call us on **01453 834860**. It's that simple.

Shirts will be ready to pick up from 10<sup>th</sup> October at our home fixture against Guiseley on 10<sup>th</sup> October, and we'll email you to confirm that yours has arrived for collection.

For more details, and for booking information about the free tickets for under 10's, please see [www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freetickets](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freetickets)

We look forward to seeing lots of children at forthcoming games wearing their new shirts!

Best wishes,

Chris Wintle,

Marketing Director, Forest Green Rovers

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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents,

We have been invited to a KEY STAGE 2 Multi skills afternoon at KLB on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and we would like to take all our Yr 3's and 4's. We will be leaving school at 1.00pm and will return by approx. 3.15pm.

We will need parent helpers to transport the children, both to and from the event. There is, however, not a facility for parents to stay and watch this event.

Please make sure the children have their PE kit in school, and a pair of tracksuit trousers and top.

They will also need a snack and their water bottles.

If it is wet this activity will be cancelled, as it is outdoors and there are no indoor facilities available.

Could you please sign the permission form below and indicate whether you will be able to help transport on the day. **Please return your slip by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

If your child uses a booster seat ( is under 140cm) and you are not one of the helpers could you please ensure their seat is labelled with their name in the hall that morning.

Thank you.

Mrs A Dixon,  
Class Teacher

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**Multi skills Year 3 and 4 - KLB - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

I do/do not give my permission for my child.....to attend the activities day at KLB.

I will /will not be able to help transport children there and back and I have .....spaces available. I have signed a volunteer driver letter and have a CRB/DBS check appropriate insurance and child restraints. Leaving school at 1.00pm.

I understand the children will be transported in staff and parent cars, they will have the appropriate child restraints, licence, CRB/DBS and insurance.

Signed .....parent /carer



Our vision – to inspire and celebrate learning, achievement, faith & fun!

# NEWSLETTER 142

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

There are 142 staircases at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. (Harry Potter)

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## Fair funding

### THIS NEWSLETTER ARTICLE COULD BE CRITICAL TO YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE HERE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Parents may remember how I have explained historic underfunding of schools in this area. A quick calculation of 100 schools, described by the Department of Education as "similar" to North Nibley, revealed that the AVERAGE difference between us, and them, was close to £1300 per pupil – every year! To be clear, that is over £100,000 per year on which we are missing out. Put another way, that's around 25% of our annual budget.

Parents have asked "What can we do?"

We now have an opportunity to make our call for fairer funding. Along with other Gloucestershire schools, we are calling on you to support a petition. The petition forms **MUST** be physically signed (this is not an electronic petition) and **MUST** be completed on the correct paperwork, as determined by your constituency MP, and **MUST** be received in London by 25th October 2015. We will host the paperwork here at school and urge you to add your details on the Parent Evenings coming up. The petition is not limited to parents, so other interested members of the community can also add their names (though care must be taken to complete the correct form, either in the name of Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, or Neil Carmichael). Our school governors have already received the support of our local MP.

Fairer funding levels – putting us on an equal footing with schools in other authorities - would give our school governors significant options to consider when determining the budget. Whether in staffing, curriculum resources, IT or premises upgrades, you can imagine what a real difference £100,000 would represent. Please add your support.

## Harvest

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## Thank you, FONNS!

In order to derive maximum benefit from our new kitchen, FONNS have chosen to spend some of your hard-earned fundraising on a myriad of useful kitchen tools, containers, gadgets and equipment. These will soon be in use since Class 4 are starting to cook their own lunches (beginning next Monday on a rota basis), as well as in the on-going Baking Club.

Congratulations to the newly elected FONNS Committee

Chair: Kerri Barber

Vice-Chair: Sarah Hicks

Secretary: Jules Miller

Treasurer: Mark Bargewell

## Decorating Project

FONNS have kindly agreed to finish the staffroom/kitchen project by painting the interior, and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October has been agreed. If you are free from 1:00 onwards, we could be finished by assembly of the end of school. Wear suitable clothing, we'll provide paints and brushes (and a cup of tea!) Thank you.

## Open Day

We are holding our 'Open Day' on Monday 5th October. This is an ideal chance to see the children at work and enjoy the school grounds, especially (but not exclusively) for those thinking about school for September 2016 (we also have spaces in the current Years 2, 5 & 6). This year we are open in the morning so that you can get a real feel for the high quality teaching and learning that takes place. Please share this invitation with all you meet!



### Running Club

We are increasingly becoming concerned with arrangements around the Thursday Morning running club. The numbers are close to overwhelming. The club is a victim of its own success, and this has resulted in more time being spent on administration and 'crowd control' than the development of skills and technique / stamina. We are therefore looking at alternative ways of 'running' the club and will keep you informed. The first element which requires improvement is the start time.

The start time is 8:00 am. Children dropped off later run the risk of being missed / not accounted for. Chasing up late attendees distract staff from encouraging the runners. So it is essential that you please arrive on time.



Running Club – more than half the school now take part.

### Parent evening

Parent evening meetings occur next week (Monday and Tuesday) so on those days there will be no clubs after school. In some cases it has not been possible to meet all your requests for time slots. Please contact individual class teachers to see if there are other mutually convenient times when alternative appointments can be made.

### Forest Green Rovers

Year 3 should have taken home a letter, telling them how to obtain a free Forest Green Rovers football shirt. All children under 10, however, are being given FREE entry to this season's FGR League home games. For further information [www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freeshirt](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com/freeshirt)  
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### Newsletter update

Over the last week or so I have been re-organising email addresses and contact names. Although I have tried to ensure there have been no mistakes, there is a tiny possibility some subscribers might have discovered they are no longer receiving emailed copies of the newsletter. Please let me know if this is the case – [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Our Christian Value - Friendship

"Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.  
"Pooh!" he whispered.  
"Yes, Piglet?"  
"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."  
– A.A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*

### Operation 'Christmas Child'

After a break of several years, we are pleased once again to support the Christmas charity shoebox appeal. You can read more about this charity here –

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

We would like to receive your shoeboxes here at school ON Monday 2nd November. Planning and packing these boxes together with your children gives a real opportunity to talk about those in need, which has a particular urgency at this current time.

**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 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning – all visitors welcome.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	AND TUESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> – PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS. Slips have been sent home.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 3 trip to Gloucester Museum. Thank you for returning the slips promptly.
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tag Rugby – Years 4 & 5 – two teams, Stinchcombe
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at St. Martins, 9.15 All welcome.
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> October	ALL Year 1s and 2s – Trip to the Fire Station, Stroud. Years 3 & 4 Multiskills at KLB – afternoon
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> October	– through to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 and 6 Residential in London
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Pre-School – Christmas Photographer here – please see flyer
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Afternoon – Year 5 & 6 Sports Experience at KLB Last day of TERM 1
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Boys Football, KLB - Afternoon
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friendship day – creative arts day on our value for the term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Classes 1 & 2 to Redwood. Some children will need a packed lunch. Final details have yet to be confirmed.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 3 to Redwood (Morning)

THIS AUTUMN		NEXT SPRING		NEXT SUMMER		NEXT AUTUMN	
Term 1	03/09/15 - 21/10/15	Term 3	04/01/16 - 12/02/16	Term 5	11/04/16 - 27/05/16	Term 1	05/09/16 – to be confirmed
Term 2	02/11/15 - 18/12/15	Term 4	23/02/16 - 24/03/16	Term 6	06/06/16 - 20/07/16		