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Dear Parents and Friends,

Friendship Day

Real friendship takes real work – compromise, forgiveness and an ability to listen as well as to share. Over this term friendship has been the school’s Christian value ‘in focus’, and this week we held a whole-school ‘friendship day’. This allowed us to teach the skills that all children need to forge – and sustain – good friendships. Friendship was explored in drama, art, craft, song and poetry, with every adult in school taking groups of children, mixed from different classes, throughout the day. The children tell me they had an amazing time, that it really helped and I am so grateful to all the staff who are willing to contribute their energy and creativity in special activities such as these.

We are works of art! Key Stage 1 children get painting.



This photo looks great in colour! Subscribe to our emailed newsletter here - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

Our Christian Value - Friendship

“A friend loves at all times”
–The bible, Proverbs 17:17

Homework

The school sets homework to enable children to explore in greater depth aspects of their class work, as well as providing a valuable opportunity to reinforce skills and understanding. In the last parent survey there was a high level of approval of our approach to homework. Homework set by our teaching assistants during, for example phonics, should carry the same weight as class homework, set as it is in the knowledge of the class teacher, and the same expectations apply.

Country Dancing

Mrs Ciotti has kindly agreed to prepare and enter a Country Dance team to the festival in March next year. She is hopeful additional parents will come forward to support a Country Dancing club in the Spring term. Please ask Mrs Ciotti or the school for further details.

Reception Children

It is hoped that parents will work with us to encourage further independence in their children by allowing them into school ‘unaccompanied’, in the mornings. We would like to start this after Christmas so please work towards this over the coming weeks.

E-Safety

Kingswood Primary will be hosting an e-safety evening for parents on 24th November at 7:30. Giving them advanced notice (on 01453 842197) is described a ‘helpful, though not essential’.

Diary Dates Our online diary can be found at http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267

Saturday 14 th Nov	FONNS Firework night
Monday 16 th Nov	LAST SWIM for Years 3 & 4.
Tuesday 17 th	Full Governing Body meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday 20 th Nov	Class 3 to Redwood (Morning)
Saturday 21 st Nov	Cross-Country at KLB, from 9:30 please (also 5 th December, 16 th January and 6 th February)
Monday 23 rd Nov	Cycle Training Year 6 only
Wednesday 25 th Nov	Staff Training in Phonics (in the morning). Children attend school as usual. Athletics at KLB (Years 4, 5 and 6.)
Friday 30 th Nov	‘Final Friday of the month’ for certificates earned outside of school. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH.
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Netball at KLB (letters have been sent.)
Monday 7 th Dec	Year 3 to KLB (Tyndale Cluster Science Day) Serving the community ‘Monday Lunch’ for some Year 6s.
Tuesday 8 th Dec	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 6:00 p.m. Details to follow.
Wednesday 9 th Dec	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 2:00 p.m. Details to follow.
Thursday 10 th Dec	Whole School visit to the Cheltenham Everyman for ‘Cinderella’ – a Christmas gift from FONNS
Friday 11 th Dec	FONNS Christmas Fayre 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday 14 th Dec	Christmas Carols at St. Martins 6:30 p.m.

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Class 3 – Friday 20th November

11/11/15

Dear Parents,

On Friday 20th November we will be taking Class 3 to use Redwood outdoor centre to work on curriculum activities, particularly our topic of invaders and settlers. This outdoor learning consolidates and enhances classroom learning and is encouraged under the new curriculum. We will be travelling by coach and will need to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport of £4.00 per child.

We will leave school about 9.15am and leave Redwood at 11.45am.

Please ensure all children have their water bottles with them.

As the time will be spent working in the forest, the children will need long sleeved tops and trousers to protect them from stinging nettles, ticks etc. Please make sure they have waterproofs and wellies depending on the day! All children need their school tops.

Miss A Parker

Class Teacher

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Class 3 Outdoor Learning Redwood – Halmore. Friday 20th November

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to travel to Halmore by coach.

I have enclosed my contribution towards the transport cost of £4.00.

Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

11th November, 2015.

Dear Parents,

Re: Cycling Proficiency

We are offering a 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency programme starting on Monday 23rd November and finishing on Thursday 26th November. This programme includes about 6hrs of training, both on the playground and on the roads around school. The instructors work in small groups and will be accompanying the children on the road training.

Each Year 6 child will need to complete the attached consent form and ensure their bike is in suitable condition for the first day of training. The County Council has subsidised this programme heavily, so the total cost to each child is £8.00, although this is a voluntary contribution we would not be able to continue with our booking if we do not have sufficient number of participants. Please enclose this contribution with the consent forms.

All children will be required to wear a safety helmet.

Please note that in addition to the items overleaf the bike **must** be fitted with a **rear reflector**.

Hopefully we will achieve a 100% pass rate.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Batchelor

Headteacher.



Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training



Dear Parent / Carer,

Bikeability is designed to give people the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. There are three Bikeability levels, with each level designed to help improve cycling skills, no matter what they know already. This course covers Levels 1, and 2 taking trainees from the basics of balance and control through making a journey on quiet roads.

This practical and enjoyable training will-

- ✓ Help your child develop their skills and understanding as a safe road user.
- ✓ Help them to be physically active and safe as part of a healthy lifestyle.
- ✓ Help their personal development building self confidence and independence.

If you would like them to take part please read through the following information.


- **This course** is for children who can ride and have not already completed a Level 2 course. Riding means controlling the bike for about a minute without wobbling, being able to look behind and ride one handed. Pupils who can't demonstrate this will be encouraged to practise more away from traffic and re-book Level 2 training when they are ready.
- **Bikes** will be checked at the start of the course. Any which are not legal and roadworthy can't be used for training. **Instructors are not qualified or equipped to make repairs.** Use the checklist on the back of this letter to make sure that the bike is in suitable condition and is the right size for your child.
- **Training** begins in the playground then moves onto the roads near the school. Please support your child if you can by riding with them and practicing the Highway Code. Everyone who completes the course will get a certificate. Please read the individual comments and give supervision as required to help them continue gaining experience of roads and traffic.

The school's Special Educational Needs co-ordinator will tell us about any special needs, disabilities or medical conditions to help the Instructors give appropriate and safer training. Personal accident insurance is the responsibility of the individual.

Please complete the reply slip attached and return it TO SCHOOL as soon as possible.

We also offer Advanced Level 3 cycle training at Secondary Schools throughout the County. When your child moves please ask about this during Year 7.

The Road Safety Partnership, ,
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TH.
Tel. Glos (01452) 425662 e-mail roadsafety@gloucestershire.gov.uk

 **Data Protection Act 1998:** This information is being collected for the administration of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership Cycle Training Scheme. If you have any query or concern regarding this please contact us in the Road Safety Partnership (01452) 425662.



WHAT is the Bikeability Cycle Training Scheme?

Bikeability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. There are three Bikeability levels, with each level designed to help improve their cycling skills, no matter what they know already. This course covers Levels 1 and 2 taking trainees from the basics of balance and control through making a journey on quiet roads.

This training will-

- ✓ Help pupils develop their skills and understanding as safe road users
- ✓ Promote physical activity as part of a lifelong healthy lifestyle
- ✓ Make a positive impact on pupils' personal development, especially the potentially vulnerable and those at risk of underachievement, building self confidence and independence.

"Not only is physical activity crucial to children's health but it also directly benefits academic performance."
House of Commons Select Committee on Health, Report on Obesity, 2004

There are specific references in the National Curriculum for England related to journeys to and from school. Children who have completed on-road cycle training will have a clearer and more practical understanding when, for example, they investigate in PSHCE the risks & other impacts of travelling on today's roads. Geography & Physical Education are two other subjects where trained cyclists will benefit.

Cycling and learning to be safe, responsible road user are valuable life skills. Please support us in delivering this complete training package for the benefit of pupils and to meet the funding requirements agreed with the Department for Transport. Ensure the time booked for training does not clash with other commitments for pupils or prioritise Bikeability during that time. **We are not able to cut corners on this DfT funded training.**

HOW much does it cost?

We ask for just £8 per child cyclist. The actual cost of providing this training is closer to £40 per pupil, the difference is made up by central government grant. **From September 2013 pupils who are eligible for free school meals can have free Bikeability training.**

WHO is involved in the scheme?

Pupils- Recommended for **Year 6** and older **Year 5** from Spring term. Only for pupils who can ride a bike and who have not previously completed a Level 2 course.

The Road Safety Partnership- will provide accredited National Standard Instructors with enhanced DBS clearance.

Parents or Carers- It is their responsibility to ensure the bicycle is in a safe and roadworthy condition for each and every session. They should also provide their child with suitable clothing appropriate to the weather conditions.

The School- will need **written approval** from the parent/carer of each child taking part in cycle training. Please use the consent form supplied by Road Safety which includes **important** information for the parent/carer about safety checks for cycles.

BIKE CHECK

The "M" check is a quick and simple way to make sure a bike is safe, legal and roadworthy.

If you find anything faulty that you can't fix please take it to an expert at your local bike shop.

Illegal or unsafe bikes can't be used for training.



PART	CHECK	✓
Front Tyre	Press down hard on top of the tyre, if it's not firm pump it up	
	Check for worn tread and cracks, splits or bulges in the rubber	
Front Wheel	Spin to check the rim is true and nothing is rubbing. Check spokes aren't loose/broken	
	Check the hub turns freely but is not loose and the wheel nuts are tight.	
Front Brake	Push the bike firmly forwards with the front brake on, the wheel shouldn't turn.	
	Check that the blocks are in the right place, not rubbing and not badly worn.	
	Check the cable works smoothly and is not frayed or rusty.	
Steering	Check it turns freely but is not loose	
Handlebars	Hold the front wheel between your knees and check the bars can't be twisted around.	
	Can the cyclist reach the handlebars and operate brakes and gears easily?	
Frame	Is it cracked or twisted?	
Chain	The chain should be lightly oiled (not rusty).	
	When the pedals are turned it should run smoothly on the cogs without coming off	
Saddle	Is it straight and level? Is it loose?	
	Right height? Sitting with legs straight, both feet should touch the ground with heels raised.	
Back Tyre	Press down hard on top of the tyre, if it's not firm pump it up	
	Check for worn tread and cracks, splits or bulges in the rubber	
Back Wheel	Spin to check the rim is true and nothing is rubbing. Check spokes aren't loose/broken	
	Check the hub turns freely but is not loose and the wheel nuts are tight.	
Back Brake	Push the bike firmly forwards with the back brake on, the wheel shouldn't turn.	
	Check that the blocks are in the right place, not rubbing and not badly worn.	
	Check the cable works smoothly and is not frayed or rusty.	
Gears	If the bike has gears, please ensure that your child can change gear easily.	



Bikeability Level 2 Training

- I have read the above notes and agree to ensure that the bicycle used is in a roadworthy condition.
- I agree to(name of child) being considered for a place on the this training, and understand that some sessions will take place on the road.
- This child can ride their bike, controlling it for 1 minute, can look around and ride one handed.
- I agree to relevant special needs, disability or medical information being passed to Road Safety.

Signed..... Print name..... Date/...../.....
(Parent or Carer)

To be returned to the school- The school should retain this form when it has been returned