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NEWSLETTER 146

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BC 146 - Carthage and Greece are conquered by Rome.

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Dear Parents and Friends,



Putting North Nibley on the map! (or is it the other way around?) Last week we were able to add our world map to the wall of 'the atrium' and children are now making use of it to answer short quizzes, identify holiday destinations and find places they hear about in the news. They do this on their way through to the playground, whilst in the dinner queue, and in future this space will support class and group teaching. Do please admire it when you next visit!

Maths Passports

We hope that children have been telling you about the new 'Maths Passports' which have been designed to support individual progress and improve mathematical 'fluency', especially in mental maths. The staff have been working hard to tailor the scheme to North Nibley Primary's own needs and children are working enthusiastically, trying to improve their scores and meet new objectives. In the assembly on Friday we hope soon to be awarding children with special certificates which recognise progress in maths.

Safeguarding your children

I have written to many parents and friends this week urging them to return or complete various safeguarding documents. Our pool of approved volunteers has been reduced over time (non-compliance with paperwork and school leavers combined) and we are awaiting the returns for a number of new helpers. Until these are cleared we are running short of helpers. In our last Ofsted inspection our Safeguarding was rated 'Outstanding', but it takes the work of all of us to maintain such high standards.

Emergency Closure With unusual weather this week we have been preparing for the publication of our 'emergency closure' telephone tree – a system for cascading the closure news from parent to parent, in order to spread the message quickly. I would like to remind parents that on our 'General permission slip', completed upon joining the school, the overwhelming majority of parents gave permission for their number to be circulated for this purpose. Please contact the school office as a priority if you wish to revoke this permission.

Should it be necessary, as well as our 'telephone tree' for confirming closure, the local authority maintains a site for publicising closures - <http://www.glosclosedschools.co.uk/> and a Twitter account - Glos Closed Schools @Glos_schools. There is a link to this site from our own website, but please be aware that excessively heavy traffic on our own site does tend to result in a very slow service. The County site is the better site to check. Why not 'favourite' it now?

Our Christian Value - Friendship

"We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young."
- Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Website Updates

Parents are reminded that school is required by law to publish various reports, for example the Governor's register of interests, Pupil Premium spending, sports grants, Special Educational Needs and other school results. These have been updated with information from the end of the school year 2014-15.

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 as 'helpful, though not essential'.

I still have 4 copies of a very helpful book on Digital Parenting, which I am offering free to the first to request it.

Bags

As part of our on-going work to increase the independence of the children, we have noticed that an increasing number of older children have shifted bag-carrying responsibilities onto their parents. It is not uncommon to see parents managing a large number of lunchboxes, PE bags and bookbags when the child carries nothing! Please re-consider the wisdom of this. Certainly our experience in London tells us that Year 5 and 6 are fully capable of organising their things and Years 3 and 4 should be building towards this.

Term Dates

At the meeting of Full Governors last night we agreed the dates for TERM 1 ONLY for the school year 2016-17. You can read these at the bottom of the newsletter. I am at the beginning stages of planning some ambitious whole school staff training for 2016-17, in partnership with other local schools, and joint INSET days are required. As you can imagine, reaching agreement over this will take a little time.

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.

'Flora Tubs For Tablets'

Tescos are running a promotion at the moment giving away a Tablet for every 50 special Flora silver tops. Please send in these tops if you can so that we can continue to develop the school's IT resources.

School Lunches

A new menu has been received from the caterers, and uploaded to the school website.

http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=408

Subscribe to our emailed newsletter here - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

Class 1 and 2 Nativity – Prickly Hay!

We have made the following arrangements for sharing this seasonal treat with the community.

FRIDAY 4th December – Start time 10:00 a.m. (visitors please arrive at 9:45 a.m.) This is the dress rehearsal and suitable for the children from Pre-School and Nursery settings, for those with younger children and babies, and for those who are unable to make any of the subsequent performances if exceptional circumstances apply (please see Mr Batchelor or the class teachers).

MONDAY 7th December (in school time). This performance is for the children in our school only. Knowing this, there should be no need to bring 'North Nibley' children to the Tuesday evening performance.

TUESDAY 8th December – Start time 6:00p.m. (Actors need to be here at 5:15 p.m.) This performance is for adults only and children 7 years of age or older IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY SEEN IT. It is our expectation that all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children attend and perform. This has been highly successful in the past.

WEDNESDAY 9th December - Start time 2:00 p.m. (visitors please arrive at 1:45 p.m.) This is for adults and any children, including younger children, who have not yet seen the Nativity.

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

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.)		
Thursday 26 th Nov	Governor monitoring visit		
Friday 30 th Nov	'Final Friday of the month' for certificates earned outside of school. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH. Netball match against Blue Coat school, here after school.		
1 st and 2 nd Nov Dec	Last instrument lessons		
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Netball at KLB		
Friday 4 th Dec	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity dress rehearsal. Details above.		
Saturday 5 th Dec	Cross-Country at KLB, from 9:30 please (also 16 th January and 6 th February) St Martin's Church Christmas Bazaar, 2 p.m., Village Hall		
Monday 7 th Dec	Year 3 to KLB (Tyndale Cluster Design Technology Day) Serving the community 'Monday Lunch' for some Year 6s.		
Tuesday 8 th Dec	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 6:00 p.m. Details above.		
Wednesday 9 th Dec	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 2:00 p.m. Details above.		
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.		
Wednesday 16 th Dec	Athletics at Wycliffe Sports Hall ALSO Christmas Lunch		
Thursday 17 th Dec	School Christmas Party		
Friday 18 th Dec	Last day of Term 2 (3:15 p.m.) (First day back for pupils =Monday 4 th Jan. First swim Monday 25 th ALL Y1s & Y2s)		
THIS AUTUMN	NEXT SPRING	NEXT SUMMER	NEXT AUTUMN – NEW!
	Term 3 04/01/16 - 12/02/16	Term 5 11/04/16 - 27/05/16	Term 1 05/09/2016 – 19/10/2016
Term 2 02/11/15 - 18/12/15	Term 4 23/02/16 - 24/03/16	Term 6 06/06/16 - 20/07/16	

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

20/11/15

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Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generosity and excellent fundraising skills of F.O.N.N.S we are able to take the whole school to the Pantomime at Cheltenham Everyman Theatre on Thursday 10th December.

This years' performance is 'Cinderella'. F.O.N.N.S have paid for both the tickets and the coach fare.

We will be travelling by coach, and will leave the school promptly at 9.00 a.m. Could you please arrive in school in time for your child to be registered and ready to go, no later than 8.40am please. We will not be able to wait for any latecomers as the theatre will not allow us to enter after the performance has started. Please do not park at the front of the school that morning as we have 3 coaches coming and there must be space for them to park and depart promptly. Thank you.

Children should wear school uniform.

All children will need a packed lunch as we cannot guarantee being back to school in time for normal lunch hour. (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or sticky food please).

We are asking for a donation of £1.20 per head so that each child can have a vanilla ice cream tub in the break.

Please complete and return the permission slip, with your contribution, to school by Friday 5th December.

Mr P Batchelor

Headteacher

Trip to The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham – Cinderella
Thursday 10th December

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

I am/am not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £1.20 for my child to have a vanilla ice cream.

(Please delete as appropriate)

Child's name:

Signed: parent/carer

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Dear Parents/carers,

We have organised a friendly Netball match against Blue coat school to be held at North Nibley straight after school on Monday 30th November. We will finish about 4.00pm as it will be rather dark otherwise! If it is raining we will not be holding this match. Please complete and return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dickson and Mrs Mead

NETBALL MATCH Monday 30th December. 3.15- 4.00pm

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

Child's name:

Signed:

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There is no shelter at Redwood.

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17/11/15

Dear

I wondered if you would be kind enough to take on the duty of 'Top' of the Snow closure tree?

This involves ringing the people on your assigned list by 8.30am if the weather is so bad school needs to close or for any other reason involving an emergency closure.

The Chair of Governors Mr Roly Brown would ring you and let you know of any closures , as soon as the closure is decided upon.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing your list, if you would prefer not to have this responsibility please just send it back to me and I will re allocate!

Best wishes

Lesley

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL – Cluster DT day – KLB

16/11/15

Dear Parents,

We would like to take all our Yr 3 to Katherine Lady Berkeley School on Monday 7th December for a Cluster Design and Technology day.

This will be led by Mo Follis from STEMworks and there will be a range of activities planned.

All children will need a packed lunch, as we will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 2.45pm.

We will need parent drivers and may not be able to attend if parents are unable to help. Please return the slip below by Wednesday 25th November so that we can assess if we have enough transport.

Please fill in the slip below to give your permission and indicate whether you will be able to help transport on the day.

Miss A Parker

Class Teacher

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Cluster DT Day – KLB – Monday 7th December

I am / am not willing for my child.....to attend the DT Cluster day at KLB

I am/ am not able to help with transport and have spaces available. I have a DRB/CRB and have the appropriate insurance , licence and child restraints.



FUNDRAISING FOR NORTH HIBLEY CELESTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

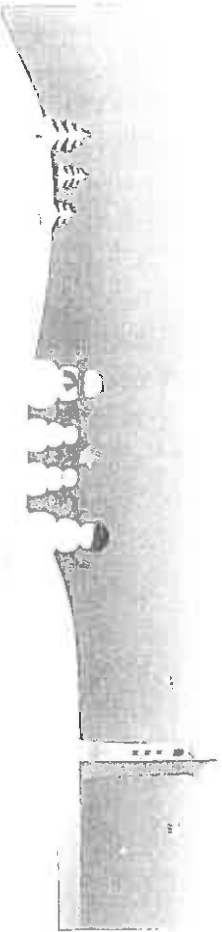
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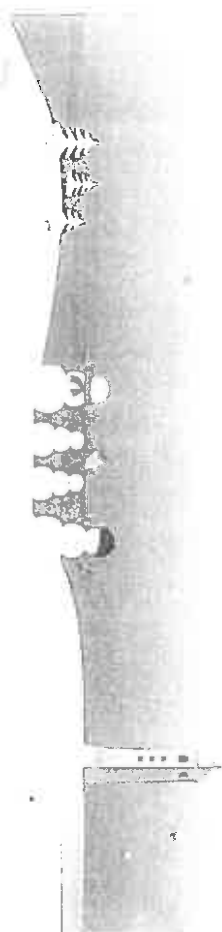
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Any infestation can be cleared by combing thoroughly over two or three days using a fine comb. This will need to be repeated one week later as any missed eggs will have then hatched.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new National Curriculum for Computing requires us to teach children about potential dangers online.

Today I shared with Class 4 a short film, called 'Jigsaw', which has been produced by the Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre (CEOP) to teach children about some of the dangers which might be encountered as a consequence of unwise online behaviour. The film is 'badged' as suitable for children 8 and upwards, as well as adults, and I suggest that you and your children watch it together. It is readily available on sites such as YouTube.

The real benefit of watching this film comes in the discussions it provokes. The film illustrates how vulnerable children are, if we don't discuss the issues with them, to the dangers of social networking. I encourage you choose an unrushed and appropriate time to watch it together and discuss issues which may arise. To support you further I have added additional links and resources to the 'Staying safe online' page on our website. You can find this on the 'Parents and Visitors' tab in the main menu.

I am convinced that the more approachable and informed we adults are, the more likely it is that those we care about most will turn to us when difficulties arise.

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher.