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NEWSLETTER 148

Friday 4th December 2015

148 AH is a year in the Islamic calendar that corresponds to a period in 765 AD

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Violin Recital



Children were entertained on Tuesday with renditions of some Christmas favourites (plus Abba) by the pupils currently learning violin with Mrs Sargent. They played (p) ip pieces, solos and duets very well – from very-beginners to those who have been learning for a long time. Letters for the booking of music lessons in violin, saxophone, clarinet, flute and recorder are available now from the office, having been offered to ‘regulars’ as well as the rest of the school in class. Please ask for details.

Christmas Post Box

The post box is in operation and Class 4 ‘elves’ will be delivering the contents, initially on an infrequent basis. ALL cards must go through the post box, since this eases several difficulties that can occur in the playground and classes.

Christmas Panto – A GIFT FROM FONNS

Whole school trip to Cinderella, at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, NEXT Thursday. We need children to be here by 8:40 in order to complete all preparations and be on (o) for this exciting performance. Sorry, we will NOT be able to wait for any late comers. BRING PACKED LUNCHES.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY We ask that the following is donated for our party on Thursday 17th December -

- Class 1 – Fruit – Satsuma, grapes etc
- Class 2 – Cakes or chocolate biscuits
- Class 3 – Pizza (small pieces) or sausages or cheese
- Class 4 – Bags of crisps or small savoury snacks.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL DINNERS ORDERED ON THIS DAY. Usually your donations are sufficient to feed the children on Friday too. We’ll let you know if it isn’t!

Christmas Cards

This year the school has used up the supply of Christmas Cards specially printed for the school at least 7 years ago! I would be interested to receive from children photographs with a Christmas / Winter theme ready for next year.

Our Christian Value - Friendship

The value of friendship received the most votes when put to community consultation in 2013. Friendship is an undisputed Value in our society, with some children often spending more time with their friends than with family. Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friend’s loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you.

Friendship is a key concept in our Christian ethos. Famous friendships from the bible are used in Worship times as example friendships from which we can learn - David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi, and Jesus explicitly calls his disciples not servants but friends. Other modern day examples from children’s own experiences are also used, such as a puppet play (worked by our three pupil worship leaders Mae, Rosie and Evie) involving the use of a mobile phone.

As a school we should reflect on the following questions:

- How does the school support and encourage friendship bonds by providing opportunities for children to work cooperatively and collaboratively in pairs and in groups?
- How does the school community find ways to support and include pupils who might be left out of friendship groups?
- How does the school help pupils to restore broken friendships and promote reconciliation?
- How does the school help children know where they might receive advice and support if they need it?

“There are some things you can’t share without ending up liking each other, and knocking out a twelve-foot mountain troll is one of them.”
- J.K. Rowling

Year 7 ‘feedback’ meeting – typo corrected!

I am writing to all our Year 7’s to invite them to our annual ‘mince pie & feedback’ meeting on Wednesday 9th December from ‘as soon as you can get here’ to 5:00. (Sorry – no ‘mice’ pie as typed last week!) This year we have introduced questionnaires which will help us to evidence the degree to which children feel well prepared, by North Nibley Primary, for life in secondary school.

Petition Update

In the chancellor’s budget speech last week George Osborne confirmed the Government’s intention to address the funding discrepancy issue between different Local Authorities, albeit on a phased basis. Thank you for adding your voice to this cause.

DATA SHEETS

A large number of data sheets have not yet been returned. This 'return' is an annual requirement' and helps to keep your children safe by ensuring that all details are correct. If you still have yours at home, please return it a.s.a.p. and spare us the additional workload of having to chase each missing sheet individually!

Handy-person

Following a resignation of the Cluster Handyman, who completed odd-jobs on a fortnightly basis, I would be very interested to hear from anyone with practical skills who might be seeking occasional employment on a 'claim' basis.

Emergency Closure

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?

Spring Term Clubs

Can those who wish to support the school with clubs in the Spring Term let me know as soon as possible so that 'the club menu' can be produced in time for an early start next year? Thank you.

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 would 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.

SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

- Monday 14th December – 6:30 this year. (Time for 2016 will be open to 'consultation'). Don't get there before 6:00!
- It is our expectation that every child from Year 3 upwards will attend, in school uniform, though children may like to add something 'festive' to what they are wearing.
- This year, Year 2 will be playing the Ocarinas, and we hope they will all join us (again, in school uniform).
- Families are welcome to bring younger children. Should you wish to bring them, school-aged children will be expected to sit with their classes, leaving you free to enjoy the event.
- Parents with pre-school children are asked to be especially sensitive to potential disturbances. Bringing some colouring books, and sitting at the back could be really helpful!

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

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. Year 7 mince pie and feedback meeting, 3:15 ish to 5:00		
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
	Term 3 04/01/16 - 12/02/16	Term 5 11/04/16 - 27/05/16	Term 1 05/09/2016 – 19/10/2017
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

2/12/14

Dear Parents/carers,

Just to remind you that this Saturday is the next XC race day at KLB. Usual time of 9.30 arrival for 10.00 races. No dogs.

Please be aware that last Saturday some parents were unacceptably rude to the parking marshals, I am sure none of our parents, but please do respect these volunteers or your child may not have this sporting opportunity .

We will issue kit on Friday to all the children who raced last time, and the couple who will be coming for the first time this time, please let your child know if they will be racing this Saturday,

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Mrs A Dixon.

Class Teacher.

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2/12/15

Dear

The balance of the Tuition fees, £20.00 for your child for woodwind lessons for this Autumn Term are currently outstanding .

As outlined on the Music booking letter one of the conditions of your child receiving music tuition through the school is prompt payment of the invoice. This invoice was dated 16/11/15.

We would very much appreciate prompt payment of this debt.

Mr P Batchelor.

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Thank you

Ms Surridge

Class Teacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is relevant to all children currently having music lessons, and those planning to have music lessons in the future.

Could you please return this letter to indicate whether your child wishes to take music lessons next term (These will start on the week of January 11th for 10 weeks, which brings us to the week of 21st March.) Please return your booking slips with deposit by Friday 11th December.

Please read the following carefully.

Colwall Arts centre is no longer employing peripatetic music tutors, and schools have been making direct arrangements with music tutors where there is a demand for lessons. This means the school will be booking the tutors who are working on a self-employed basis, and we need to ensure they have enough children to make it worthwhile. We also need to charge a deposit of £30.00 per child with your expression of interest form. Music lessons will commence the week beginning 11th January with Violin on Tuesdays with Mrs N. Sargeant, and woodwind on Wednesday with Mrs L. Hale. This term we are continuing to offer the opportunity to take lessons on the violin to the Year 1 and Year 2 children, woodwind is offered from Year 2. If you do not already have an instrument for Violin the tutor will fill in the size needed and send order forms and bursary forms home with your child.

These must be completed and sent with the correct money straight to the supplier, Colwell Music Centre. This is an additional cost to the tuition provided at school. They will not supply any instruments without the money up front. **These forms do not return to school.**

For Recorders Mrs Hale recommends you purchase a descant recorder, preferably an 'Aulos Blue Bag' and the book 'Recorder Magic Book 1'. School is able to obtain a discount from Dynamic music in Stroud. Please ask Mr Batchelor for details.

You will receive an invoice from School for the balance of the tuition a few weeks after term starts. Please note - once you have started the term, if you subsequently decide you no longer wish to have lessons, you will need to pay for the whole term as we base the cost on the number of children committed to lessons. This has varied in cost from £45- £53 in the past depending how many children wish to take lessons. All bookings are for a group of 10 lessons. We are not able to accept bookings for the Spring term where balances are outstanding for the Autumn term. Could you please return the completed reply slip below. If you do not there may not be spaces available for your child. Thank you

Mr P Batchelor
Head Teacher

MUSIC LESSON Spring 2016 – Deadline for return Friday 11th December

My child /ren..... Would like to take Violin

Saxophone

Flute

Recorder

Clarinet

Lessons in the Spring term 2016. I understand I am committing to pay for the term, and will pay the invoice promptly.

I enclose my deposit of £30.00.

I also understand there is a commitment to practise the instrument out of school time.

My childwishes to stop music lessons.

Please specify the instrument you wish to stop.

Signed Parent/ carer.

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Dear

1/12/15

We hope you have settled into your new school and that things are going well for you. Moving from a small school to a large school can take some getting used to!

We are looking at how we do things at North Nibley and wonder if you could spare a few minutes to answer some questions that will help us. In particular we are interested to know how well prepared you were for Secondary School.

Please look at these questions and circle the answer that is most appropriate for you. Please find a way to get this back to us, even if you can't make the 'Mince pie' afternoon.

Questions about LEARNING

How well have you been able to cope with the work in your new school?	Very well indeed	No real problems	I'm finding it hard
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How have you found the homework? Has it been a shock	No, not at all	A bit of a shock	I've found it really hard
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In your lessons, have you found any areas to be particularly difficult?	It's been fine	Nothing major	Yes it's really hard
English / Literacy			
Maths			
Science			
Religious Education			
History			
Geography			
Physical Education			
Art			
Design Technology			
Information Technology / Computing			
Music			
Foreign Languages			

Just thinking about IT, how do your skills compare to other children in your year?	Fine – no issues	I've needed to learn some new things	It's all new to me
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Dear

On Wednesday 9th December from 3.30 (or as soon as you can get here) until 4.30 ish you are invited back to North Nibley C of E Primary, along with all the North Nibley 'leavers' who are currently in Year 7 (from any of the secondary schools) to catch up on news and views, and to enjoy some mince pies!

I'm also very interested to know, now you are all so old and mature (!) what aspects of Primary School you miss (what were we good at?), what could we improve, and are there any lessons for us in terms of preparing our current children for Secondary school? I attach a questionnaire for each of you. All the staff and Governors here will be very interested in your answers!

I hope you can join us.

Please get the permission slip below signed and returned to school in any way you can – via a friend, younger brother or sister, or pop it through the letter box!

This will help us know how many mince pies to prepare!

See you soon,



Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher

I give permission for (student's name) _____

to attend the Mince Pie "Get fed, give feedback" event on Wednesday 9th December at North Nibley Primary.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer _____