



NEWSLETTER 151

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151 is the 36th prime number, the previous is 149, with which it comprises a twin prime.

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Dear Parents and Friends, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

However, briefly, let's go back to the Autumn...

Christmas Carol Service 2016 ! A number of response slips were returned after the count, reported last issue. Although several wished for a later start, the majority still favour an earlier start time in December 2016.

Autumn Term School Attendance ended at 97%. This is extremely good and gives children every opportunity for good progress.

Young Voices



The Young Voices concert was everything our choir were hoping for – and more! Miss Wright, choir organiser, said “Young Voices was an incredible experience for the children. We laughed, we danced, we sang and we all had a lot of fun. Singing with a vast number of other children was an experience I’m sure they will never forget.” Arthur said “There were 6, 349 children from 43 schools at the Genting Area.” Lily said it was all fun, even getting back so very late.

Oliver P enjoyed the dancing and Charlotte liked singing with all the other people. Once again we used Twitter (@NibleySchool) to provide a commentary, and the tweets (including a photo and video) were displayed on our website for non-twitter users to enjoy. One parent commented “It was a fantastic show for us to watch, but also (and more importantly) it was a tremendous experience for the children.” Having now taken part once we are considering making this a bi-annual experience.

Staffing Update Following on from the news of Miss Wright’s pending departure, I write to tell you that our plan is to recruit a temporary teacher with Key Stage 1 experience to complete the school year with the current class. An advert has been submitted today and we hope to hold interviews on Wednesday 3rd February. Later during the Spring we will seek a teacher to join us full time, commencing September 2016. As promised, we will keep you up to date.

Formula Goblin We have been thrilled to receive two more donations, from Alderley PLC and a private donation. This takes the total raised to an amazing £800! The ‘kit’ has now arrived and we soon hope to provide details about how this project will run.

Tyndale Cluster Parent’s Information Evening The next slice of P.I.E (Parent’s Information Evening) will be held at Stone-with-Woodford Primary on the 26th January (6:30 – 8:00) on the subject of Importance of Reading in the Primary Years. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Head Teacher 'Drop-in', all welcome. Catch up over a cup of tea or coffee - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the staffroom.

Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings

The Spring Term meetings have been moved to Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February.

'Disqualification By Association' Once a year we are required to catch up with our staff, governors and volunteer parents on the 'Disqualification by Association' form. Some of you, cleared more recently, will feel this is a duplication of recent work. Sadly, it is! However we cannot have a rolling year with over 80 different 'starting points' and so, last year, we decided to make this an annual catch up around the February half term. Please comply with this safeguarding request and complete the paperwork as soon as possible.

FORGIVENESS IS OUR NEW 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

"It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive. (Anon)"

Tissues and paper towels It would appear to be the season of coughs and sneezes once again. If parents could help out with donations of boxes of tissues and paper towels we would be very grateful.

Poetry with Class 2

Class 2 have been writing poetry. Can you see how the poems have been formed? A poem in this style is called a kenning.

Fast runner
 Flighty fighter
 Cub protector
 Sneaky stealer
 Quiet hunter
 FOX.

By Emily R and Ella T

Fast sprinter
 Flying pouncer
 Deer stalker
 Speedy runner
 Eager hunter
 CHEETAH.

By Nathan and Joe

Loud neigher
 High jumper
 Hay muncher
 Fast runner
 Stupid walker
 HORSE.

By Hannah and Olivia

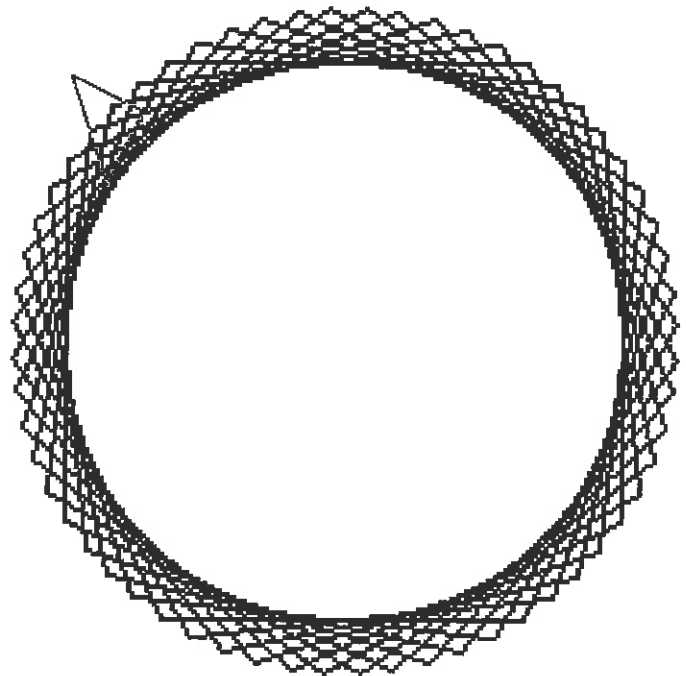
Newsletters, Letters and the 'Virtual Bookbag'.

When letters are produced by the office the correct number are sent to each class. Occasionally, due to illness or lack of concentration, the letters given to the children don't make it into the bookbags. If you suspect that this might have happened to you, please visit the 'Virtual bookbag' on our website which is updated weekly, or contact the office.

Clothing (Finally) Cold weather seems to be with us again. Children should come equipped for playtimes outside even when rain is in the air. It would be a great help if all hats, scarves, gloves etc are named. We also hope to re-instate our 'Welly Wednesdays' next week. Children are invited to bring wellies to school (we have a rack in the space beyond the lobby) – again names written just inside the rim would be a great help.

Computing with Class 3

The children in Class 3 were given their first lesson in Logo yesterday. Logo is a programming language and we are using the 'no-frills' program MSWLogo (and it's successor FMSLog, both of which are free and available for home download and installation, though obviously with parental permission!) I was really impressed with the speed with which the children picked up an understanding of the code, so that within 45 minutes half the class had adapted the instructions to draw a square - Repeat 4 [fd 100 rt 90] - in order to produce this!



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

Saturday 16 th Jan	Cross-Country Race – 9:30 at KLB please		
Monday 18 th Jan	STEM Works DT / Computing day for Class 4 ALSO CLUBS START THIS WEEK		
Weds 20 th Jan	Football, 4:00 – 6:00 at KLB		
Thursday 21 st Jan	Classes 1 & 2 to Redwood (Reception will need a packed lunch) ALSO Netball (To be confirmed) 7:30 FONNS meeting		
Friday 22 nd Jan	Head Teacher 'drop-in' – Catch up over a cup of tea or coffee in the staffroom, from 9:00 till 10:00		
Monday 25 th Jan	Monday Lunch (Group A Serving a community lunch at the Village Hall) ALSO First swim ALL Y1s & Y2s		
THIS SPRING	NEXT SUMMER	NEXT AUTUMN	NEXT SPRING
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 4 23/02/16 - 24/03/16	Term 6 06/06/16 - 20/07/16		

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14/1/16

Dear Parents/ carers,

The Rotary Club General Knowledge Quiz for local Primary schools is to take place on Thursday 4th February at Berkeley Primary School, Marybrook St, GL13 9AZ at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

Please let me know whether can attend as a team member

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Batchelor

Rotary Quiz - Tuesday 4th February 2016

Name will/will not be able to attend the Rotary Club Quiz on Tuesday 4th February at Berkeley Primary School.

Signed..... parent / carer

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

6/1/16.

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to let you know that your child has been selected to represent North Nibley School in the Riddiford Shield football tournament. This will be held indoors.

The details are as follows:-

- Five aside games (with substitutes) away at KLB School against other teams in our District.
- Matches to be played Wednesday 20th January 4-6pm
- Children will need trainers and shin pads.
- A drink and small snack.
- Parents are welcome to support at KLB

We will leave for the tournament straight from school on that afternoon and we have sufficient staff transport.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Dixon

Teacher

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Riddiford Shield five - a side - Wednesday 20th January KLB

I give permission for my child _____ to take part in the match at KLB School on Wednesday 20th January 4.00- 6.00pm

I will/ will not collect my child from KLB.....

Signed: Name:

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

13th January 2016

Club updates

Dear Parents,

The following corrections need to be made to the Club 'menu' sent yesterday. My apologies to Mrs Stewart and Ms Murphy who, in all fairness, confirmed their club proposal well before Christmas!

Monday	FILM CLUB	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Stewart and Ms Murphy	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 2	Max 12
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Additionally, the following dates can now be confirmed for Wednesday's Sports Club –

- 1) 27th Jan
- 2) 3rd Feb
- 3) 10th Feb
- 4) 24th Feb
- 5) 2th March (with 9th March to be decided, depending on events at other schools)

Finally my grateful thanks go to Mrs Hunter who will support Ms Ciotti with the Country Dancing. This club, therefore, will definitely go ahead on Monday.

All clubs start week beginning Monday 18th January and finish Thursday 24th March with the MORNING running club. There will be no afterschool clubs on this final day of the term.

Country dance finishes on Monday 14th. The Festival is Tuesday 15th March.

No clubs on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February due to Parent's Evenings.

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher

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Please return a.s.a.p.

			CHILD'S NAME
Monday	FILM CLUB	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generosity of staff and one parent we are pleased to offer details about clubs this term.

➡ Please note that school staff are not required to run clubs. They are not paid to run clubs.

➡ Assume your child definitely has a place UNLESS THE NOTES BELOW INDICATE THAT A ROTA OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT BECOMES NECESSARY. If this is necessary we will contact you with details.

Day	CLUB	For	Run by	Times	Where	Notes
Monday	Country Dancing	Year 1 Upwards	Ms Ciotti and ... THIS CAN ONLY RUN IF ANOTHER VOLUNTEER COMES FORWARD	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Hall	Max 20 Preparation for Country Dance Festival
Tuesday	Table Tennis	Years 4,5 & 6	Mrs Browning	3.15 – 4.15 pm	The hall	Max 12
Wednesday	Hamma Beads	Years 1 & 2	Miss Allen	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 1	Max 8. Rota if over-subscribed
Wednesday	Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Dickson & Mrs Mead	Lunchtime	The playground	NO SIGN-UP NEEDED
Wednesday	Sports	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Dixon & Mrs Dickson	3.15 – 4.15 pm	The playground	5 DATES ONLY 1) 27 th Jan 2) 3 rd Feb 3) 10 th Feb 4) TBC 5) 9 th March
Thursday	Running Club	Years 2 – 6 Year 1's only with parents No Reception this term.	Mrs Dixon & Mrs Lewis	8.00 – 8.50 am	The sports field	Parents and staff welcome. Attendance MUST be prompt at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday	Maths Challenge	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mr Batchelor	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 3	
Thursday	Formula Goblin Car Club	Years 5 & 6	Ms Surrige & Mrs Shepherd	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 4	Rota if over-subscribed
MUSIC	Mrs Sargent's Violins (Tuesdays), Mrs Hales Woodwind (Wednesdays) and Mr Trotman's Piano (Mondays and Tuesdays) follow different timetables and are not considered to be 'clubs' in the same way as those above. To enquire about availability please ask at the office.					

Please send reply slip in by **FRIDAY 15th JANUARY** since registers and groups will be completed on that day and allocations will go in book bags that night.

No clubs Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February (Parent's Evenings.)

Please add these dates to your diary.

Thank you for your co-operation. *Please note that all helpers will need to be DBS checked by the school.*

Yours sincerely,
Mr P Batchelor, Head Teacher

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Commitment

Children who join clubs are expected to attend regularly. Please respect this since valuable time is lost worrying about missing pupils who have decided to drop out without telling anyone. Parents **MUST** notify the adult in charge of the club if their child is unable to attend for any reason. Registers are kept and absences are followed up so it is really helpful if teachers know at that time if a child is not attending. We also expect that children will be collected when the club ends, unless your Class 4 child already has permission to walk home. Please let us know if your usual arrangements need to change.

Kit

Children taking part in sports clubs will be expected to wear sports kit appropriate to the activity. If a club member cannot wear adequate kit, including footwear, then they may be a safety risk to themselves and others, and they will have to miss out.

Behaviour

We recognise that clubs, whilst not run on the same lines as formal schooling, nevertheless need to operate in a safe and orderly fashion, and we have clear expectations that the normal standards of behaviour and respect will be maintained. All children joining and taking part in clubs are expected to behave well, listen carefully and follow instructions straight away. The rules and expectations are the same as those during the school day. Children coming along should understand these expectations.

Please write your child's name against each club to which they are making a commitment.

Day	CLUB	For	CHILD'S NAME
Monday	Country Dancing	Year 1 Upwards	PLEASE NOTE WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL ADULT TO RUN THIS CLUB. CAN YOU HELP?
Tuesday	Table Tennis	Years 4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Hamma Beads	Years 1 & 2	
Wednesday	Sports	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	PLEASE NOTE THE DATES THIS CLUB WILL RUN.
Thursday	Running Club	Years 2 – 6 Year 1's only with parents	
Thursday	Maths Challenge	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Formula Goblin Car Club	Years 5 & 6	

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