



NEWSLETTER 152

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Redwood Classes 1 & 2



A fantastic time was had by the children on their visit to Redwood this term. Elijah remembers the time well. "I was very muddy and I build a massive den with Thomas, Maya, Sasha and their mum". Elliot describes the day as "icy" when he and his team were challenged to build a bridge. Thank you to those adults who supported the day. I trust you have warmed up now!

Class 4 Computer Control Day



Once a year Class 4 have a computer-control day, and this year it was the turn of the robots! Dylan described the day as great fun. Ben said "We had to program the robots using a lot of technical gadgets, and we were successful." Ruby made her robot dance, and completed a challenge whereby the robot had to be given the exact instructions to make it stop on a line. There was a lot of refining the code to make this happen.

Formula Goblin Class 4 have begun to build the Formula Goblin car. Clearly it's going to be a long process! Thanks to Clem's letter writing, another donation supporting the project, has been received, this time from John Stayte Services.

Developments in IT It may well be you saw the newspaper coverage of the investment the school has made in IT, following extremely generous contributions from F.O.N.N.s and the Music Festival. As a result we have an extremely high device-to-pupil ratio and are increasingly using IT to support learning, on a class or individual basis. We are looking forward to the completion of a project designed to increase our access to the internet. More on this later!

Congratulations to our Netball Team, who won through earlier matches to secure a place in the County Finals. Evie remembers playing 3 matches, Ella described the matches as indoors at KLB, Isaac said "The final match we won, 5 – 0".

Well done to our football team. Harry remembers playing against British School (B team) and Kingswood. Sadly we were beaten to the top spot in a penalty shoot-out against Blue Coat primary. Even so, everyone can be pleased with their contribution

Congratulations to Colin Rea and Claire Gordon, both winners in the FONNS fundraising lottery. Ask a FONNS rep if you'd like to be involved from now on.

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.

Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings

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

Monday Years 1 & 2 begin their swimming lessons on Monday, and need all their kit in school on arrival. Monday Lunch children – the Year 6 pupils who serve a lunch to the community at the village hall – will require their own packed lunch.

Contact details

When parents, or other emergency contacts, change phone numbers (including at places of work), please don't forget to inform the office.

The Nibley Music Festival Committee write...

Village Ticket Sales - Save the date!

Sunday 28th February 2-4pm

North Nibley Village Hall

This year's the Festival will take place from Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd July, 2016. Friday entertainment is in the marquee at the camp site and open to anyone with a Weekend Ticket. We have plans to make the Friday night rather special!

As per 2015 we want to make sure all North Nibley School families and villagers get an opportunity to buy 2016 tickets before they go on sale to the general public. So on **Sunday 28th February 2-4pm** we will be selling Nibley Festival tickets for villagers and volunteers **ONLY** in **North Nibley Village Hall** (and serving tea and cake!). You will need to bring a utility bill to prove your village address (we will also allow families where the children currently attend North Nibley school or pre-school), and pay by cash or cheque (no cards). We will also allow villagers to purchase a reasonable number of additional tickets for friends and family - as per last year we want you to be able to enjoy the festival with people you normally invite to accompany you, but we ask you to be sensible with regards to the numbers of extra tickets requested). Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult over 21 to gain entry to both the festival site and the campsite (and remains their responsibility), so please be aware of this if you are buying extra tickets for teens. For full details and prices see our ticket page, <http://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/>

Public tickets will then go on sale via the festival website on **Saturday 19th March at 9am**.

Our Theme this year is Alice in Wonderland, and the line-up is already shaping up nicely!! Remember to keep checking the website for news, or 'Like' our Facebook page or 'Follow' us on Twitter and Instagram. Thank you!

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

Monday 25 th Jan	Monday Lunch (Group A Serving a community lunch at the Village Hall) ALSO First swim ALL Y1s & Y2s		
Thursday 4 th Feb	Rotary Quiz night at Berkeley Primary School 5:30pm for a 6:00 start.		
Saturday 6 th	LAST Cross-country at KLB - 9:30 a.m. please		
Monday 8th	Parents Evening - booking slips out next week		
Tuesday 9th	Parents Evening - booking slips out next week		
Thursday 11th	Class 3 to Redwood am, Class 4 to Redwood, pm (all Class 4 children need a packed lunch) ALSO Wildlife Quiz 1 st round, 3:45 for 4:00 at Cam Hopton Primary ALSO Steering Committee (School Governors) 7:00 pm		
Friday 12 th	FONNS Disco - Classes 1 & 2, 5:30 to 6:15 pm, Classes 3 & 4 6:30 - 7:30 pm ALSO Finance and Premises Governor meeting 6:30pm		
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		

FORGIVENESS IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

"When you forgive, you don't change the past, but you do change the future."
Bernard Meltzer



Scooter Racks

Our scooter rack has been replaced. Hopefully (when the weather dries up) we'll have plenty of children choosing to come to school on two wheels!

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.

'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.

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

22/1/16

Dear Parents,

We propose taking all the Year 1 and Year 2 children to ' The SS Great Britain ' on Wednesday 24th February. This trip will include a guided tour and an interactive workshop called 'Our Engineering Hero' about Brunel. This trip supports our science topic.

We will be travelling by coach and will leave the school at approximately 9.15 a.m. Children should wear school uniform.

We will return by the end of the normal school day. We need to ask for a contribution of £14 per child to cover the entrance fee, the workshop and travelling expenses. This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit. If you are unable to make this contribution please talk to Mr Batchelor or Mrs Todhunter in the office.

The children will need a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or sticky food please).

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

Miss Wright and Miss Allen
Class Teachers

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Proposed Trip to ' SS Great Britain' Wednesday 24th February

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

I am/am not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £14 to cover expenses.

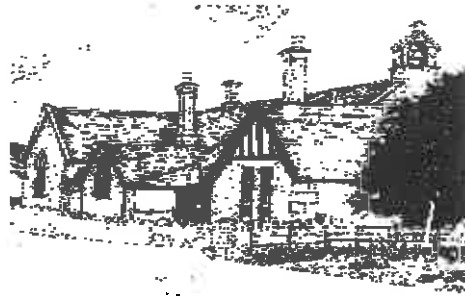
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Child's name:

Signed:

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

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22/1/16



Dear Parents,

The first round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Nature Quiz has been organised, and will take place at Cam Hopton School on Thursday 11th February at 4.00 pm. All of the questions are about British wildlife, and there are individual and team rounds. Please could you help your child prepare over the coming weeks by identifying plants, trees and wildlife, particularly those currently emerging.

Parents and siblings are very welcome to attend. You will need to reach Cam Hopton at 3.45 pm.

The Team will be :

Rosie Brown, Dylan Ellis, Ella King and Evie Copley

Reserves: Alice Rea and Jess Gordon.

Mr P Batchelor
Head Teacher

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Wild life Quiz First round - February 11th Cam Hopton.
3.45pm for a 4.00pm start.

I give/ do not give my permission for my child.....to participate in
the wildlife quiz

I will /will not need transport for my child.....

Signed.....



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NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

19/1/16

Dear Parents,

Could you please ensure your child has a packed lunch on Monday 25th January as they will be helping at the village lunch.

Thank you

Ms Surridge

Class Teacher

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19/1/16

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Thank you

Ms Surridge

Class Teacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term, I hope both you and your children had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and that they are looking forward to working hard throughout the next term.

Our topic focus up to Easter is: To Infinity and Beyond. As you will be able to see from the attached planning there are some exiting activities planned, but a lot to squeeze into a short term!

Homework Reminder

It is expected that children will read on a regular basis and will begin to keep their own reading log.

Children are also encouraged to continue practising the times tables in order to increase the speed of recalling them and related division facts.

In addition to the above your child/children will also be given up to 3 pieces of work a week, a piece of literacy, maths and a maths challenge or investigation. I anticipate that each piece should take between 15 - 20 minutes. All three pieces will be sent home on Mondays and should be returned on Fridays. I expect children to complete all tasks to the same standard that I expect in class. Should they have any difficulties please feel free to support them, discuss it with me or make a note on the homework.

Occasionally an extra piece of research work may also be given to support learning in various areas of the curriculum.

PE

Children have PE or Games on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays and need in school clean and practical PE kit and appropriate footwear. Once in a while it would be good practise for the kit to be taken home for washing! In addition to PE on Wednesdays and Thursday, the children will have some additional sessions on Mondays after half term.

Monday Lunch

Thanks to the support of a number of parents, I am planning on continuing with the children to work in small group to prepare, cook and then eat their lunch. Each pupil will have the opportunity to do this twice times before Easter. In order for us to be able to provide quality ingredient we need to ask you to donate £2.20 (the same as a school dinner) each time your child participates in this activity.

Formula Goblin

This is an exciting new project for this term. Children have already been involved in writing letters to local businesses in order to ask for sponsorship and have received pledges of £800.00 to date. The project involves the children designing, building, testing and then racing a battery powered car. There will be more information to follow, as we become familiar with the kit.

If you feel able to offer your support with any area of the curriculum, I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who can support with art. Hopefully, nearer Easter, and when the weather dries up we can walk to the monument to gather photos and sketches about the environment and landscape.

Please let me know if you can spare some time.

Please feel free to pop in to discuss any concerns.

Ms R Surridge

History

Linked to both Science and Literacy we will look at biographies and autobiographies of astronauts. Compare and contrast how media has portrayed space exploration since the 1950's.

RE

How and why do believers care for others and the world? We will be looking at how Christians and Muslims are encouraged to look after the environment. We will also be looking at the work of different charities.

Music

We will focus on The Planets by Gustav Holst.

Science

How we see things: Children learn that mirrors and shiny surfaces alter the direction in which light travels and that when they see objects, light enters the eye. Children contrast reflection and shadow formation. Children to relate their understanding of light, reflection and shadow formation to everyday phenomena.

Earth, Sun and Moon: Children learn about the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Children relate scientific knowledge and understanding to familiar phenomena *e.g. day length, year length* and to consider scientific evidence about the Earth, Sun and Moon.

Numeracy

Multiplying and dividing—using both formal and informal methods
Co-ordinates
Time
Maths Passport
Area and Perimeter
Fractions and Decimals



PSHCE

Changing emotions and responsibilities.
Healthy Lifestyles and how to keep healthy.

ICT

Using the internet to search databases and then presenting information using multi-media presentations.
Internet Safety & Behaviours—
Over-sharing,
You've Won a Prize! How to Cite a Site
Programming—learning a programming language, inputs, outputs de-bugging code

To Infinity and Beyond!

Class 4

Spring Term 2016

PE

PE will continue to be taught by Mrs Dixon on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will include games, gymnastics and dance.

Literacy

Fiction
Science Fiction short stories focusing on how to add suspense to writing and how to include flashbacks /stories within a longer text.
Non-Fiction
Non-Chronological Reports / Explanations—using literacy as a basis to write scientific explanations.
Autobiographical / Biographical writing

Design and Technology

Stem Works day on Robots—Children will work to build a robot that they will then program to complete a series of different tasks.

Art

Children explore the landscape as a starting point for two-dimensional work. Record observations through drawing and photography. They use shape, form, space, colour, texture and pattern to develop and communicate their ideas in a painting. They consider the ideas, methods and approaches of artists who have responded to landscapes in different ways.

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I am pleased to welcome you back to school for the Spring term! This term we will be learning all about Healthy Living. We will be exploring moving and growing, healthy lifestyles and teeth. If you have any expertise in these areas that you would be willing to share, please contact me, as I would be very grateful for your help!

As always, your child will be sent home with a reading book every day, along with their Reading Diary. Children should write a short review of their thoughts and opinions in their Reading Diary when they have finished reading a book. Reading 'home' books is also encouraged so please keep this up too!

We will continue to use a homework menu for this half term where at least 5 homework activities should be completed this half term. Homework is expected in by Wednesday and will be handed back on a Friday. This is alongside any Phonics homework your child may get. Phonics homework supports the hard work that the children put into their sessions and is a useful activity for both the children and the adult who sets it, as it reinforces or prepares the children for the next unit. This homework is less frequently set, but children are still expected to complete these short activities. Times tables tests will still take place on a Friday morning, so keep practising! I am extremely pleased with the progress so far.

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A full P.E. kit should therefore be in school for these days. Your child will need indoor and outdoor P.E. kit including shorts and trainers, all of which should be clearly named. When it is particularly cold, gloves can be worn for some P.E. lessons so having these in school is also useful!

Finally, we would **love** to have some readers in Class 3 so if you do have some free time and would be willing to help, please see me to arrange a convenient time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see me at the end of the school day to talk or to arrange a more convenient time.

Thank you,

Miss Parker

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and may I wish you all a "Happy New Year". This half term we will be learning all about materials through science and art work. The children will be learning about the properties of different materials, sorting and classifying as well as discussing their suitability for different purposes. If you have any off cuts of fabric at home then we would love to have them to support our weaving work in art (they would need to be long enough for weaving purposes). We will also need a shoe box for each child so if you have any at home please send them our way over the next week.

In the first week back after half term, our topic kicks starts with an exciting trip to S.S. Great Britain, Bristol, We will then be learning all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his achievements to support our History work.

Just a reminder that Barnaby Bear and friends do like to go travelling - near or far! The children who have taken a bear away with them have all written some exciting diaries and they do enjoy sharing these with the class.

Monday is our swimming day, beginning on the 25th so please make sure your child has easy to manage and warm clothing to wear and swimming hats, as recommended by the pool. I am also looking for helpers to come with us, 1:20 until the end of the school day. I will be happy to start a rota if there are enough volunteers so that you are not committed for the whole term.

Homework is in the children's books so please spend some time looking at the activities. I encourage the children to be responsible for handing homework in for sharing and marking. We will share home work on Wednesday's so the children's books can be returned on that day. Again the homework reflects the English, Maths and Topic work that we are covering this term.

If you wish to participate in our Maths game scheme please let me know.

Please make sure reading books are also in book bags every day as we try to hear readers as often as possible. I am also encouraging the children to take home a free choice reading book. Free choice books are meant to be shared with your child, some children will not be able to read it all. If you read part of the book encourage your child to join in as and when they are able. On the bookmark are some general questions, for all Fiction and Non-Fiction books, to help you discuss the book with your child. This will also help your child's reading development.

Finally if you would like to offer to help but can't come into the classroom, there are always jobs like sharpening pencils, sorting resources or mounting work that you may be able to do at home, please let me know if you would like to help in this way.

If you have any other queries or concerns about your child or school please do not hesitate to contact me at any time, either before or after school.

Thank you,

Miss Sara Wright .

English

- Ongoing spelling and grammar work, phonics,
- Poetry- Animals
- Traditional Stories, Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Three Billy Goats Gruff.
- Instruction writing
- Recount- school trip
- Magical stories

P.E.

- Developing fundamental games skills .
- Gymnastics – increase range of basic skills.
- Dance – creating and performing a class dance.

I.C.T.

- Internet Safety – Knowing what Sites I like
- Understanding programmable toys
- Can children predict the outcomes of a set of instructions?
- Can children use right angle turns?
- Can children use the repeat commands?
- Can children test and amend a set of instructions?
- Can children write a simple program and test it?
- Can children predict what the outcome of a simple program will be?

Numeracy

- Number sense- counting to and back to 100, using language such as more than, less than, equal to. Year 2 using < and > to compare numbers.
- Multiplicative reasoning- count, read and write numbers to 100, count in 2s and 10s. Solve one step problems involving multiplication and division using objects. Year 2- count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in 10s form any number forwards and backwards.
- Recall multiplication facts for 2, 5, 10 times tables. Complete division sums. Solve multiplication and division problems using arrays.
- Recognise the value of coins. Year 2- recognise and use symbols for coins, tell and write time to 5 minutes.
- Measurement- length, height, capacity and weight.
- Addition and subtraction – number bonds to 20 and related subtraction facts, missing number problems,
- Year 2- add and subtract- a 2digit number and a 1 digit number, a 2 digit number and a tens, two 2 digit numbers, three 1 digit numbers.
- 2D and 3D shape.

Why do we remember Isambard kingdom Brunel? Class 2 Spring 2016

P.H.S.E.

The class are looking at entitlement, human rights and the rights of children.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World – Science, Geography, History and Creative Activities

- Science- Materials –properties, sorting and classifying, new uses of materials, recycling, suitable fabrics, forces, manmade/natural, the three little pigs
- History- famous people throughout History including Brunel.
- DT- building bridges
- Visit to a SS Great Britain, Forest school
- Music- Numbers- exploring beat and rhythm, historical songs and chants connected to the Great Fire of London.



R.E.

Why are some people leaders?
Easter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year. Our topic this term is 'Why is Isambard Kingdom Brunel famous?' This topic begins with a science focus where children will be investigating the properties of materials and their uses. Children will be carrying out simple experiments on different materials investigating floating and sinking and answering questions such as 'What would be the best material for an umbrella?'

After half term the focus will be on Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will be finding out about why we remember him and discovering some of his most important work. This will include a trip to the S. S. Great Britain for Year 1. If you have any expertise in these topics or know of someone who does please do not hesitate to come and arrange a time to visit the class.

Show and tell is a valuable way of developing children's speaking and listening skills. It is useful if you can spend some time preparing your child's show and tell before they bring it in, perhaps come up with three interesting things to tell the class about their item. This certainly helps keep the listener interested and helps to support those who are less confident speaking in front of the class. I would also like to remind parents that toys are not suitable for show and tell unless it is following a birthday. We have had a few slipping in to book bags over the past term.

Reading books Please remember reading books will be changed 2 to 3 times a week, we highly recommend that you read each book more than once. This helps the vocabulary stick in children's minds for the future, it also builds children's reading confidence as they will find it much easier the second time which lends itself to opportunities to start thinking about fluency, expression and asking questions about what children have read. Children's reading and sound books should be in their book bag everyday even if they have not finished so that children can be heard reading during school time. Please remember it remains equally important to continue practicing the phonics sounds – even the ones you know well!

Homework Please see the homework pick and mix menu that will be sent home in Year 1 book bags shortly.

Swimming & P.E. Year 1 will be swimming every Monday during the Spring term so please don't forget swimming kits. We all have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure PE kits are kept in school on children's pegs and ALL items are clearly labelled. Please help children by tying back long hair on these days. **Children will need a pair or shorts as well as a pair of long trousers for the colder weather. Please make sure children also have a pair of trainers.**

Supplies It would be helpful if parents could donate a box of tissues and kitchen roll at the beginning of each term if possible.

We are very grateful for any form of parental help that is offered. If you feel that you can help then please let us know. If your profession relates to our topic then we always welcome visitors to speak to the children. You will need a DBS check and to fill in a volunteer helpers form if you decide you can help. We can arrange this easily. **Please note we will need parental support for our forest school trip to Redwood on 21st January.**

Clothing

Despite our best efforts to keep children dry with our class set of waterproofs some children are still getting wet after outdoor sessions. If you know your child enjoys playing with the water, sand or mud outside it may be worth sending in a bag of old clothes they can change into when they want to go outside. This does not need to be school uniform. Welly boots are also useful.

May I take this time to remind you that ALL items of clothing needs to be clearly labelled – especially items that are not easily recognised by children themselves such as the North Nibley school coats. Please put the labels in an obvious place so they are easy for us to find.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child or school please do not hesitate to come in and see me after school.

Thank you,
Miss Allen.

Communication, language and Literacy

Year 1

Phase 5 phonics continued

Fantasy stories

Recount

Instructions

Speech bubbles

Reception

Phase 3 phonics

Story telling

Fantasy stories

Numeracy

Year 1

Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals;

Count in multiples of 2's and 10's

Recognising the value of coins and notes.

Simple multiplication and division problems

Measuring and recording weight, height and capacity.

Know number bonds to 20 by heart e.g

1+19=20

Reception

Count reliably using numbers 1 to 20 (beginning to go beyond) and place the numbers in order.

Say the number before a given number up to 20.

Find the total number in two groups by counting all of them.

Addition/subtraction up to 10 counting on and back to find the answer.

Beginning to record using +, -, =

Why do we remember Isambard kingdom Brunel?



Class 1 Spring 2016

I.C.T.

Algorithms and Programs – on-screen and 'floor' robots

Can children create a simple series of instructions using left and right?

Can children record their routes?

Do children understand forwards, backwards, up and down?

Can children put two instructions together to control a programmable toy?

Can children begin to plan and test a Bee-bot journey?

Physical Development

Moving and handling

Holding our pencils with the correct pencil grip.

Forming our letters correctly using a cursive style (please ask if you need another copy of these handwriting patterns.)

Health and self care

Understanding the effects exercise has on our body.

Correct hand washing.

Changing quickly and independently for PE – This is something that can be practiced at home.

Reception and Year 1

Gymnastics

Dance

Understanding the world

Science

Naming and investigating materials

Investigating properties of materials.

History

Why do we remember Isambard K Brunel?

Studying his most famous work

Design Technology

Building houses for the Three Little Pigs

Visit – To S. S. Great Britain for Year 1 and 2 Trip to Redwood Forest School.