



NEWSLETTER 154

Friday 5th February 2016

With just 17 cuts, a pancake can be cut up into 154 pieces.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Staffing news I hope by now you'll have read my letter about the appointment of a new teacher to the school, commencing Monday 22nd February. This means that I can confirm Miss Wright's last day (in school) will be Friday 12th February.

Rotary Club Quiz Our team put in a valiant effort against strong competition, answering questions as varied as naming frozen carbon dioxide, knowing which robins had red breasts (male, female or both) and recognising the sport of hurling from the equipment used. Although falling behind early they managed to avoid the 'wooden spoon' award and seemed to enjoy the experience. The team described the evening as "fun" and "enjoyable", despite being "nervous". "At least we didn't come last!"



Waterbottles & Illness Please can we request that all children have named waterbottles in school whenever they are here. We have discovered that some of the younger ones 'share' bottles when thirsty and we are helping them to see that this is unhygienic. We have come through a period of significant illness amongst the children, and now staff are succumbing to the virus as well. Usually we are quite a hardy bunch!

FORGIVENESS IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

"A true apology has 3 parts:

1. I am sorry
 2. It is my fault.
 3. What can I do to make it right?
- Do we neglect part 3?" Anon.*

Did you know? Once a week a team of three Year 6s lead us in assembly. This usually involves a bit of reading, or drama, and thinking time, and it ties in with our termly theme.



Writing in Class 4

Clem has written this super piece of descriptive writing about a sunset.

Water running slowly.
 Trees blowing gently.
 The sun hiding quietly as the day nearly ends.
 Mountains blackening slowly as shadows drift over.
 The clouds turn yellow and red as everything daintily goes to bed.
 The sun, reflecting on clear, blue water.

Parent-Teacher Consultation meetings

The Spring Term meetings are next week (Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February) and appointment slips have now been sent home.

FONNS have placed the Music Festival 'job list' in the school lobby window. Please sign up for a slot before they all disappear. Over £6000 was made for the school last year at this event, so your continuing support in an active role is much appreciated.

'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.

HELP US WRITE A PRAYER

You might recall (in 2013) you helped the school community decide upon the Values we wanted to place at the heart of our school. Now it's time to ask for your help again. As a Church Of England School we'd very much like to have a school prayer. How should it start? How much should we look inward, and how much outward to our needy world? How long should it be? Perhaps you had a prayer at your own primary school which means something special to you, or you recall choice phrases which inspired you? Children, parents, governors and staff your ideas will be most welcome. Please email your thoughts and ideas to newsletters@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

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Cross-country

We currently hold FIRST PLACE in the small schools tournament and tomorrow (Saturday) is the final race of the season. Our best wishes go with all those racing. Just do your best and enjoy the experience!

Term Dates

Following a meeting on the 22nd February I should be in a position to confirm the INSET dates (and therefore the term dates for children) for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Saturday 6 th	LAST Cross-country at KLB – 9:30 a.m. please		
Monday 8 th	Parents Evening – appointment slips were sent home this week		
Tuesday 9 th	Parents Evening – appointment slips were sent home this week		
Thursday 11 th	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		
Monday 22 nd	INSET day (Staff training) – so no school for the children		
Tuesday 23 rd	First day back for children. Welcome to Miss Tyers. ALSO Teaching and Learning Committee (Governors) 6:00		
Wednesday 24 th	Years 1 & 2 to the S.S. Great Britain ALSO Years 3 & 4 Quicksticks Hockey (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)		
Thursday 25 th	Leadership and Management Committee (Governors) 6:45 p.m.		
Tues 1 st March	Year 4 Cluster Computing day – here at North Nibley School ALSO 2 Governor visits – Maths and R.E.		
Wednesday 2 nd	Governors Strategic committee 7:00 p.m.		
Tuesday 8 th	Governors Meeting (Full board) 7:00 p.m.		
Wednesday 9 th	Child Protection Training for Head Teachers		
Thursday 10 th	Years 5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey (12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)		
Tuesday 15 th	Country Dance Festival (early evening – details to follow)		
Wednesday 16 th	Tag Rugby, Stinchcombe (afternoon – details to follow)		
Thursday 17 th	Redwood visits - Classes 4 and 3		
Wednesday 23 rd	Netball – County Finals (for which we qualified!)		
Thursday 24 th	Redwood visits - Classes 1 & 2 ALSO LAST DAY OF TERM 4.		
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		

'Young Voices' – Berkeley

On Thursday 4th February some of the 'Young Voices' choir went to Berkeley Church and sang with two other schools, Stone with Woodford and Slimbridge, in front of a full audience.

My personal favourite song was 'Video Killed the Radio Star' Everyone had fun and had a good time.

Isaac Beeson.

FONNS
FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

SCHOOL
DISCO
Friday 12th February

Infants 5.30pm to 6.15pm
Juniors 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Entry on the door £2.00
Includes a drink & snack



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04/02/2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that, following a rigorous selection procedure, the Governors have appointed Miss Abigail Tyers to the Class 2 teacher job, with effect from Monday 22nd February (our INSET day immediately after the half-term break).

Miss Tyers has been teaching full time at another school, covering maternity leave which comes to an end at the February half-term. She is therefore able to join the staff for training and induction on Monday 22nd and full time with the children when they return on Tuesday 23rd.

Miss Tyers is able to attend school on Monday 8th February for a full day's familiarisation, spending time with Miss Wright and the children of class 2. The children played an important part in the selection process and are to be commended for their willingness to engage with the visiting teachers and their 'special' lessons.

Best wishes,



Paul Batchelor

Head Teacher

Cross Country Races

3/2/16

Dear Parents,

The last Cross Country event of this season is on Saturday 6th February ,

The races start at 10.00am, but children need to be there to warm up at 9.30am. Parking is available adjacent to the Sports Field, but parents should be aware that it is always very busy and it is best to get there in plenty of time to ensure that you do get a space!

Please do not bring dogs.

The children run in on one of 4 races. The first is for year 3 and 4 girls; the second is for yr 3 and 4 boys; then for yr 5 and 6 girls and finally yr 5 and 6 boys. The races are all over by about 10.45am. The parent's race will follow and then prize giving.

Parents are very welcome to spectate, but please do not run alongside your children. All of the children 'count ' towards the small school total and towards their individual scores.

Mrs Dixon

Class Teacher

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Class 4 –Thursday 11th February
25/1/16

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 11th February we will be taking Class 4 to use Redwood outdoor centre. This outdoor learning consolidates and enhances classroom learning and is encouraged under the new curriculum.

We will leave school about 12.00 and return by the end of the school day. All children will require a packed lunch that day, no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please.

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.

Mrs R Surridge

Class Teacher

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Class 4 - Outdoor Learning Redwood – Halmore. Thursday 11th February

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to travel to Halmore by staff and parent car with the appropriate insurance, licence, and DBS.

Signed.....