



NEWSLETTER 156

Friday 26th February 2016

A clock strikes 156 'gongs' in a 24 hour period.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Miss Tyers who began teaching in Class 2 this week. Please introduce yourself at the end of the day and help her to match children with parents quickly.

Welcome also to Eloy Castillo, a student from Spain on a teaching placement, who will be based mainly in Class 3 and supporting children around the school at other times.



S.S. Great Britain As part of their studies based around Isambard Kingdom Brunel (supporting our 'local' curriculum offer and programme around British Values) Years 1 & 2 went on a trip around the Steam Ship Great Britain on Wednesday. We had a tour around the decks and the engine, the galley and the sleeping quarters. The weather was perfect and we were able to eat our lunch outside. In the afternoon we took part in a workshop about 1843 and the launch of the S. S. Great Britain which at the time was the biggest ship in the world.

After a bit of time travelling the children helped to build the ship (which Mrs Lewis described as "A riveting experience!") and finally we dressed up in period costume to take part in the launch party. Ollie said "We saw a massive picture of S. S. Great Britain. On board when it was hot and smelly there were sometimes fights."

Sophie remembers the "Big, big propeller at the back." Hannah said she enjoyed seeing the model people (manikins) posed around the ship. Grace preferred the golden decorations around the bow and stern. Posie said "I learnt about the rats in the kitchen. They had ships biscuits. I saw lots of beds too."

Delphe said "They kept live animals on deck for food to be eaten later on their long journey."

The children all did brilliantly, learnt a lot and had fun. You can enjoy the photos by visiting the front page, and event 'post', on the school's website. This includes a large number of photos taken by the children.

Writing Project We are very pleased to be joining other local schools to work with established author Pie Corbett on a programme of teacher professional development. This will include 'modelled' teaching and working alongside groups of teachers to innovative planning in the new National Curriculum. Pie previously wrote materials for the national government on the 'Literacy Strategy' and we are very excited!

Safeguarding I'm sure you will be pleased to learn that 12 members of staff and a governor were able to attend the INSET day on Monday, where after initial training, we were assessed on our understanding of our statutory duty to prevent radicalisation and extremism. We all achieved the required 100% pass!

Facebook Over recent weeks I have been made aware of difficulties some of **OUR PUPILS** are getting themselves into when using social media. We teach children about the safe use of social media as part of a planned programme. When issues arise unexpectedly, we also seek to support children. However, it is hoped that our approach is one that is supported in the home. I'd like to draw your attention to Facebook's own policy - *"If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from a child under age 13, please contact us"*
Also

"We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices."

Facebook also provide materials to help parents talk to their children about safe internet use. If these issues have affected you, please let me know, so that together we can support the children.



TUESDAY 1ST MARCH – We are aware that there is the potential for major traffic and parking difficulties. Please could all car drivers keep alert for our updates when we know more details?

FORGIVENESS IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

The children explored an acrostic poem in assembly:

Forgetting the hurts
Offering a new beginning
Restoring a friendship
Given and received
Identifying responsibility
Valuing the truth
Ending an argument
Not holding a grudge
Encouraging honesty
Starting again
Saying sorry

North Nibley Music Festival - The Committee writes
 "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 this **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 see <http://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/>

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

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.

Attendance The last time I wrote about attendance, we were 'hit' by the horrible bug which reduced our stats somewhat. However, here are the headlines! The most recent data shows that attendance at North Nibley was 96.5%. This is 0.5% higher than the national average, and 0.2% higher than the average for Outstanding schools. Attendance at North Nibley has increased by an average rate of 0.6% per year since 2013, which is 1.5 times faster than the national rate of change. Overall, attendance at North Nibley has increased by 1.2% over the past three years. Thank you for giving your children every chance of success.

Cross-country We currently hold the **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!

School uniform Staff have noticed a recent deterioration in the standards we expect, particularly where foot ware is concerned. Please make sure children are dressed according to the standard set out in our prospectus (here http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=398)

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

Tues 1 st March	Year 4 Cluster Computing day -- here at North Nibley School ALSO 2 Governor visits -- Maths and R.E. ALSO major congestion of traffic expected around the village, 2:45 onwards.		
Wednesday 2nd	Governors Strategic committee 7:00 p.m.		
Tuesday 8th	Governors Meeting (Full board) 7:00 p.m.		
Wednesday 9 th	Child Protection Training for Head Teachers		
Thursday 10th	Years 5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey (12:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)		
Tuesday 15th	Country Dance Festival (early evening - details to follow)		
Wednesday 16th	Tag Rugby, Stinchcombe (afternoon - details to follow)		
Thursday 17 th	Redwood visits - Classes 4 and 3 Year 4 play on Internet Safety		
Wednesday 23 rd	Netball - County Finals (for which we qualified!)		
Thursday 24th	Redwood visits - Classes 1 & 2 ALSO LAST DAY OF TERM 4.		
THIS SPRING - Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER-Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN - Pupil days	NEXT SPRING - Pupil days
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 3 03/01/2017 - 10/02/2017
Term 4 23/02/16 - 24/03/16	Term 6 06/06/16 - 20/07/16	Term 2 31/10/2016 - 16/12/2016	Term 4 20/02/2017 - 07/04/2017

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

25/2/16

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to let you know that your child has been selected to represent North Nibley School in an outdoor Quicksticks Hockey Festival. The details are as follows:

- Five aside games (with substitutes) at KLB, against other teams in our District.
- Matches to be played during the afternoon of Thursday 10th March from 12.45 -4.00pm. We will need to leave school at 12.30pm and anticipate returning by 4.30pm.
- The children will need to wear **shin pads**.
- Children will need a waterproof or coat to keep them warm while spectating.
- A drink and a snack.

Please sign the form below giving your child permission to play in the matches.

We look forward to some enjoyable Quicksticks Hockey.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Dixon

Class Teacher.

DISTRICT HOCKEY FESTIVAL-Thursday 10th March –KLB 12.45- 4.00pm

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in the matches on Thursday 10th March.

I am/am not able to help with transport and have insurance, licence DBS and disclosure form and suitable child restraints.

I havespaces available

I will/will not be collecting my child from KLB.

Child's name:

Signed:

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

25/2/16

Dear Parents / carers,

We are pleased to be attending the Stroud Country Dance Festival again this year on Tuesday 15th March at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud. Your child will need to be at the Leisure centre by 6.15pm. Dancers enter the building at the rear doors where either Mrs Hunter or Ms Ciotti will be there to meet them.

Parents are very much encouraged to stay and watch, look for the notice on the walls in the hall which will show the area for our schools seating/ standing. Children must sit on the floor and there are limited seats for adults. Please stand in this section.

Entry is by programme which are available from the school, £1.00 for adults 50p for children. Please fill in and send the order form below back to the office by Thursday 10th March. As seating is so limited the purchase of a programme does not guarantee a seat.

Children taking part do not need to buy a ticket.

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher

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Country Dance Festival -Tuesday 15th March - Stroud Leisure centre

My childwill be attending the Country dance festival on Tuesday 15th March.

I would like to purchaseadult programmes at £1.00

I would like to purchasechildren's programmes at 50p

I have enclosed my monies.

Signedparent/carer

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Class 4 –Thursday 17th March

25/2/16

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 17th March 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 9.15 and leave Redwood about 11.45am.. All children will require a packed lunch that day, no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please.

We will be travelling by staff and parent cars, if you can help with transport please do volunteer as we hope to keep costs to the minimum.

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 17th March

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.

I can / cannot help with transport and havespaces available.

Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

The Redwood Outdoor Centre - Halmore - Class 3 –Thursday 17th March

25/2/16

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 17th March we will be taking Class 3 to use Redwood outdoor centre. This outdoor learning consolidates and enhances classroom learning and is encouraged under the new curriculum.

We will be travelling by coach and will need to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport of £3.50. per child.

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.**

Could all parents please ensure that children have all items they need as last time we went to Redwood we had a considerable number of children without the right kit.

Miss A Parker

Class Teacher

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Class 3 - Outdoor Learning Redwood – Halmore. Thursday 17th March

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to travel to Halmore by coach I have included my contribution of £3.50 towards this transport.

Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

25/2/16

Dear Parents,

We have been offered the opportunity to take our Yr 4 children to Cam Woodfield on Thursday 17th March to join a showing of 'In the Net' a play performed by Alter Ego Theatre Company developed in conjunction with the Gloucestershire LA Safeguarding Childrens Board.

This play will tackle some of the issues around Safe internet use, cyber bullying and the prevention of exploitation.

We will be leaving school at 9.30 for a 10.00am start to the performance. It will last for approximately 40 minutes and pupils will be provided with a support pack at the end of the production. We will be back in time to go to Redwood for the afternoon as the coach leaves at 12.00 o'clock.

We hope this will be a memorable way to enhance their safe internet usage and help them stay safe on line.

We do need help from parents to transport the children if you can help please let us know on the attached reply slip.

Mr P. Batchelor
Head Teacher.

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'In The Net' Year 4 – 17th March - Cam Woodfield

I do/do not give my permission for my child.....to attend this play.

I can/cannot help with transport and haveplaces available I have completed a DBS and disclosure of information, I have informed my insurance company and have the appropriate seat belts and licence.

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

23/2//16

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been confirmed that the final race of this season will be held this Saturday, the 27th February, at KLB. The usual time of 9.30 arrival for 10.00 races. No dogs please.

We will issue kit on Friday 26th to all the children who raced last time, please let your child know if they will be racing on Saturday 27th

Best wishes

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