



Learning, achievement, faith & fun!

NEWSLETTER 157

Friday 4th March 2016

D 157 is a Piano Sonata in E major, composed by Schubert.

Dear Parents and Friends,



Cross-country What a privilege it was to watch the four North Nibley teams compete at the final Cross Country race of the season. We already knew that we provided the MOST competitors, the most SUPER-FIT hare (Mrs Lewis, who 'hared' 4 races and then went on to win the ladies race!) and the most ENTHUSIASTIC supporters, but it was not clear who would carry home the small school's trophy until the final points were totalled. Have you guessed yet? The winners were – North Nibley! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to this superb team achievement, and to Mrs Dixon who creates the 'can-do' culture which enables children to 'go the extra mile' (sometimes literally). Over 60% of the juniors had attended at some point. That's MASSIVE and the envy of all the other school leaders I spoke to! Please take a moment to admire the shield in our lobby area.



SPORTS RELIEF We will be supporting this on Friday 18th March. Children will take part in a 1 or 2 mile challenge (their choice) AND a skip-a-thon during the school day. A £ 2.00 donation would be much appreciated. Children may come to school dressed in something sporty (and safe and warm!



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Cross-Country
Special!



Year 4 Computing Day Once again we were able to host the Computing day, working with BETT Show finalist and computing expert Dan Warner. The children worked in pairs, drawn from different schools, to create a working game.

Behaviour was excellent throughout! Parents should be aware that the online version of Scratch includes access to chat rooms, so the downloadable version is to be preferred. Don't be surprised if children ask for your help installing Scratch (they should ask permission!) and with watching support videos from You Tube. You are reminded that internet use should be supervised, especially forums and comment boxes where the language used is often unmoderated and 'interesting'.



Swimming (Years 1 & 2) It would be a tremendous help if children could avoid wearing tights on swimming days, simply because they take an age to put on afterwards!

Data Protection Governors have recently updated the school's data protection policy. You can find that alongside all the other policies required by law on this page of the school's website (which marches steadily towards 50,000 visitors!)

http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=141

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

Lost – Please keep your eyes peeled for a pair of adult black gloves and a wireless computer 'mouse'. Return to the office please.

FONNS DISCO Years 1 & 2 throwing some 'shapes' at the FONNS disco. Thank you to all those who organised, or in other ways supported the event. Great fun!



Sending money in to school.

It would greatly assist Mrs Todhunter if money payable for different purposes arrives as different cheques, or cash. With no banking facilities nearby it causes difficulties separating the amounts, for example, Redwood trips from music deposits. We have to administer a number of different accounts and the money must not get muddled!

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.

Club offer Please contact the office if you wish to offer (or change your current offer) of support with the running of after-school clubs. We are preparing the 'menu' and hope, with clear indications from yourselves, to have this available at the end of this term.

Tuesday 8th	Governors Meeting (Full board) 7:00 p.m.		
Wednesday 9 th	Child Protection Training for Head Teachers and those from other agencies		
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)		
Thursday 17 th	Redwood visits - Classes 4 and 3 – Class 3 need lunch Year 4 play on Internet Safety		
Tuesday 22 nd	Wildlife quiz second round against Kingswood (3.45pm @ North Nibley)		
Wednesday 23 rd	Netball – County Finals (for which we qualified!) Dance Festival Blue Coat – afternoon - Class 2		
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
Term 3	04/01/16 - 12/02/16	Term 5	11/04/16 - 27/05/16
Term 4	23/02/16 - 24/03/16	Term 6	06/06/16 - 20/07/16
		NEXT AUTUMN – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING – Pupil days
		Term 1	05/09/2016 – 19/10/2016
		Term 2	31/10/2016 – 16/12/2016
		Term 3	03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017
		Term 4	20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017

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4/3/16



Dear Parents,

The second round of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Nature Quiz will take place at North Nibley C of E School at 3.45pm on Tuesday 22nd March. We will be competing against Kingswood Primary School.

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.

The Team will be :

Evie Copley, Dylan Ellis, Rosie Brown and Ella King

Reserves: Jess Gordon and Alice Rea

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher

Wild life Quiz second round -Tuesday 22nd March

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

Signed.....

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3/3/16

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is relevant to all children currently having music (ALL INSTRUMENTS).

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.

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- £55 in the past depending how many children wish to take lessons. Please note that woodwind players have committed for the full (school) year. All bookings are for a group of 10 lessons. We are not able to accept bookings for this Summer term where balances are outstanding for the Spring term.

All existing music students need to bring in their £30.00 deposits and balance of last year's music lessons. Please return your booking slips and /or deposit by Friday 11th March so that we can contract with the music staff.

Woodwind lessons resume on Wednesday 13th April with Mrs L. Hale. At present there are no spaces available.

Violin lessons.

Could you please return this letter to indicate whether your child wishes to take up violin lessons next term (after Easter)?

Violin lessons will commence from Tuesday 12th April with Mrs N. Sargeant. This term we are continuing to offer the opportunity to take lessons on the violin to the Year 1 and Year 2 children. 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. Colwell Music Centre will not supply any instruments without the money up front. **These forms do not return to school.**

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 Summer 2016

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

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

I enclose my BALANCE of £19.00.

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 Violin

Signed Parent/ carer.

My child currently takes woodwind lessons.

I enclose my DEPOSIT of £30.00.

Signed Parent/ carer.

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. SCHOOL

2nd March 2016

Dear Parents / carers,

We have been invited to take part in the Wotton Music Festival in April. The theme is going to be something international to coincide with the **Bio** Olympics 2016 and so far we have a reggae song, a Spanish song and an African one.

In preparation for this concert we will form a new choir, open to children in **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** which will meet on **Tuesdays at lunchtime (12.30-13.00)**. We would like to start next Tuesday the 8th March so can you please return your slip by Friday this week.

Please note that it is important that if your child chooses to attend choir, he/she will also be able to come to the concert at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 26 April at St Mary's Parish Church in Wotton-Under-Edge**.

Please complete the reply slip below if your child would like to join the choir and can attend the concert in April.

Mrs D. Shepherd

Teaching Assistant.

Choir Tuesday Lunchtime- from Tuesday 8th March.

My child _____ would like to join the Tuesday lunchtime choir.

I confirm he/she can attend the concert in Wotton under Edge at 6.30pm on Tuesday 26th April.

Signed _____

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

2/3/16

Dear parents/carers,

Please could you note that we are able to run Sports club next Wednesday 9th March.

The session will be the last sports club of this term.

Mrs A Dixon

Class Teacher.

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29/2/16

Dear Parents,

Our science unit is all about Teeth and Eating. One focus of this particular topic is the importance of good dental hygiene. The pupils will be taught to understand the importance of looking after their teeth and the correct tooth care procedures.

Your child will be asked to bring his or her toothbrush and toothpaste to school for a particular lesson, during which they will be asked to clean their teeth. In order to help them to develop an understanding about plaque and the damage it can do to their teeth each pupil will be given a disclosing tablet to show up areas of their teeth still covered with plaque. This is done to reinforce the importance of brushing in a circular motion and for a period of 2 – 3 minutes. This lesson will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th March.

The disclosing tablets we use can be purchased from any chemist or supermarket. The children will brush their teeth before having a disclosing tablet. It is a small tablet which your child will chew before rinsing their mouth with water. There is a two tone differential system, where red stains indicate newer plaque, and blue stains indicate older plaque that has been previously missed when brushing teeth. It will allow your child to see where he or she regularly misses or needs to focus on more. They will then be able to brush their teeth once more to get rid of the staining on their teeth, which will come off immediately.

Please return the consent form in order to indicate if you will allow your child to take part in this part of the lesson. If the slip is not returned, your child will be withdrawn from this part of the lesson and not given a disclosing tablet to use. Your child will need to bring their own toothbrush and toothpaste, as they will not be allowed to share these products. Similarly, if they are not in school for this afternoon, your child will not be given a disclosing tablet to use.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Parker

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Pupil's name

I DO / DO NOT give permission for my child to be given a disclosing tablet in Science on Tuesday 8th March.

Signature..... Date.....

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

26/2/16.

Dear Parents,

Your child has been chosen to represent North Nibley School in a Level 2 (District) Yr 5/6 Tag rugby tournament, at Dursley Rugby club. The winners of this tournament will then go through to the Level 3 competition.(county) at a later date. The details are as follows:-

Date: Wednesday 16th March

- Seven a side games (with substitutes) away at Dursley Rugby Club, Stinchcombe, against other local schools.
- Matches to be played on Wednesday at 1.15pm finishing at approximately 4.00 p.m.
- Children will need football boots, shin pads, a sweatshirt and a waterproof or coat to keep them warm while spectating.

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

We will be travelling in staff and parent cars who have the appropriate insurance, driving license and child restraints, CRB/DBS and disclosure forms. We will need help with transport please!

If your child is under 1.35cm please send in their booster seats as we will not be able to provide transport without them.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Dixon

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Yr 5 and 6 Rugby at Stinchcombe Wednesday 16th March

- I give permission for my child _____ to take part in the matches at Dursley Rugby Club, Stinchcombe on Wednesday 16th March leaving school at 12.45pm and returning at approx 4.30.pm.
- I can / cannot help with transport and I have _____ spaces available
- I have the appropriate child restraints, CRB/DBS disclosure form, insurance and a clean driving licence

Signed: Name:

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 Stroud Leisure Centre. 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