



# NEWSLETTER 162

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

Each team plays 162 baseball games during a regular season in Major League Baseball.

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Dear Parents and Friends,



**Ukelele Concert** At VERY short notice we were able to re-schedule Class 3's concert. Thankfully all the children rose to the occasion and played several tunes which delighted the other classes and a number of parents. We all clapped loudly!

**Nibley Nibbles** Due to Class 4 having developed their curriculum to include cooking, responsibility for the famous 'Nibley Nibbles' café has been transferred to Class 3. Since it is these children who will attend the next (equally famous) London residential, it also makes sense for them to raise funds in this way. Miss Parker is very keen to hear from parents who enjoy baking and might have some time on the Fridays of Term 6, to bake with the children. Meanwhile, we've started the preparation for the 2017 visit to London!

### HOPE IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." Desmond Tutu

**Choir event TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April, St Mary's Wotton, 6:30** – Our choir have been practising hard and tickets are now available for this performance. Please ask in the office for details. £2.00 per adult, children are free.

**LOST - Scooter** – One of our pupils has lost a purple scooter, last seen in the playing fields. Please phone 07899 911357 if you know its whereabouts. If it is not found can I encourage all parents to review the practise of leaving scooters and bikes unlocked at school over weekends and holidays?




**Rugby** There was a tournament at The British School and there were 12 teams. Year 3 & 4 teams played 5 matches. Team A drew 1 and won 4. Team B drew and won their matches too. We enjoyed the last game, even though it was very hard, against a very good team. Reported by Bea.

**Governors** As previously notified, there are two vacancies on our Governing Body. We are very hopeful that a conversation currently taking place will result in one place being filled soon, leaving one vacancy. This is a co-opted role and Governors might be coming your way to ask if this is an opportunity for you to contribute in a more strategic way to the development of the school.

**SAVE THE DATE- FONNS family bingo night, 7 May, 6pm.**

**Clubs** Thank you for returning your club selections promptly. 'Regular' clubs start w/b **Monday** and your child is DEFINITELY expected (has a place) at the clubs you requested unless a rota was required. All rotas have now been issued. Please check book-bags tonight.

 **CLUBS UPDATE – A change in meeting times on WENESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL allows Mrs Dixon to start her Wednesday club a week earlier than expected. CRICKET therefore starts NEXT WEEK!**

**Pollen survey** Parents are reminded that before Easter we distributed a questionnaire for our Polli:Nation project. Please return any completed questionnaires a.s.a.p.

**Diary Dates** Our online diary can be found at [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=267](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267)

Monday 25th April	LAST SWIM for Years 1 & 2		
Tuesday 26th April	Choir – Concert at St. Mary's Church, Wotton, 6:30 p.m.		
Thursday 28th	Class 3 – Class visit to Blist Hill (History topic) AND 3:00 Year 6 Archery event		
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Multi-skills festival Years 1 & 2		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4 & 5 visit to Gloucester – Cathedral and Mosque visit. Governors Teaching and Learning Committee 6:00		
THIS SUMMER–Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days
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 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17
Term 6 06/06/16 - 20/07/16	Term 2 31/10/2016 – 16/12/2016	Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

20/4/16

Dear Parents /carers,

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April KLB are extending an opportunity for 9 of our Class 4 pupils to attend an archery taster session followed by a competition. There will be one hour of instruction with professional coaching by Deer Park Archers who will also provide all necessary equipment. This will be followed by the competition from 4.00- 6.00pm. Please make sure your child has a snack and drink with them for after school.

We will transport the children to KLB, leaving here at 2:30, but you will need to be able to pick your child up at the KLB sports hall at approx. 6.00pm.

There are only a few team spaces so we need to have your replies by this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April so we can offer the space to a reserve if you cannot come.

Mrs Dixon

Teacher.

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**North Nibley C of E School – Archery 3.00pm – 6.00pm. KLB Thursday 28th April.**

My child .....Will / will not be able to attend the archery coaching and competition on Thursday 28th April.

I can help transport the children to KLB and have the following spaces.....

I have the correct DBS/CRB license, insurance child restraints and disclosure form.

I confirm I can collect my child from KLB.....Yes/No

Signed.....parent/carer.

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

19/4/16

Dear Parents,

We have booked Year 4 and Year 5 in to visit Gloucester Mosque, Masjid E Noor, to support our curriculum topics on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will also be visiting the Cathedral for a guided visit on 'Life as a Journey' in the afternoon.

We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £8 to cover the cost of transport and the guided visits.

The coach will leave North Nibley School at 9.15am and we will return by the end of the school day.

This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit. If this cost causes difficulties please speak in strictest confidence to Mr Batchelor or Mrs Todhunter in the office.

The children will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch, with some snacks plus a water bottle (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please). If you have one, a small back pack would be handy. Please ensure they have appropriate out door clothes for the weather, as we will be walking from the Mosque to the Cathedral.

Please complete and return the reply slip, with your contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Ms SurrIDGE  
Class teacher.

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Visit to Gloucester Mosque and Cathedral Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

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

I am/am not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £8 to cover expenses ( enclosed)

Child's name: ..... signed .....parent/carer

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

18/5/15

Dear Parents /carers,

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May KLB are extending an opportunity for 4 of our Year 3 /4 pupils to represent the school in a Tennis Tournament .

The tournament will be run by Jason Boon, Tennis coach, and the team needs to include 2 girls and 2 boys.

The tournament will start promptly at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am.

The sports hall will be out of action due to exams, so if we have bad weather they will have to cancel or postpone the tournament.

We will be playing on the KLB tennis courts and travelling in staff cars. Children will wear their school PE kit but will need additional warm clothing, a snack and a labelled drink.

Please reply by Tuesday 3rd May as we need to confirm our team place with KLB

Mrs Dixon

Teacher.

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North Nibley C of E School –Tennis tournament - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May KLB

My child .....would like to be represent North Nibley in the tennis tournament . I agree to them travelling in a parent car with the relevant DBS/CRB, licence, insurance and restraints.

I am/ am not able to transport children and have .....spaces available

Signed.....parent/carer.

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18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

To the parents of

We are thrilled to understand from Gloucestershire's school lists that you have been offered a place at North Nibley C of E Primary School. We hope you will accept the offer and look forward to talking to you about starting school here at North Nibley. We believe that we have something rather special here, and we are supported in this belief by the Ofsted inspectors who provided us with these positive endorsements following their 2014 inspection:

"Throughout the school, there is a positive 'buzz' about learning. Every pupil is known as an individual and this means their personal and learning needs are well understood. Pupils behave well both in and out of lessons. They are encouraged to take responsibility for looking after each other and are proud of these opportunities. The well-planned range of subjects and extra activities helps to ensure that the children find their work interesting."

Thinking specifically of the Reception Year, Ofsted said

"Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage make good progress because of the good teaching they receive and the high quality resources available to them." "They make good progress across all areas of their learning, including early reading, writing and number skills, and this readies them for more formal learning in Key Stage 1." "Teachers use sites such as the new spiritual garden and the recently refurbished outdoor Reception area to provide high quality opportunities for pupils to broaden their skills and understanding."

We offer your child a place of learning where all the staff know all the children and promote a caring, family atmosphere.

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| We offer         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ an interesting and stimulating environment in which to learn</li><li>✓ committed and caring staff seeking to help your child achieve their full potential</li><li>✓ experienced and well-staffed classes for our youngest children</li><li>✓ a chance for every child to shine, for example in sports, drama or other activities</li><li>✓ outstanding sports provision</li><li>✓ the support of voluntary workers from within the community</li><li>✓ committed and supportive governors</li></ul> |
| We offer parents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ a friendly parent/school association (Friends Of North Nibley School – F.O.N.N.S.)</li><li>✓ opportunities to help in school</li><li>✓ information and advice on helping your child learn</li></ul>   |

After the Local Authority's has finalised the reconsideration process we will write to you again to invite you to a 'Welcome' Meeting' here at North Nibley School. This will give you an opportunity to meet Miss Allen (Class Teacher), Mrs Dommett, Mrs Findlay and Mrs Browning (Teaching Assistants) as well as myself. There will also be the chance to talk to representatives from the Governing Body and the Parent & Teacher Association F.O.N.N.S. (the Friends of North Nibley School).

As well as this 'Welcome meeting' for parents, we have the following induction activities before school starts in September;

- We will visit the children in their pre-school settings
- We will hold a 'open afternoon' for parents and their pre-reception children together, with refreshments, and our 'Open Assembly' will follow on
- There will be a further session in school for the children only
- You are most welcome to join us for Sports Day
- Meet the Head Teacher – a 'drop in' without an agenda!
- Our Parent and Teacher Association, the Friends of North Nibley School (F.O.N.N.S) hope to hold an end-of-year bar-b-cue with family games. You are most welcome to come and join in.

We arrange a gradual programme when starting school, building up to full time school usually about 3 weeks in from the start of September. More details of this will be shared at our welcome meeting. Our next letter will include the dates and details for the events above, and you can subscribe to our newsletter distribution at any time by sending an email to [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) .

Learning thrives in an atmosphere where everyone recognises they have a role to play. We pride ourselves on the supportive relationship that exists between the members of staff, our parents and their children. We actively encourage parents to become fully involved in the School - and to work in partnership with us to provide their children with the best possible start to their school days. As Head Teacher I help maintain that link and will seek to be available whenever you need to discuss your child's progress.

We very much look forward to hearing that you have accepted the place on offer, and to meeting with you if you wish to discuss any aspect of our school and the admissions process.

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor,  
Head Teacher