



NEWSLETTER 164

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In the year 164 A.D. the Antonine Wall in Scotland was abandoned by the Romans.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Meet the 'new' Class 2 teacher...

Following shortlisting, observed teaching sessions (with all Year 1s and all Year 2s taking part), written tasks and formal interviews, the Governors were pleased to offer Miss Tyers the permanent contract as a teacher at North Nibley Primary. Miss Tyers had already demonstrated a passion for teaching, creativity and care in the fixed-term role to which she was originally appointed and we look forward to more of the same from September. Please congratulate her – I am sure the last 8 weeks have felt like the longest appointment process ever!

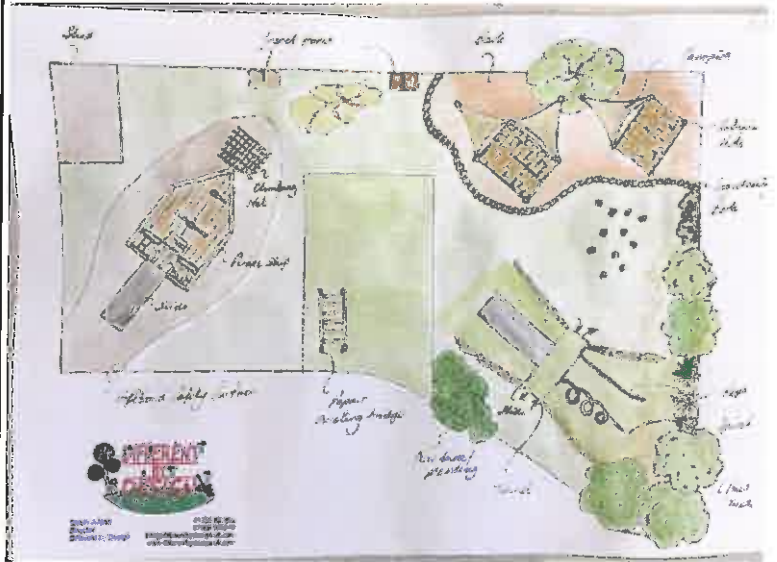
Archery Our Year 6 Team (all Year 6, less one child absent on the day) followed in the footsteps of previous North Nibley teams to win the local round of archery competition. I had reports of "excellent" behaviour – just what North Nibley expects! Well done everyone.

Near miss A member of staff leaving the school this week had a 'near miss' with a child crossing the carpark. Whilst the car park is not school property, children should not be leaving school unaccompanied to meet parents in the park. Please help us to prevent an accident.

Y4 & Y5 trip to 'Places of Worship' in Gloucester. The children were brilliantly behaved and really enjoyed their experiences. The children learnt that "the Quran is read right to left", "the carpet design points to Mecca", "the mosque could hold 1500 muslims", "the morning call to worship includes an extra phrase – 'praying is better than sleeping'." At the Cathedral we were pleased to be greeted by ex-North Nibley teachers Mrs Ackerman and Mrs Baxter. Several children got to wear the Bishop's robes. Children re-enacted an infant baptism and learnt about confirmation as part of their studies on "Life as a journey". In the 'Labyrinth Experience' children reflected on their hopes for the future. "In the labyrinth, which we made with stones and fir cones, we had to be quiet".



Playground Upgrade FONNS agreed to provide financial support for the upgrading of the playground, specifically to supplement the existing trim-trail with activity areas and 'den building' facilities at the bottom of the playground near the large tree. We have engaged the same company who produced the fabulous Class 1 'outside area' to come up with some plans, which look very exciting. We hope to have these on display at the BINGO night tomorrow and will happily take comments then and at the next FONNS meeting.



Found – The missing scooter has been returned. Thank you for looking.

HOPE IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

"There is some good in this world, and it's worth fighting for." J.R.R. Tolkien, The Two Towers

Test week Next week our Year 6 pupils will sit their national tests – the first tests based on the curriculum introduced 2 years ago. These harder tests are sat simultaneously across the country and have been the subject of much media coverage in recent weeks. Whilst there is still much in doubt – thresholds and acceptable progress measures etc, there is no doubt that staff have been working tirelessly to prepare the children. You can help by making sure that all children have plenty to drink and plenty of sleep in the days and nights across the weekend and throughout next week.

Church Fete It would be lovely to see you all at the Church Fete (at Nibley House) on Saturday. Due to changes in the timing of the fete, and the Cluster dance day yet to happen, we will not be sending dancers this time. Hopefully a group will sing for the visitors, at 2:15 (ish). School uniform is NOT required.

Sun safety Water bottles, sun cream and hats! Please remember these essential items as the weather improves. Please read the advice attached.

Milk Parents of children who receive milk need to ask their children if they are drinking it. Most now don't and to avoid waste (and smells!) their parents need to cancel their orders online <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

Financial Support If you think you might be eligible for out-of-work benefits, please claim them. Under the current system schools receive additional funding for every child in the family, which is used to directly enhance their experiences, support and learning. It also means that parents can take advantage of a discounted fees, for example for school uniform, music tuition and school trips.

Nibley Nibbles (Our pupil-run café) 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. The café raises funds for our London residential, which, together with the activities, is now booked! Please return the 'commitment' letter a.s.a.p.

Bird Camera Our bird camera is now installed and we have seen today that our summer visitors have returned to their usual nesting sites.

Nut allergy

Whilst we await the results of a test please note that there can be no peanuts or peanut products in school. Ensure that children wash their hands and faces if handling or eating such products before school.

Meetings off-site There have been times recently when I've had to work off-site. In response to a question recently asked (and how lovely it is to think I might be

missed) I thought I might give some examples of what might call me away from our fabulous school.

- Meetings with other heads (e.g. evaluating standards)
- Cluster schools (What is working well, planning Cluster events for staff training and pupil enrichment)
- Academy meetings (responding to the White Paper)
- Stroud Association of Schools (Headship training)
- Subject Leader Meetings (ICT)
- The Local Authority Briefings
 - New Curriculum (and assessment) updates
 - Health & Safety updates, Safeguarding Children
- Swimming, other Class trips and sporting events
- Perhaps twice a year I work from home when a big project requires absolute peace and quiet!

However, I know that the amazing team here are brilliant in leading the school in my absence, bringing me great reassurance whilst I am out gaining as much knowledge and experience as I can to help us take our school on its improvement journey.

Y3 & Y4 trip to Blist Hill (Victorian Village) The children wrote

"Class 3 went to explore Ironbridge which is a Victorian town. First we went and watched a mini movie about the Victorian period. When we walked in it was like going back in time."

"We got changed into Victorian clothes. They were very comfortable but the boys and girls were getting changed separately so it was very funny when we saw each others' clothes.

"We had a Victorian lesson in a real Victorian school. Miss Parker pretended to be a scary, cruel and terrifying teacher. It was very strict because we weren't allowed to smile. We learnt a poem and wrote it on slates."

"Next we had lunch but where we had lunch was actually in the boy's brigade building. It smelled of candle wax because they had been making candles. Then Class 3 went into little groups and went exploring round the village. We saw lots of shops and spoke to lots of people who told us interesting facts."



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

SATURDAY 7th	Church Fete 2:00, Nibley House	AND FONNS Family Bingo here at school 6:00	
w/b 9 th May	SATS week for Year 6		
Thursday 12th	Year 4 – Quad Kids at KLB	AND Year 6 kite flying AND Finance and Premises Governors 7:00	
Monday 16th	Mini-Tennis, Years 3 & 4	AND Table Tennis match at Cam Hopton	
Tuesday 17 th	Cricket taster day at Bristol	Cluster Head Teacher meeting AND STEMWORKS prize day at Renishaw	
Thursday 19th	Redwood day, classes 1 & 2	Details to be confirmed	
Friday 20th	Experience Pentecost – St Martin's Church activity day		
SATURDAY 21 st	Formula Goblin (Race car) race		
Monday 23rd	Monday Lunch		
Tuesday 24 th	Year two dance day – Cluster event here at North Nibley AND Wildlife Quiz area finals against British School		
Friday 27th	Training day for some teachers and TAs. Last day of TERM 5		
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

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Dear Parents and Careers,

Following my earlier letter, I write with additional details for our induction process for the Reception Year Group for 2016-17.

The date for our 'Welcome' meeting has now been set for Wednesday 8th June. At the meeting we will provide a wealth of information, booklets, leaflets, uniform order forms, and tell you more about the typical timetable and day-to-day routines you can expect for your child's first year at school. You will be able to meet Miss Allen (Class Teacher), Mrs Dommett and Mrs Findlay (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 the opportunity to ask questions at this important time. Since there will be a lot of 'adult talk', it would not be appropriate for children to attend this meeting.

The complete programme for 'induction' is as follows;

Various dates in June	We will visit the children in their pre-school settings.
Weds 8th June, 7:00 p.m.	A 'Welcome meeting' at school for parents.
Friday 10 th June, 1:00 p.m.	We will hold a 'open afternoon' for parents and their pre-reception children together and our 'Open Assembly' will follow on and you are welcome to stay. Nibley Nibbles – our pupil-run café, will also be in operation.
Thursday 16th June, afternoon	You are most welcome to join us for Sports Day.
Friday 17th June, 1:00 – 2:30	Meet the Head Teacher – a 'drop in' without an agenda! Our 'Open Assembly' will follow on and you are welcome to stay. Nibley Nibbles – our pupil-run café, will also be in operation.
Friday 24 th June & Friday 1 st July (both 9.30 -10.30)	Further sessions in school for the children only.
Wednesday 20 th July after school & early evening	Our Parent and Teacher Association, the Friends of North Nibley School (F.O.N.N.S) will hold an end-of-year barbecue with family games. You are most welcome to come and join in.

In order to relieve the 'pressure' of placing an order for school uniform on the last days of term, we are attaching an order form with this letter. Clearly the earlier we receive this from you, the greater confidence you can have that your items will be returned in good time. You will, however, have to anticipate the size of your child for September! Very few items are actually required. Please see our prospectus, online, for full details. There is a lot more information on-line and I encourage you to visit our website regularly (the address is at the top of this letter). You can use the website to introduce your child to the exciting experiences that we will be providing for them in the near future. You can also subscribe to our newsletter distribution at any time by sending an email to newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk, and follow us on Twitter [@NibleySchool](https://twitter.com/NibleySchool)

We very much look forward to meeting you at the 'Welcome' meeting, but please don't hesitate to contact the school if you wish to discuss any aspect of our school and the admissions process beforehand.

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor,
Head Teacher

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

6/5/16.

Dear Parents,

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club has kindly invited schools to attend a game plus some coaching and activities at Bristol Brightside Grounds on **Tuesday 17th May**. We would like to take class 4 and will be sharing a coach with Kingswood school.. We will be leaving North Nibley School at approximately 9.00am should return in time for the end of the school day. We will be watching day 3 Gloucestershire's match against Glamorgan in Division 2 of the Specsavers County Championships.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks please), and wear school uniform as we will be outside all day please ensure you have suitable clothes for the weather ie sun hats, cream or coat. It is essential all children have their water bottles.

I have to ask for a contribution of £5.00 per child to help cover the cost of the travelling expenses. This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit.

Please complete and return the reply slip to school by to enable us to finalise our arrangements.

Ms Surridge
Class Teacher.

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Cricket match, Bristol County Cricket Grounds Tuesday 17th May

I give my permission for my child to attend the cricket and enclose £5.00 to help cover the cost of the coach

Child's name:

Signed:

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

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E

6/5/16

Dear parents /carers,

On Thursday 12th May Class 4 will be having a picnic at the monument, and will then spend the afternoon flying kites! If you have a kite at home can you please send it in that day, although the children will also be making some in class on Tuesday.

Could you please make sure your child has a packed lunch on that day and suitable clothing such as sun cream, hat or coat depending on the weather.

Ms Surridge

Class Teacher.

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

6/5/16

Dear Parents,

We would like to take the children to visit Weston Super Mare as part of their 'Coast' topic work. The visit will be for all R, Year 1 and 2 on Thursday 9th June. The coach will leave school at 9.10 a.m. and return for approx the end of the school day.

We are going to have a very full day as Weston are now offering some additional activities to schools. We are hiring beach toys and will be having the traditional ice cream and donkey ride. Children do not need to bring their own beach toys. We will also be having a ride on the swing boats

I have to ask for a contribution of £12.00 per child to help cover the cost of the days programme and travelling expenses. This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit. If you will find this difficult please speak in confidence to Mr Batchelor or Mrs Todhunter.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch - (no fizzy drinks please). Please ensure they have appropriate clothing for the weather, for instance sun hats and sun cream or raincoats, preferably in a back pack.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Allen and Miss Tyers
Class Teachers

Proposed Trip to Weson Super Mare. – Thursday 9th June

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

I have enclosed my contribution of £12.00 to help cover expenses.

Child's name:

Signed:

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

5/5/16

Dear Parents /carers,

On Monday 16th 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 Stephen Johnson, 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 16th May KLB

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

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05/05/2016

Dear Parents,

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss A Tyers to the position of Class 2 Teacher.

We look forward to her continuing contribution to the school.

Handwritten signature of Roland Brown.

Roland Brown,

Chair of Governors

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

28/4/16

Dear Parents and carers,

There is a possibility that a child in school has a severe peanut allergy, tests are currently on going but in the meantime can you please ensure that no peanut or peanut products come into school in your child's snacks or lunchboxes. We will keep you informed as it may be important to wash hands and faces after handling or eating such products before school etc.

Thank you for your co- operation in this matter as it is essential we keep the environment safe for all our children.

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher