

Dear Parents and Friends,

We were thrilled to receive a visit from InnerTuba. InnerTuba is Jon Hodkin's one man cycle- touring educational entertainment and music show. He is currently on the road, pedalling the length of the UK from John O Groats to Land's End. This week he stopped off at North Nibley for an entertaining performance of live music featuring contrasting musical genres, ancient and modern! Catriona, Harriet and Haiden in Class 1 said "The man played some songs." "He showed us how to play the tuba." "He brought a friend with him." "We did a marching song and we had to do some actions." "We learnt about the instruments."



District Sports

With the North Nibley staff in attendance fully committed to various roles (it was our turn to host the event) it fell to the children to take the photographs! Here are two excellent shots – the first shows the mighty strength of the North Nibley team, the second is an action shot from the Year 4 sack race! Fantastic racing and fantastic support. Well done everyone.



Sports Day Rose writes "Our four teams were going head-to-head in 'the battle of sports'. Was 'Earth' team going to keep the trophy?" Mae – "We sat down on the cut grass, face to face with the mums and dads." Clem – "I stood on the podium in first place, full of pride and happiness." Timmy – "It was all to play for in a battle like no other! But 'Team Fire' arose victorious and won our Sports Day!"

Class 1 & Class 2 'Showcase' assembly

This was a delight and the children are all stars! We learnt a lot about the seaside and holidays through time. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children – it gives visitors a real insight into the things children are learning – and the ways they are learning – in class.

Nibley Nibbles

Week 2 raised £91.75 (Open Day) and Week 3 raised £66.61 towards the London residential in the autumn of 2017. A big thank you goes to all those who help the children bake and serve ~~to~~ our visitors.

Violin tuition. Today was the deadline for returning requests for violin lessons in September. Based on the current returns we do not yet have sufficient interest. Please consider carefully if you intended to return a request. Copies are available in the 'Virtual bookbag'. A reminder too, that we do require written notice from those who want to stop. Thank you.



A 'mini' concert was held on Wednesday with recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone players demonstrating their progress with various melodies and duets.

Great work, girls. Come on boys, we need you too!

Strike action

I have been informed by the National Union of Teachers that members have voted to take discontinuous strike action over pay and working conditions (For – 91.7%, Against - 8.3%). The union have planned action for Tuesday 5th July. I will let you know, by all the means I can, and as soon as I can, if this will impact your children.

Second Sports Day!

Our second sports day, led by the Year 6 Play Leaders, will be held on Thursday 14th July at 1:15, weather permitting! The decision is already made to try, so no news means it's on! IF we decide we have to cancel we will circulate the message by email, Facebook, twitter and our own website. PLEASE resist the temptation to call in if these other channels are available to you. Please make sure children have sun hats, water bottles and have had sun screen applied beforehand, in case it is a sunny day!

Summer Production

The following details regarding the Class 3 and 4 summer production – Super Stanley – are confirmed.

Thursday 7th July 1.30pm - Dress Rehearsal - Pre-school & Nursery invited

Monday 11th July 1.30pm – other pre-school children, those younger than Y3 - All welcome.

Monday 11th July 6.30pm - adults only (sorry - hall capacity issues)

Tuesday 12th July 6.30pm - adults only (sorry - hall capacity issues).

Tickets are now on sale, £2:00 contribution per ticket.

HOPE IS OUR 'VALUE IN FOCUS'.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” The Bible, Jeremiah 29 v 11

LEAVER'S SERVICE I notice 'On The Edge' has the incorrect date for the Leaver's Service at St. Martins. This will be on the final day of term (for pupils) on Wednesday 20th July!

Parent Questionnaire 2016

Please be aware that the questionnaire has 4 sides of A4 – some sheets I believe have become separated. The deadline for returning these is Friday 8th July.

EXTRA RUNNING CLUB - Thursday 7th 8:00 at school.

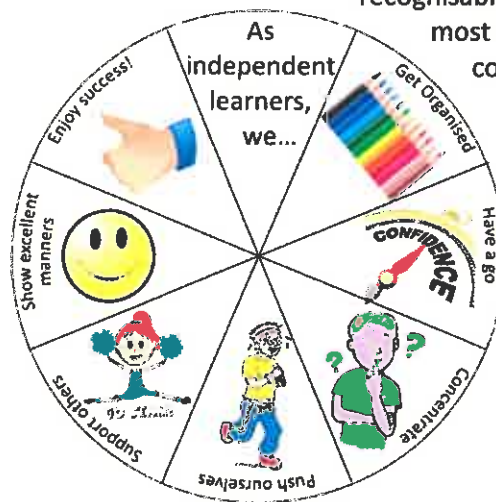
Maths Games

I am very grateful to Mrs Marwood for all the time she has spent organising the Maths Games this year. Some statistics:

- Approximately 480 games have been played over the past 7 months.
- 48 children have participated (10 children have withdrawn over the period)
- Class 2 have played the most (approx. 214 games) followed by class 1 (142 games)

We would like Monday 4th July to be the last dispatch of games for the term. Please return them by 11th July to allow a week and a half to chase any outstanding items.

Homework! We are asking children to design a better set of icons to represent these learning habits. The successful artists will have their designs loaded onto the Dojo system. Designs need to be completed on clean white paper, no larger than 10 cm x 10 cm for each icon. The winning set of designs will look like they belong 'together', yet be recognisably different. They will, most likely, use bright colours, clean lines and well defined shapes. For inspiration I suggest that children look at smart phones and tablets. Entries please by **WEDNESDAY 13th July.**



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

Friday 1 st July	9:30a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 'New' Reception taster session ALSO - NIBLEY NIBBLES CAFÉ – here from 2:00 p.m. ALSO – END OF ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (We will advise on instrument lessons separately)		
Tuesday 5 th July	TENNIS COUNTY FINALS Full Governors, 7:00 p.m.		
Wednesday 6 th	Nature Quiz County Finals		
Thursday 7 th July	EXTRA RUNNING CLUB - Thursday 7 th 8:00 at school. ← ← ← NEW! Final 'Redwood' day for Classes 1 & 2 ← ← ← CANCELLED 1.30pm - Dress Rehearsal - Pre-school & Nursery invited Goodbye to our Swiss friends		
Friday 8 th July	Class 4 to Fairford Air show. Thursday 7 th July		
Monday 11 th July	KS 2 Summer Production - Limited availability - other pre-school children, those younger than Y3 and those who can't make the evenings. KS 2 Summer Production 6.30pm - adults only (sorry - hall capacity issues)		
Tuesday 12 th July	KS 2 Summer Production 6.30pm - adults only (sorry - hall capacity issues).		
Weds 13 th July	Swimming gala Governors – Teaching and Learning Committee, 6:00		
Thursday 14 th July	Y6 Play Leaders run the alternative Sport's Day. Supporters most welcome. 1:15 onwards.		
Monday 18 th July	Monday Lunch – last visit for our Y6 servers at this community lunch.		
Wednesday 20 th	Final Pupil Day of the school year. Leaver's Service – St. Martins Church, close to a 9:15 start! ← ← ← PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FONNS BBQ in the field – time to be confirmed.		
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. PRIMARY SCHOOL

27/6/16

Dear Parents,

Kwik Cricket Tournament- Wednesday 29th June Stroud Cricket club.

Please return tomorrow Tuesday as competition is on Wednesday this week. Thank you

I am very pleased to let you know that your child has been selected to represent North Nibley School in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Stroud Cricket Club on Wednesday 29th June . We will be leaving school at 11.45 am. Please note! There is an uncertain finish time due to the structure of the competition. The group games finish at 3.30pm and so we will be returning to school at 4.15 pm. However, if we progress to the semi finals we will be returning to school at 5.00pm, or 5.45 pm if we reach the finals. Therefore, please ring or pop into the school office at 3.30pm and Mr Batchelor will be able to update you on our progress.

All the children will need a packed lunch which we will be taking with us.

We will be travelling to the game in staff cars, with the appropriate licences, CRB/DBS, disclosure form and insurance. If your child needs a child car seat please make sure it is in school and labelled with the child's name that day.

Your child will be issued with suitable kit, please wear trainers, and bring a drink and a snack. Please ensure they also have suitable clothing for the weather i.e. sun hat or waterproofs.

We look forward to an exciting and interesting tournament.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Dixon
Teacher

**Kwik Cricket Tournament -
Wednesday 29th June – Stroud Cricket club**

I am/am not willing for my child to participate in this activity and travel in staff cars with the appropriate car safety restraints, insurance, disclosure forms, CRB/DBS and licence.

Child's name:

Signed:

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

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15/6/16

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is relevant to all children currently having violin lessons, and those planning to have violin lessons in the future. (A separate letter will come home for other music tuition)

Could you please return this letter to indicate whether your child wishes to take music lessons next term starting Tuesday September 13th for 10 weeks.) Please return your booking slips with deposit by Friday 1st July so that we can contract with Mrs Sargeant)

Please read the following carefully.

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 with your expression of interest form.

Music lessons will commence on the 13th September for Violin 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. 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. They will not supply any instruments without the money up front. **These forms do not return to school.**

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- £53 in the past depending how many children wish to take lessons. All bookings are for a group of 10 lessons. We are not able to accept bookings for the Autumn term where balances are outstanding for the Summer term

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

VIOLIN LESSONS Autumn 2016

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

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

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.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY – 2016

Dear Parents,

I write to ask you to complete this year's survey. Your views are important to us and I would ask you to complete the survey in a thoughtful way. There are other surveys for children, so please use this opportunity to share YOUR thoughts as parents, about the last 12 months.

Your answers help us to evaluate progress made so far, and plan future developments. The results help us to understand how we can make a good school even better!

Please return your survey to the 'Christmas' postbox in the school entrance hall by the end of the school day, on **FRIDAY 8th JULY.**

Responses received after this date will not be counted – sorry!

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher.

Our vision is to inspire and celebrate learning, achievement, faith and fun.

Ours is a school that works in partnership with the community to enable and equip each child to live life to the full, reflecting the Christian values of our foundation.

We will realise our Vision by:

- providing a happy, healthy and secure environment where all are respected, valued and encouraged to contribute
- encouraging participation and a love of learning by offering experiences full of opportunity and creativity, so that every child fulfils their academic potential
- demonstrating, as a church school, our Christian values in action
- pursuing excellence in every aspect of school life, supporting one another and celebrating the achievements of all.

How well are we living out our vision?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
Can you say why?				

PARENTVIEW

We are aware that it takes a 'special' moment, like an Ofsted inspection, or an emerging concern, before our parents complete the ParentView questionnaire. **In this respect the report it gives is not truly representative.** Governors take seriously the information that it provides. PLEASE take a moment to answer the questions it poses, about child happiness, safety, behaviour, progress, leadership and teaching.

LAST YEAR 91% of respondents ticked the YES box. Please follow through this commitment.

I am willing to complete the ParentView website. Please visit https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/	YES	NO
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ENVIRONMENT

Last year improvements were made to the 'staffroom' and the 'leaky' wall in Classroom 3.

Have the changes made improved opportunities for children at North Nibley?	YES	NO
What part of our school buildings or grounds should we look to improve next? In what way?		

GOVERNORS				
Ofsted's verdict on the Leadership and Management of the school ("Good") includes the work of the Governing Body. Governors wish to understand how your answers to these questions (asked last time) might have changed.				
Do you know who the Governors are?	Most	Some	1 or 2	None
How well do you understand the work of the Governors?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
How satisfied do you feel with the governor contribution to the school?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
Has the termly Governor Newsletter been helpful?			YES	NO
Our website pages gives information about the Governors terms of reference, their meetings, structures and attendance. Do you find this helpful?			YES	NO
How could communication between parents and Governors be improved?				
WRAP-AROUND CARE				
To what extent might you find the following 'after-hours' services helpful?				
A before school / breakfast club service? (E.g. 7:30 a.m. to the start of school) There would be a charge for this service.	Very helpful – highly likely to use	Some help – likely to use regularly	Some help – likely to use occasionally	No help
An after-school child-care service? (E.g. 3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) There would be a charge for this service.	Very helpful – highly likely to use	Some help – likely to use regularly	Some help – likely to use occasionally	No help
EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A really high % children attend our free school clubs. (We regularly get emails advertising club coaches at £3.50 - £5.00 per child, per session. What do other schools do?) 				
A regular survey question –Why aren't there more clubs for Reception?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School believes that most reception children finish the school day tired. It is difficult to guarantee that staff with the REQUIRED first aid qualification are available. Time at home is also special and should be protected. 				
Do you believe there are enough opportunities for children in Years 1 and 2?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
Do you believe there are enough opportunities for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
I am satisfied with the RANGE of afterschool clubs (across the year).			YES	NO
My child / children would like clubs based on ...				
IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE				
We are always on the lookout for good ideas.				
Would you prefer to ONLY receive emailed Newsletters? We could only put this into effect if a large majority say "Yes".			YES	NO

THE CURRICULUM, TARGETS AND REPORTS

- We send home termly overviews which describe the content of the term's work
- Our 'Year-end' expectations are comprehensively set out on our website (look for the 'Learning' tab)
- We share the targets we have for your children, using a grid particular to each child's development
- We have described our methods and steps in progression for maths development (the 'Learning' tab)
- We revised our format for end-of-year reporting

How well does this strategy help you to understand what is expected of your child?	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
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What else would help you to support your child?				
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In computing lessons, maths club and via the newsletters I recommend software and online learning opportunities which could be used at home to further learning. Which of the following has been most helpful?

Skoolbo (Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)	Very helpful	Some help	No help	Have not used
Planet Sherston (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)	Very helpful	Some help	No help	Have not used
Makewav.es (Y5 & Y6)	Very helpful	Some help	No help	Have not used

PHONICS AND GRAMMAR GROUPS

This year we introduced Phonics, Spelling and Grammar groups throughout the school.

How much of a POSITIVE difference has this made to your child's LEARNING?	Very much	Some	A little	Not at all
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How much of a POSITIVE difference has this made to your child's ENJOYMENT of school?	Very much	Some	A little	Not at all
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Do you have any other comments regarding this strategy?				
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SATS TESTS (YEAR 2 and YEAR 6 ONLY PLEASE)

- Last year we added a meeting on Year 2 SATS (We already hold one for Year 6)
- We sent home several flyers and letters about tests
- Via the newsletter we pointed parents towards on-line videos to explain the changes

How well do you feel you know the new SATS tests?	NOT APPLICABLE	Very well	Well enough	A little	Not at all
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WEBSITE

- Last time you told us that the website needed improving. Since then we have created a new website (which also saved us money!) and we worked hard to improve navigation.

Overall, how much of an improvement is the new site?	Very much	Some	A little	Not at all
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Have you ever visited the new 'Virtual Bookbag' to find missing letters?	YES	NO
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Head Teacher 'Drop-in's

Across the year I hold irregular opportunities for Parents to 'drop in' and discuss anything on your mind. Apart from the 1st one (Mainly new Reception Parents), attendance is sparse.

What might improve attendance? Please answer FOR YOURSELF	Have an agenda	Hold meetings outside the school day	No need
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If I was to set an agenda, what topics would you like covered?			
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Is there more school can do to keep you informed?			
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ENRICHMENT

We try to ensure that our curriculum is broad and balanced, with extra opportunities for pupils. Which of these events had a POSITIVE IMPACT? Please make multiple 'marks' on the same line if answering for more than 1 child.

Children In Need	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	(All children took part)
Friendship Day	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	
Maths Passports	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	
Redwood - Outdoor Learning (includes Cluster R & Y1 day)	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	
Sports Relief	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	
Wotton Choir Event	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Young Voices (Choir)	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
R, Y1 & Y2 Infant Nativity	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y2 (Cluster) Dance Day	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y2 Ocarina lessons	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Junior Summer Production	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y3 (Cluster) D.T. Day	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y3 & Y4 Ukulele lessons	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y4 (Cluster) Computing Day	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y4 Safer online theatre	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y5 & Y6 Goblin Race-car	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y5 & Y6 Cooking lessons	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y5 & Y6 London Residential	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y5 & Y6 Computing Day	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y6 Water Sports (South.Cerney)	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable
Y6 Village Hall Lunches	A big impact	Some impact	No impact	Not applicable

AS A PARENT/CARER, the best thing about the school is...

AS A PARENT/CARER the single best thing school can do to improve is...

Please comment on any aspect – PRAISE, CONCERN OR QUESTION – not covered by ParentView or the other questions above.

If there is something you wish to discuss, please provide your name and any details which may help.

Name _____

Thank you. Your thoughts will help to make a "Good" school even better! Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher.