



NEWSLETTER 176

Friday 30th September 2016

There are 176 different ways to make 15 by adding whole, positive numbers. Can you find them all?

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Dear Parents and Friends,

On Thursday everything was happening! Bike-ability, Macmillan Coffee Morning, photos with the Gazette & exhibitions! Class 2 also retold the story of the Three Little Pigs, in our new Talk4Writing project.

Coffee

Class 4 once again hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Harvey thought it exciting to be serving, "just like in a real café." Georgia thought that our guests had fun. "There were lots of activities you could take part in whilst you were having your coffee, for example 'Guess the number of spots on the spotty cake', 'Guess the weight of the cake and other games. "We were raising money for Macmillan, who help people with cancer and support their families". Our combined efforts have raised £612.36, so well done everyone!



Balance Bikes

We were very pleased to receive a donation of 5 'balance-bikes' from local bike enthusiast Lee Dunham, from LDG Training Facility, Lower Wick. These bikes will help our younger children develop core strength, gross motor skills, co-ordination as well as balance. Classes 1, 2 and 3 were photographed with a variety of bikes, so watch out for a picture in the Gazette, alongside the annual 'Reception Starters' photo, and coverage of the Coffee Morning, which the photographer also captured whilst on site.



South Cerney – Year 6 pupils, are you missing any of these?

- Pale pink T shirt with city names on the front
- Black trainer – Charlotte Vickers
- Black coat – MR
- Black jogging bottoms with grey/red stripes
- Grey zipped hoodie
- Black thermal long sleeved vest – HH initials
- Pink zipped hoodie from Gap

The Tyndale Monument Our children have contributed a wide variety of art, inspired by the Tyndale Monument, to an exhibition celebrating the monument's 150th anniversary this weekend. Visitors will be able to attend the chapel to take part, and view the art, at any time on Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There is a silver band playing at the monument at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and there will be a public reading of the entire Tyndale Bible from 12 noon on **Friday September 30th** to 12 noon on **Sat 1st October**.

Meeting the Expected Standard – Parent Presentation

There was a good turn out on Tuesday night – thank you. For those who missed it (and for those who were there) I've added an improved presentation of the main points to our website under the Parents & Visitors, Special Presentation tab (here - http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=2147).

Staff Changes

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Mead will shortly be leaving the school. Mrs Mead joined in January 2013, to take up the role of Teaching Assistant (TA) in classes 3 & 4. She has made a significant contribution to the work of the school and will be missed. She leaves to take up a different job (which we are sure won't be half as much fun!) but which better suits her plans for the future. We wish her all the very best. Governors have advertised for a new TA and we will keep you up to date with developments.

Parents Evening Appointment Slips have now been sent home, confirming meeting times. Please check book bags.

School Harvest – Our service is on Tuesday 11th, starting at 2:15 p.m. As well as a ‘thought for the day’ and a song or two, we would like to make a presentation of items of food, either fresh or in tins/packets, which St. Martin’s will auction at the Harvest Supper on Friday 14th. If you could be so kind as to send your child to school on the 11th with an item, either fresh or packaged, we will make a grand presentation of all the donations during the service.

Running Club Mrs Dixon would like to remind parents that if there is persistent rain in the morning then Thursday running club is cancelled. Most children, however, are happy to run in light ‘drizzle’ providing they have appropriate clothing.

INFANT NATIVITY Advanced warning, dates for the performances are given in the diary below.

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Monday 3 rd Oct	AND Tuesday 4 th - Parent’s Evenings			
Tuesday 4 th	Experience Harvest – our bi-annual lessons on harvest, supported by St. Martin’s Church (Years 1 – 6)			
Weds 5 th	FONNS AGM – 7:30 at school. All are welcome Experience Harvest – for Reception Children			
SATURDAY 8 th	1 st Cross-Country race of the season, KLB 9:30 for a 10:00 start			
Monday 10 th	Open Morning – see the school in action. ALL WELCOME.			
Tuesday 11 th	Harvest Service at St. Martin’s Church from 2:15 p.m.			
Weds 12 th	Year ¾ Multiskills 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.			
Monday 17 th	PHONICS & EARLY READING meeting for Parents 3:15 p.m.			
Classes 1 & 2 nativity	Friday 2 nd December, – Dress Rehearsal, younger children, Pre-School and Nursery Monday 5 th December 2 o’clock - Performance Tuesday 6 th December, Evening Performance at 6 o’clock.			
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Reading Recently I celebrated the schools very high reading result with you, in the Year 1 phonics check, Year 2 and Year 6 SATS. In addition to great teaching, an important part of this success is due to our many volunteers who support children on a regular basis from Reception to Year 6. I notice that there are appeals for new reading buddies in the Class Letters going home this term. If you are at all tempted (and available, and DBS checked!) I would encourage you to take up this most rewarding of activities.

Governor Report Last term the governors created an end-of-year report. It contains a great insight into their work this year – the successes and challenges – as well as indicating areas for future attention in the year to come. You can access it online here – http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=3062 or ask for a paper-based copy from the school office.

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E SCHOOL

29/9/16

Dear Parents,

Today we are sending home this years' FONNS fundraising Christmas cards and other sundries for your enjoyment and orders. As you know the turnaround for these is extremely tight and we have very little flexibility, so please meet the deadlines given to avoid disappointment. Last year several families were disappointed after missing the deadline.

We have also sent away the children's self- portraits which will be printed onto whole school tea towels. Proofs and orders for these will come home in a few weeks.

Please could we have the orders and pictures in their protective covering back to school on MONDAY 3rd October.

Every child will receive an example card when they are finished.

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher

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Dear all,

Please do not forget the amazing, huge community coffee morning for Macmillan cancer research tomorrow, Thursday. If you are able please send a contribution with your child to purchase a cake, we would love to see as many family, friends and relations as possible!

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NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Parents' Evenings

Dear Parents,

We are planning to hold Parents' Meetings on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October 2016.

This meeting is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. We will be discussing the targets that your child will be working towards for this term. Your child is very welcome to attend the meeting.

If you would like to make an appointment please fill in as many times as possible on the reply slip and return to your child's class teacher before Wednesday 28th September. The staff always try to make 'follow on' appointments for siblings.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS ON THESE EVENINGS.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher.

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A. PARENTS' EVENING

I would like to make an appointment to see the class teacher:

Monday 3rd October	Between 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 5.00 and 6.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 6.00 and 7.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 4th October	Between 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please complete as many slots as possible)

Child's name: Class

Signed:

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B. PARENTS' EVENING

At the present time I do not wish to make an appointment to see my child's class teacher.

Child's name:

Signed:



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The Bible says that Abraham lived to be 175 years old.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

It's been an even busier week! Y6 Water Sports day, two Governors' meetings, Monday Lunch, FONNS 'meet and greet', staff training and a worrying time for our internet. You can read more about this on page 2.

Welcome Each year we mark the first time Reception join us for a 'Friday Assembly' with a little 'Welcome' service. This year it falls on Friday 30th of September. Each Reception child needs to have in school a small stone or pebble which they will add to our collection to represent their place in our community. Each stone should be identified in some way. Stone from home, or other special places, could be particularly helpful, but we can source stones from our playground too! We ask that it is given to Miss Allen or Mr Batchelor for safe-keeping.

Parents Evening Slips have now been sent home. Please return yours quickly, by Wednesday 28th please.



South Cerney Once again our Year 6 children joined with the other Year 6s from the Tyndale Cluster to enjoy one-another's company and develop their water-sports skills, including paddle boarding, kayaking and raft building. The weather was kind to us and we had a lot of fun.

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Talking to adults improves reading AND writing skills. Please encourage your children to talk in FULL SENTENCES!

TALKING POINT...

What is the nicest thing a friend has ever done for you?

Why hasn't school told us? At any given moment this school is making plans for the future. Recently there has been some speculation about a motor-cross club for Year 1's and 2's, and folk are wondering why school has not said anything. To confirm, we are in talks but until any such off-site activity is rigorously risk-assessed, qualifications checked and DBS cleared, there is no news to announce.

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Beginning...	Monday 26 th – Year 6 Cycle Training		
Tuesday 27th	Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Assessments and expected standards – MOSTLY FOR children Year 1 upwards. All welcome.		
Thursday 29th	Macmillan Coffee Morning		
Thursday 29th	Class 2 – 3 Little Pigs presentation – 2:30 – CLASS 2 PARENTS WELCOME		
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23/09/2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

IT Update

Following on from my item in the last newsletter, about our moving forward with our computing, we had a major set-back last week with the discovery of a "ransomware" virus on our server. This is the sort that gets into a system, encrypts files and then charges you for the 'key' to access the encrypted files.

Needless-to-say, we had no intention of rewarding criminal behaviour, and will not be paying the ransom.

Because of our speedy identification of what was happening, and isolation of the server, all the administration systems remain available to school, as does all historic pupil attainment and progress data. Much of our curriculum work was corrupted, the children's work files, the photograph 'archive' and a lot of the teachers' planning. This consisted of most of the work completed over the summer, in PPA days and our Subject Leader time, including the guides to the Maths Passports promised in the last newsletter!

The server was removed from school, meaning that staff were unable to print work for classes, which was more than 'inconvenient'. The server, which did have anti-virus software on board, was then thoroughly cleaned and the difficult job of recovering the files began.

I cannot praise Focus Networks, our network contractors, enough, for their speedy action and dedication, working all hours to regain the lost files. The server is now 'clean', back on line and we begin this week to rebuild the connections until full service is resumed.

Sadly the task of adding our tablets to the network is at the lower end of a long list, meaning that our Reception parents must wait a little longer for their Tapestry accounts.

How can you help?

Please only use the admin@ email account to inform us of your various arrangements for collecting children, illness etc, do not send attachments and keep all memory sticks away from school. As part of a necessary review we will establish an information security policy, and make this available in due course.

Our website is hosted remotely and there is no danger of contamination from visiting this, though I highly recommend that you have up-to-date anti-virus software installed on your devices at home.

Thank you for your patience.

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher