



# NEWSLETTER 178

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Minuscule 178 is a Greek minuscule manuscript of the New Testament. HOW BIG IS IT?

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Dear Parents and Friends, **Just time for a short update.**

**Harvest** - The collection was £76. When enhanced by Gift Aid this will become £95, which the church shall add to the income from the Harvest Supper, and donate to Christian Aid. Thank you for all your contributions.

**Simba** – Can anyone claim the lost toy lion?

**School Dinners** - We distributed the letter from Caterlink as it was sent to us. It would appear that this was from Operations Manager Jane Woolf. Please direct any comments you may have to her via 01452 346796 .



**Reception 2017!** The local Authority (L.A.) will be sending letters out mid-November to parents of children due to start school in September 2017. Please contact [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) if you haven't heard anything by 1<sup>st</sup> December. 15<sup>th</sup> January is the deadline for applying for a place. Allocation day is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Open Day** - Inevitably I got to spend less time with visitors than I would have liked, and even though Year 6 did a spectacular job as ambassadors, it may be that potential parents of Reception 2017 would find it helpful to arrange a revisit and tour with myself. If that's so, please don't hesitate to contact the office to suggest some dates and times. Most people do, in fact, come back with questions (and I know not everyone was able to make this year's Open Morning event, so I'm happy to arrange more tours to suit). I would welcome an additional opportunity to explain more about the strengths of this small school and how we work in partnership with others to achieve great outcomes for each individual.

**Spellings, Helping At Home** – Please find attached, and on our website, a collection of activities to help with the learning of spellings. I would also be pleased to hear how creatively and successfully you have used this resource.

**Shoebbox** – Also coming home, we are pleased to support the 'Christmas Shoebbox' appeal. Details attached.

**Conkers!** Many children have expressed an interest in a conker tournament. Actually I think it important that old past-times do not die-out and so on the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October we'll battle our conkers at lunchtime. Prepare your conkers now. Mr Batchelor has some spare if you'd like to take one for half-term. Parents, children will need help making the holes and tying the knots. Gloves will be worn!

**School Policies** - A draft of the revised "School-Discipline-And-Pupil-Behaviour-Policy-Oct-2016" can be found on our website. Please comment using the form provided, before the end of December, if you wish to share a thought.

**Staff Vacancy** There has been considerable interest in the TA role. At the close 13 applications had been received.

**Staff Training** – We continue to invest in our staff, and there are a number of events across Term 2 which will draw members of the team away, on an irregular basis. We try to ensure that children are prepared for this.

**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)

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – Staff training on Talk For Writing. No pupils today or Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> .		
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	FONNS Meeting		
SATURDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cross-Country race of the season, KLB 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start		
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4 hold their 'Showcase Assembly', 2:40 in the hall.		
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> DEC	Pantomime – Dick Whittington, here at school 1:30 p.m.		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Classes 1 & 2 nativity Dress Rehearsal, younger children, Pre-School and Nursery 9:30 a.m.		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Performance 2 o'clock -		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Performance at 6 o'clock.		
<b>THIS AUTUMN – Pupil days</b>	<b>NEXT SPRING – Pupil days</b>	<b>NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days</b>	<b>AUTUMN 2017-2018</b>
Term 1 05/09/2016 – 19/10/2016	Term 3 03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017	Term 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17	To be confirmed
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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19/10/16

Dear Parents,

We are sending the leaflets home today for the annual Shoe box appeal for the Samaritans Purse.

Last year we had a lot fewer boxes it would be really good to have a push this year when so many children are facing such difficult circumstances.

Please read the leaflet carefully, particularly the packing instructions, the £3.00 donation must go inside the box and the label must be filled in and attached to the front right of the box. If you pay on line please print off the bar code and put it in the box.

**The dead line to return boxes to school is first thing in the morning on the Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

NO Boxes will be accepted after this time. There is an instructional video on their website [operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

Mr P Batchelor

Head Teacher



Drop off your shoebox  
**1-18 November**

*What goes into  
the Box is Fun!*



USE THESE LABELS  
Download additional copies from [operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

**BOY**

Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

**GIRL**

Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old



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**STOP!**

**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?**  
It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox). If you cannot donate online, then please complete your details, enclose your cash or cheque in the envelope and place this inside your shoebox on top of the contents. Secure the shoebox with an elastic band.

*giftaid it* Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay. For every £1 you donate, 25p can be reclaimed as Gift Aid.

I would like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please tick the box if you can gift aid this donation and complete your details below.

TOTAL SHOEBOXES

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

CASH

CHEQUE

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a black ballpoint pen for scanning

TITLE

YOUR NAME (First, Last)

ADDRESS

POSTAL TOWN

POST CODE

EMAIL



If you are happy for us to keep in touch with you about our work please tick here



What comes out is...



Join in the world's largest children's Christmas project. Through Operation Christmas Child, show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and partner with local churches worldwide to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion. Children may also be invited to take part in The Greatest Journey, 12 fun and interactive lessons based on the Bible where they get to discover who Jesus is and how to begin their own journey of faith. Parents or guardians are always asked to give their consent for their children to participate.



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DONATE ONLINE, PLEASE PLACE YOUR CASH OR CHEQUE IN THE ENVELOPE BELOW, FOLD THIS FLAP DOWN, LICK AND SEAL IT (DO NOT USE STICKY TAPE OR STAPLES). ANY CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SAMARITANS' PURSE, SIGNED AND DATED, WITH YOUR ADDRESS WRITTEN ON THE BACK.

### How to Pack Your Shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in decorative paper.
- 2 Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age category and attach the appropriate label (from this leaflet) on the outside of the box lid.
- 3 Fill your shoebox with a suitable variety of new gifts that a child will love. Why not add a personal note and photo, and you may also like to pray for the child who will receive your box?
- 4 Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox that you fill. If you make this payment online, you can print out a barcode and place inside your shoebox on top of the contents. This will enable us to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.
- 5 Secure your shoebox with an elastic band, and take it to your nearest drop off point between 1-18 November. All sites will be listed on the website from late October.

### Gift Suggestions

Please fill your box with a selection from the following or similar items. All items should be new.

- TOYS** Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy (with CE label), toy truck, skipping rope, yo-yo, ball, small puzzle, musical instruments etc.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES** Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, colouring and picture books, solar calculators etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS** Toothbrush & toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
- OTHER ITEMS** Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set, sweets (must have best before date of at least March the following year).
- DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; clothing other than as listed above; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; liquids or lotions including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; sharp or fragile items; chocolate or food; anything of a political, religious or racial nature; books with mainly words.

**Need shoeboxes?** You can purchase pre-printed boxes in packs of 50 or 100 at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ).



### The importance of your £3 donation

A minimum £3 shipping donation per shoebox is essential to cover 5% transportation, overseas shipping and insurance, as well as administrative costs of the shoeboxes. Any surplus goes to the other children in the UK and covered the work of Samaritans & Purse.



Thanks to our supporters



Pay your £3 shipping donation per box online and you can print off a barcode. Place this inside your shoebox on top of the gifts. We will then be able to tell you which country your box gets sent to. Donate at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox).

### Ship Your Box Around the World

Place £3 donation envelope in your shoebox on top of the contents. Use attached form and this envelope.

If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation. If you need additional Boygift labels, download them from our website or make copies of the labels printed on this leaflet.

