

NEWSLETTER 179

Wednesday 19th October 2016

179 (of 365) days of the year have a date with an even number. What is the RULE for an even number?

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Autumn Days The children have very much enjoyed our on-going conker competition. I am so very grateful to the parents who found, and pre-drilled, a large number of conkers. 36 children were able to make a swift start and the knock-out competition is now in full swing! This has got us wondering what other playground games (or rhymes) might be in danger of becoming extinct? Adults, do you have memories of playground games which you can share? We might follow this with a French skipping week, or similar. Do let us know.



Nut Allergy Please can I remind all parents that we have a child in school with a nut allergy. There can be NO NUT PRODUCTS of any type, ANYWHERE on site. Ensure that children wash their hands and faces if handling or eating such products before school. For clarification, we can find no credible reports suggesting that conkers pose any risk to people with nut allergy. No one should be eating them as they are poisonous in their own right.

Helping At Home - MATHS Hopefully you will be aware of our efforts to increase our support for parents, as partners in education. Revised booklets, new meetings, passport guides and special presentations form important parts of this strategy. Since only 4 parents were able to make the READING PRESENTATION we have added the PowerPoint to our website here - http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=2147. Our next meeting is on supporting the learning of Maths and you are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 17th November. Miss Parker will be sending home invitations for children to join us (hence the time) in order to model some of the approaches schools now adopt.

Parking dangers A parent has contacted me regarding the difficulty of parking on the bend under the jubilee tree. Not only is parking close to a junction against parking regulations (and the jubilee tree has two junctions), it can force passing traffic out into the path on an on-coming vehicle on a 'blind' bend. For the sake of all our community, please take care.

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 if you haven't heard anything by 1st December. 15th January is the deadline for applying for a place. Allocation day is 18th April 2017.

Wrap-around care The Governors are making early enquiries about the possibility of before and after-school child care, in response to comments in the Parent Survey. Please take the time to complete the survey to help us gauge the levels of interest. This would be a significant undertaking for the school, but certainly one which would add to the service we could offer our community. We are hopeful that ALL our families will take the time to complete this survey. There is a deadline – please return by FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER. Thank you.

Staff Vacancy We have been pleased to welcome Zivile Vizbickas as a temporary Teaching Assistant in Class 3, until we can appoint a member of staff in the near future.

Children In Need, Friday 18th November One school team will be planning this day. Details to follow shortly.

Shoebox Appeal We have been excited to receive a few 'Christmas Shoeboxes'. The deadline is the 8th NOVEMBER!

Christmas Carol Service This will be held at St Martin's Church on Monday 12th December, starting at 6:00 prompt

Poppies Year 6 will be making these available for a reasonable contribution at the end of the day. Other items have a suggested value of £1.00. We will mark Armistice day in our usual way, with a minute's silence at 11:00 in the playground on Friday 11th November.

CLUBS Also in the Parent's Survey, there was a question about school clubs. Most likely this came from a parent of a Reception Child (since the system is fairly well established) but even so, we felt that we could do more to explain how the system works, so I have created a new page on the school website here –

http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=3395

FONNS Update More information will follow, but in brief,

- Children are invited to build a 'Guy' for the bonfire
- After the Fireworks, our parents would be very grateful for any help tidying up on Saturday morning
- The Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 2nd December, 5:00 to 7:00. A choir will be expected!
- Teddies are requested for the infamous Teddy Tombola. These can be left at school.
- Wine bottles with screw-top lids are requested for the wine-or-water stall. These can be left at school.

FOUND A pair of glasses with a red plastic frame. Last call for toy Simba, then he heads towards the Teddy Tombola!

Sports Update

North Nibley has continued its tradition of sporting excellence with several events. Pictured here are the Year 3 & 4 Multiskills event (we took all the class), the Saturday Cross Country Junior Boys Team (Cross Country is open to all children from Year 3 upwards, and others by specific invitation) and all the girls from Years 5 & 6 who took part in a football tournament on Wednesday. I collected a variety of quotes from the girls. "Really fun, we got very warm!" "We played 7 matches." North Nibley sent two teams!" "Blue Coat won, but we came second, winning all but one of our matches." "I scored two goals." "Three of us took turns as goalie." "We learnt to trust one another." Well done, everyone.



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

SATURDAY 5 th	2 nd Cross-Country race of the season, KLB 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start		
Monday 7 th	Africa Day for classes 1 & 2 Safeguarding training after school for all staff		
Friday 11 th	FONNS Bonfire Night, here from 4:30 p.m. (Clear-up party on Saturday morning please).		
Tuesday 15 th	Full Governing Body meeting		
Weds 16 th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Athletics at KLB – details to follow		
Thursday 17 th	Learning Maths – an evening for Parents (of all ages) with KS2 children on hand to 'demonstrate' their work. 6:00 p.m.		
Monday 21 st	LAST SWIM for Class 3		
Friday 25 th	Class 4 hold their 'Showcase Assembly', 2:40 in the hall.		
Thurs 1 st DEC	Pantomime – Dick Whittington, here at school 1:30 p.m.		
Friday 2 nd	Classes 1 & 2 nativity Dress Rehearsal for younger children, Pre-School and Nursery 9:30 a.m.		
Monday 5 th	Performance 2 o'clock -		
Tuesday 6 th	Evening Performance at 6 o'clock.		
THIS AUTUMN – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017-2018
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	

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

4/11/16

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to let you know that your child has been selected to represent North Nibley School in the Boys KS 2 District football tournament.

The details are as follows:-

- Seven aside games (with substitutes) away at KLB School against other teams in our District.
- Matches to be played during school time on the afternoon of Thursday 10th November.
- We will leave North Nibley at 1.00p.m. and finish at approx 4.00pm, we will therefore return to school later than usual, about 4.15pm
- Children will need football boots, shin pads, a sweatshirt and a waterproof or coat to keep them warm while spectating.
- A drink and small snack.

The winning team for the small school and large school competition from the KLB family have the option to progress to the county finals at a later date. Please sign the form below giving your child permission to travel to KLB and play in the matches.

We will be travelling in staff and parent cars. If you can offer help with transport and have the correct DBS, insurance and restraints please could you let us know on the slip below. They will have appropriate insurance, license and child restraints and hold a current DBS and declaration..

Yours sincerely,

Alison Dixon

Teacher

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District Football KLB Wednesday 4th November 2015- Boys KS2

- I give permission for my child _____ to take part in the match at KLB School on Thursday 10th November and travel in staff/ parent cars.
- I can/cannot help with transport and havespaces available I have my DBS have signed the volunteer driver slip, have informed my insurance company and have sufficient restraints.

Signed: Name:



BONFIRE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 11th

North Nibley School Playground

Bonfire 4.30 pm - Fireworks 5.30 pm

Ticket 7.00 £ per family

Food & Drink available



Tickets will be available at the school office, from the class rep's or on the gate.



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Cross Country Races

14/10/16

Dear Parents,

The second Cross Country race of this season is on Saturday 5th November at KLB.

Please could you complete the slip below if you are able to race on that Saturday and return by Wednesday 19th October so that we can allocate numbers and kit when we come back after half term. Most children will have their numbers from the previous race. Please remember to bring them and place them on the front of your child.

The races start at 10.00am, but children need to be there to warm up at 9.30am. Parking is available adjacent to the Sports Field, but parents should be aware that it is always very busy and it is best to get there in plenty of time to ensure that you do get a space!

The children run in on one of 4 races. The first is for year 3 and 4 girls; the second is for year 3 and 4 boys; then for year 5 and 6 girls and finally year 5 and 6 boys. The races are all over by about 10.45am.

Parents are very welcome to spectate, but please do not run alongside your children. Dogs are not permitted. All of the children 'count' towards the small school total and towards their individual scores.

Mrs Dixon

Class Teacher

Cross Country Races –Saturday 5th November

Namewill run in the Cross Country race on Saturday 5th November

Signed.....

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

14/10/16

Dear Parents,

Level 2 Seven – a- side Girls Football competition

Your child has registered an interest in a Girls' seven aside Football competition to be held on Wednesday 2nd November from 1.30pm until 4.00pm at Katherine Lady Berkeley School

We will be leaving school at 1.15pm returning at approx. 4.15pm.

This does sadly clash with music lessons which will have to be forfeited if your child plays football. Alternatively, your child can stay at school and have their music lesson as normal and be collected at the usual time.

Please note that as this is a parental choice, lessons will not be made up and they will not be entitled to a refund.

There are other schools taking part from our district and we all look forward to an enjoyable afternoon where all the girls can demonstrate their skills in football. If the girls win the competition they will continue onto the Level 3 competition at a later date.

Your child will need trainers and shin pads and warm clothing to put on i.e a tracksuit. Please bring a small snack and drink.

Please feel free to come along and support your child.

We will need parents to transport children, if you can help and have the appropriate paperwork completed, please fill in the slip below.

Please complete and return the reply slip by Wednesday 19th October.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Dixon

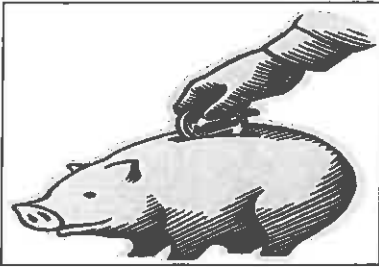
Class Teacher.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION: Wednesday 2nd November 1.30-4.00pm

My childcan/cannot take part in the Girls seven aside Football Festival on Wednesday 2nd November.

I understand the children will be travelling in staff or parent cars with the appropriate licence, DBS, child restraints and insurance

Signed:



North Nibley Primary School

£25 First Prize
£15 Second Prize
£10 Third Prize
(Based on 100 tickets sold)

FONNS Lucky Squares Lottery! Cash Prizes!

Lucky squares lottery is back! We would really appreciate your support, 50% of money raised will go into the FONNS fundraising pot and the other 50% of money raised will be used as cash prizes. FONNS have managed to use fundraising profits to purchase items such as outdoor tables, sports equipment, tablets and of course the annual pantomime trip and the fantastic sensory garden.

The forms need to be returned by 25th November 2016 and the cost is only £10.

This year there will be 9 draws with December's draw being a BUMPER DOUBLE CHRISTMAS DRAW when every number will be entered twice and the prize money will be doubled!

Payment can either be made:

1. Directly into the FONNS bank account (Account Number 25314122, Sort Code 55-61-38). Please can you mark the payment with your name and email us to say you have paid this way (kate1rea@btconnect.com) or
2. In an envelope to the school office marked with your name and FONNS Lottery.

Draws are open to all – parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles or friends and entrants are not restricted to just one entry. Additional Forms are available from the school office.

I would like to help FONNS and my name is:

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My phone number is:.....

My email address is:.....

I am a parent/friend/relative of at North Nibley School (or just of all the children!)

Payment method Bacs/cash/cheque

Please return form and payment to the school office, and finally a big THANKYOU for your support.

FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

We do hope you can join us for a meeting on Wednesday 2nd November, 7:30 in the school staffroom, to discuss immediate and future projects which will benefit the children of the school, and raise a smile too!

BUSINESS INCLUDES:

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- The Christmas Fayre (being proposed for the 2nd or 9th of December)
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WRAP-AROUND CARE AT NORTH NIBLEY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Following the response to the parent's questionnaire, the Governors, with the support of the Head Teacher, are looking at the feasibility of offering wraparound care at North Nibley School. This would essentially be a chargeable club where you could leave your children before and after school. It is mainly aimed at helping working parents and carers but would of course be open to all at the school, whatever your circumstances. If you think wraparound care might be of interest to you please read on.

There are lots of questions we need to answer to establish if the idea is viable, including deciding the venue, who would run the club, what activities would be offered, cost, how would meals be provided, which days would it be open, how it would integrate with existing school clubs, insurance, overall admin burden etc. Before getting too far with all this however we first need to establish the likely level of demand.

For the purposes of answering the questionnaire below please can you assume:

- The club would offer a morning session from 8am until school started, and an afternoon session from the end of school until 6pm.
- The group of children would be mixed ages from across the whole school
- We think a morning session would cost about £6 and an afternoon session about £8 per child
- Providing there is space available, it may also be possible to book occasional (ad hoc) sessions at short notice, but priority would be given to those who have booked ahead
- Sessions would need to be paid for in advance
- An evening meal/packed tea would be provided somehow (this may need to be a packed tea provided by parents, details to be decided)
- The club would aim to start in Sept 2017
- It would run during term time only
- Full sessions would need to be booked and charged for even if a child attended a school club for part of the time
- Once started the governors would undertake to keep it running for at least a year to justify parents changing their existing childcare arrangements. Obviously if it was successful we would aim to keep it going indefinitely.

We understand that by answering this questionnaire you are not making a formal commitment to make use of the proposed wraparound care. Similarly please understand that the governors are not making a commitment to providing wraparound care on the above (or any) terms at this stage. The scenario described above is our best guess at how it might work.

Please make every effort to complete this questionnaire by the deadline of Friday 18th November (the end of the school day). It would be very helpful to know that the plans we make accurately reflect the needs of our school community.

Thanks for answering this questionnaire!

North Nibley Governors

Wraparound Care Questionnaire:

1. Parent's Name

2. Email / Phone contact (only if you are prepared for us to ask you further questions directly)

3. Names and years of children at the school in Sept 2017 (including any who might join in Reception)

4. Likelihood that you would make use of regular wraparound care at least one session per week (on the basis of committing to a whole term):

HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW / NEVER (please circle)

5. If you wouldn't commit to any regular sessions, APPROXIMATELY how many ad-hoc sessions would you be likely to use per month:

Morning sessions per month: _____ Evening sessions per month: _____ NEVER (circle)

6. Assuming the club starts in Sept 2017, for each *regular* session in the table below enter **how many** of your children would make use of it

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thu	Fri
AM 8am to school start (8:40)					
PM school finish to 6pm					

P.T.O.

7. We understand that personal circumstances and childcare constraints can be complicated. It would help if you could describe your constraints for wraparound care in broader terms, e.g. "I need cover for 3 mornings and eves a week for my children, but can be flexible which days those are", or "Unless I could put my children in on a Monday afternoon, I would make alternative arrangements for all my childcare during the rest of the week"

8. Do you have any other comments / suggestions about wraparound care at North Nibley?

PLEASE RETURN BY CLOSE OF SCHOOL, FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.