



NEWSLETTER 180

Friday 11th November 2016 (Did you spot the error last time?)

A half turn (e.g. from North to South) turns you through 180 degrees.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Twitter, what might you have missed? Includes a fabulous drumming video! Follow us @NibleySchool



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Class 2: We had a great time making our African animal masks yesterday!



Armistice Day (11th November) fell on a Friday this year. It is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. The children here held a minute's silence at 11 o'clock to show our respect, and I encouraged the older children to watch the news to see how those (typically) at train stations and in supermarkets also showed their respect. Class 4 have made it the focus of their week's work in Literacy and walked to North Nibley's memorial to support their understanding of this British tradition.



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We also enjoyed starting our new English unit (Retcounts), by experiencing Bonfire night from the classroom! Yummy toasted marshmallows!



Assembly Class 4 are going first this year with their 'showcase' assembly on the 25th, and we are looking forward to finding out what they've been getting up to. Each week I count the number of adult visitors to Friday's assembly. Last week we topped 50 for the first time (for a regular Friday). Apologies that we over-ran. When the clocks were put back by 1 hour the hall clock lost an additional 8 minutes, so I genuinely didn't realise!

Playground Games Which historic or traditional playground games (or rhymes) might be in danger of being forgotten? Adults, do you have memories of playground games which you can share? Do let us know. Mrs Blogg has suggested the playing of marbles next! On our slope that could prove a challenge, but we'll find a way!



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Maths Parent Meeting! 17 Nov 6pm. A great opportunity to see methods we use for calculation. Please sign up on the sheet inside the school.



Swimming – help needed please! Can any of our volunteers help with Class 3's swimming lesson next week? We leave at 1:30 on Monday and are back around 3:10? Please contact the office 01453 542600 if you can. Thank you.

Children In Need, Friday 18th November Children have requested a non-school-uniform day (with a spotty motif if possible) and a donation of £1.00

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 Our next meeting to support parents is on 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.

Monday lunches Year 6 (with the valued support of their parents) continue to prepare their own Monday lunches. One said "We had fish cakes and garlic bread. I learnt to be more careful with the knives!" Another said "I learnt how to remove the skin from the fish. The food was delicious!"

Shoebox Appeal By the Tuesday deadline we had received 45 'Christmas Shoeboxes'. If you supported this work we thank you. Obviously children somewhere will benefit from your generosity. Hopefully children here, too, will be reminded of the importance of sharing. Generosity is one of our school values.

Lights We are very grateful to parent Mark Price (and team) who fixed the exterior lights around the school, just in time for firework night!

Online Safety One of my very best discoveries in recent days has been the 'Net Aware' website run by the NSPCC. You can search for "Net Aware NSPCC" , or follow this link - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> Once on the site you can search for apps that children are using (on phone / tablet etc) and the site tells you about each app, and issues relating to Signing up (i.e. how easy is it for under-age children to sign up), Reporting (how easily can a user get help) and Privacy settings (how easily can a user change the settings to keep themselves secure). Really helpfully, the site publishes views by their own panel, as well as views by parents and children, including recommended ages as set by each group, and you can contribute your views too. The site won "Best Product of Service for Parents" and comes highly recommended.

13+

Omegle: Talk to Strangers says 13+ with parent's permission. This is from Omegle's guidelines March 2016

18+

Our panel says Based on our independent panel surveyed in December 2015.

18+

Children say Based on 1725 responses from children and young people we asked in December 2015.

17+

Parents say Based on 1139 votes from parents who have visited this site – you can vote too!



Winner
Best Product of Service for Parents

Did you know... We now have to publish information on Governor's attendance at meetings! You can find this out by visiting the 'About Us' tab on the school's website.

Sickness Can I remind parents and carers that it is the school policy for children to be 48 hours 'clear' from episodes of sickness and diarrhoea before they should return to school. Thank you.

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.

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.

Staffing Update Mrs Bargewell has kindly agreed to support the school in the office during Mrs Todhunter's final weeks at the school, as well as holding the fort thereafter, until a new member of staff can be appointed.

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

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. Many parents have signed up on the clipboard in the lobby, so it should be a great evening! Why not join us?		
Monday 21 st	LAST SWIM for Class 3 Student Teacher on Placement in 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.		
Monday 12 th	Our Christmas Carol Service in St. Martin's Church, 6:00 start, prompt!		
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	

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Dear

On Tuesday 6th December from 4:00 (or as soon as you can get here) until 5:00 ish you are invited back to North Nibley C of E Primary, along with all the North Nibley 'leavers' who are currently in Year 7 (from any of the secondary schools) to catch up on news and views, and to enjoy some mince pies!

I'm also very interested to know, now you are all so old and mature (!) what aspects of Primary School you miss (what were we good at?), what could we improve, and are there any lessons for us in terms of preparing our current children for Secondary school? I attach a questionnaire for each of you. All the staff and Governors here will be very interested in your answers!

I hope you can join us.

Please get the permission slip below signed and returned to school in any way you can – via a friend, younger brother or sister, or pop it through the letter box!

This will help us know how many mince pies to prepare!

See you soon,



Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher

I give permission for (student's name) _____

to attend the Mince Pie "Get fed, give feedback" event on Tuesday 6th December at North Nibley Primary.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer _____

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10/11/16

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is relevant to all children currently having music lessons, and those planning to have violin lessons in the future.

Could you please return this letter to indicate whether your child wishes to take up violin lessons next term. (After Christmas)

All existing music students need to bring in their £30.00 deposits and balance of last years music lessons. Please return your booking slips and /or deposit by Friday 25th November so that we can contract with the music staff)

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 the week beginning 9th January with Violin on Tuesdays with Mrs N. Sargeant, and woodwind on Wednesday with Mrs L. Hale. This term we are continuing to offer the opportunity to take lessons on the violin to the Year 1 and Year 2 children.. 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 this 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

MUSIC LESSON Spring 2016

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

lessons in the Spring 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 Recorder lessons.

Signed Parent/ carer.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On an annual basis we issue a 'new joiners' questionnaire, in order that I can review what we do and look to improve where we can. This is it! If you are 'very new' you might want to hold on to this for a month or two so that your answers more accurately reflect your experiences.

BEFORE JOINING

- 1) How did you hear about us?
e.g. Already local, On-line search, word-of-mouth recommendation? _____
- 2) Was there anything in particular that drew you toward us?

- 3) How well did we welcome you?

- 4) How well did we manage the 'administration' of joining a new school?

AFTER JOINING

- 5) Was there anything we could have explained better in person or in publications (including on-line)?

- 6) Were there any pleasant surprises?

- 7) To what extent does your child/do your children feel settled?

- 8) How well is your child doing? Not as well as expected As expected Better than expected
- 9) How well were you supported in making contact with other families?

- 10) Do you feel there is sufficient opportunity for you to 'get involved'?

We welcome any other comments you may have.

Thank you for your time.
Best wishes, Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher