



# NEWSLETTER 184

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In 184 AD the Antonine Wall in Britannia (Roman Britain) was permanently abandoned.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## Bishop Rachel

Friday (last week) was a wonderful occasion, Bishop Rachel worked with Year 6, Reception took part in Open The Book, and the 2 younger classes reprised their very own 'Hallelujah' chorus from the Infant Nativity. During the afternoon there was also time to talk about the challenges faced by schools generally and Church schools specifically. A good number of Governors attended to support the school in this. Also visiting the school was our 'Bishop's Visitor' Beverley Butler. She wrote "What an enjoyable and uplifting afternoon we all enjoyed last Friday when Bishop Rachel visited school! Thank you so much for inviting me, as it was a real privilege to be part of the discussion first and then your whole school Open the Book plus celebration worship. I thought the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho was brilliantly presented by Sue Devine and her team –and of course the acting stars from Reception, so please pass on my thanks to them all. All the different certificates presented for a wide variety of things, gave the Bishop a real taste of primary school life and the fantastic song from the Infant Nativity gave the whole thing such a fitting and uplifting conclusion. I know we were all wanting to shout 'Hallelujah' with them! I am sure Bishop Rachel's first 'Open the Book' experience at North Nibley will be memorable for her."



Rachel Treweek

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Thankyou Yr6 @NibleySchool Enjoyed talking with you about your worth. Your appreciation of each other is wonderful!



**How we 'shone' in our Infant Nativity!** Well done, children. You were amazing in your Nativity - positively glowing! It was a memorable occasion and you can be very pleased with yourselves. Your confidence levels, moves, speech and singing were up above the stars!

**Carol Service** Year 5 and 6 also did us proud at the annual Carol Service, as did the Junior Choir and the instrument players. Many parents and friends passed on their congratulations, saying all of those who took part were a great credit to the school.

**FONNS Panto** I have posted a short video of the 'FONNS' panto on our website.

**FONNS Update** I am told that £688 was raised for the school at the recent Christmas Fayre. Thank you so much. We will tell you where this money is heading shortly. Raffle prizes will be drawn during Friday's assembly. Please bring your tickets.

**Parent View** Each year a good number of parents promise to complete the ParentView website. School and Governors take seriously the views expressed there. I remind you that your views 'expire' and you are permitted to share your thoughts once per school year. If you've not done so recently (ever) can I ask you to do so? There is a link on our website. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY - FRIDAY!** We ask that the following is donated for our party on FRIDAY 16th December –

- Class 1 – Fruit (Satsuma, grapes etc)
- Class 2 – Small cakes or chocolate biscuits
- Class 3 – Pizza (small pieces) or sausages or cheese
- Class 4 – Bags of crisps or small savoury snacks.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!**

## Autumn Progress reports

Earlier in the year we offered to provide parents with progress updates detailing the progress made over the Autumn Term. We still intend for this to happen, but are mindful that it could well be rushed over the last few days due to the amount of time being taken over other pressing issues, including staff appointments. We have taken the decision to provide these early in the Spring Term, and staff will be adding the finishing touches carefully over the school break.

**News from the School Kitchens** Caterlink Write “We have received some rather disappointing information, in that unfortunately the building works within Cam Woodfield Infant kitchen has suffered some delays and as such it does seem that we will need to continue to produce meals from Dursley School kitchen for North Nibley into the new year. We are however hoping to have the kitchen up and running by the end of January.

This is obviously far beyond our control and as such we are as disappointed as I am sure you are. Due to the limited capacity within Dursley School kitchen, during this period we will need to continue to offer a reduced menu.” The Spring menu is also being sent home today, and a copy will go on our website over the Christmas break.

**NIBLEY FESTIVAL VILLAGE TICKET SALE - SAVE THE DATE!**

As per 2016 we want to make sure all North Nibley School families and villagers get an opportunity to buy 2017 tickets before they go on sale to the general public. So on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm** we will be selling Nibley Festival tickets for villagers and volunteers **ONLY** in **North Nibley Village Hall** (and serving tea and cake!). You will need to bring a utility bill to prove your village address (we will also allow families where the children currently attend North Nibley school or pre-school), and pay by cash or cheque (no cards). We will also allow villagers to purchase a reasonable number of additional tickets for friends and family - as per last year we want you to be able to enjoy the festival with people you normally invite to accompany you, but we ask you to be sensible with regards to the numbers of extra tickets requested).

Next year the Festival will take place from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 1st July, 2017. For full details and prices see our ticket page, <http://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/> **THANK YOU!**

**IMPORTANT - A change in absence policy**

With immediate effect we will be requiring daily notification of absence due to illness or other unexpected absence. You can inform the school by phone message, email or ‘sent’ note. This measure is taken to tighten up a ‘grey’ area when previously we had to make assumptions about children’s whereabouts on days following an illness. You can imagine the repercussions if a child went missing, and school had just assumed they were still ill! 6 hours would have passed before anyone knew something was wrong. Please be assured that we will phone parents if we don’t receive daily notification. So, though it may be an inconvenience once in a while, I am convinced that we should adopt this better way of working to keep all children safe.

**Health and Safety Policy** We have recently updated this and would like to draw parent’s attention to the need to ensure that any asthma inhalers held at school should be in date. It is a parent’s responsibility to know when these might need replacing.

**OUR lost property!**

Might you have some of these school items at home? Pairs of pants, ice packs and a large plastic sick bucket? These items have been sent home and not been returned.

**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)

Friday 16th	Parties & Party Food (one day only this year, details to follow). Collective Worship as normal, incl. ‘Month-end’ items.		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	FIRST DAY BACK FOR THE CHILDREN		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Possible start day for the playground development		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Violins lessons recommence		
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	Woodwind lessons recommence 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Football Matches (to be confirmed)	7:30 FONNS meeting here at school. All welcome.	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday lunch for some Year 6s (serving at the Village Hall)		
Monday 23rd	Swimming starts, FOR ALL YEAR 1s and 2s.		
THIS AUTUMN – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days
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 1 05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017
Term 2 31/10/2016 – 16/12/2016	Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017

**Proud Of Our School!**

Last year the school was involved in an international study, independently administered, looking into the standards of Science and Maths, and attitudes to learning. The results have just been published. I am pleased to say that North Nibley results were higher than the UK average and this placed us 8th and 9th out of 50 countries! MORE PLEASING THAN THIS, however, was the result showing that 100% of the children taking part were “Proud to go to this school”. I think this is a testament to the care, sense of opportunity, achievement, and fun that we cultivate. A wonderful Christmas present indeed and a lovely way to end the term. On behalf of the team here, Merry Christmas to you all.



# FFL GOLD SPRING MENU 2017

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>					
<b>02-Jan</b>	<b>Main</b> Meatballs in gravy with spaghetti  <b>Vegetarian</b> Jacket potato with Tuna or Cheese  <b>Jackets</b> Carrots Swede  <b>Dessert</b> Tray Bake	Diced pork goulash with rice  Macaroni Cheese with Tomato topping  Sweet corn & Peas  Tray Bake	Roast chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy  Jacket potato with beans or cheese  Cabbage Carrots  Tray Bake	Cottage pie (made with organic mince)  Jacket potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese  Green beans Cauliflower  Tray Bake	MSC Fishwich With Chips  Jacket potato with Beans or Cheese  beans Garden Peas  Tray Bake
<b>23-Jan</b>					
<b>20-Feb</b>					
<b>13-Mar</b>					
<b>Week 2</b>					
<b>09-Jan</b>	<b>Main</b> Sausages & Mash Potatoes and Gravy  <b>Vegetarian</b> Jacket potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese  <b>Jackets</b> Garden Peas Carrots  <b>Dessert</b> Tray Bake	Cheese & tomato pizza (Made with wholemeal bread mix)  Jacket potato with Cheese or Beans  Coleslaw Mixed Salad  Tray Bake	Roast Ham with Roast Potatoes & Gravy  Jacket potato with Beans or Cheese  Broccoli Crushed Swede  Tray Bake	Spaghetti bolognaise (made with organic mince)  Vegetable Pasta Bolognaise  Green beans Sweet corn  Tray Bake	MSC Battered Fish and chips  Jacket potato with Beans or Cheese  Baked Beans Garden Peas  Tray Bake
<b>30-Jan</b>					
<b>27-Feb</b>					
<b>20-Mar</b>					
<b>Week 3</b>					
<b>16-Jan</b>	<b>Main</b> Beef Burger in a Bun with Baby New Potatoes  <b>Vegetarian</b> Jacket potato with Tuna  <b>Jackets</b> Carrots Sweet Corn  <b>Dessert</b> Tray Bake	Chicken risotto  Jacket potato with cheese  Cauliflower Broccoli  Tray Bake	Roast turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy  Jacket potato with beans  Shredded Cabbage Carrots  Tray Bake	Lasagne with Garlic Slice (made with Organic Beef)  Jacket potato with Tuna mayo or Cheese  Roasted Vegetable Medley  Tray Bake	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips  Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese  Baked Beans Garden Peas  Tray Bake
<b>06-Feb</b>					
<b>06-Mar</b>					
<b>27-Mar</b>					

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16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will wish to join the governors and I in congratulating Mrs Bargewell for successfully gaining the appointment to School Administrator.

Over the last few weeks Julie has offered friendly, reliable and effective support for the school (the pupils, staff, governors and visitors) and we are already making plans to move the school forward in terms of new services and efficiencies. I will write to you in the New Year to confirm some of the finer details.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher

P.S. The children start back on TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.