



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 185

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A Cessna 185 is a single-engine plane. Can you find a picture of one?

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Dear Parents and Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

5-a-side Football tournament

I was very pleased to be able to attend the annual 'Riddeford Shield' football tournament, held at KLB on Wednesday evening. 8 teams took part. Our team (pictured) battled valiantly against teams from larger schools and we emerged at the end of the Group Stage in second place. We dominated the first game, the ball rarely in our own half, and we had half-a-dozen good chances, but failed to convert these into goals. Some questionable refereeing decisions followed, and there was a penalty against us, but our goal keeper proved more than equal to the task. The most exciting of our four matches was for 3rd/4th position play-off in 'the finals'. Try as they might, our players could not find a way past Trinity school. We lost this match 1 – 0, only the heroic activity of our goal keeper preventing a greater defeat. All-in-all the team can be proud of themselves, their skills and sportsmanship.



Emergency closure

This week every family should have received our updated procedure for Emergency Closure. Copies will also be distributed via email and can be downloaded from the 'virtual bookbag' on our school website.

Maths games

The school's bank of maths games are ideal for building confidence in number, calculation and shape, and suitable for any age or ability within the school. The games can be played informally at home and unlike previous years, are underused. Please contact the school, or Mrs Marwood, if you feel this resource could help your child.

Year 1 AND 2 SWIMMING

Please note that our plans have had to change. Swimming now commences on MONDAY 30th January and the children are booked for 9 sessions. Mrs Bargewell will be sending a letter with further details. Years 1 and 2 form a sizable group this year and we are in GREAT NEED of additional parent helpers. If you can add your name to a rota please ask at the office. Your help is much appreciated.

Data collection

This 'return' is an annual requirement and helps to keep your children safe by ensuring that all details are correct. Please complete yours by reading the letter of explanation first. It will help to reduce unnecessary amendments. Please return it by 31st January.

DVDs

I have a number of Infant Nativity DVDs left. If you requested one during the last assembly, or have since decided to obtain one, please ask at the office. £2:00 each. Funds raised are 'recycled' as props and costumes next year! We still have DVD copies of "Super Stan" (for playback on a computer) available from the office at £5 each. It was a much longer show!

Milk Please check that your children understand your expectations regarding the milk which is delivered daily. We are increasingly finding that there is a lot of waste. Please check if you are paying for it, that your children still wish to drink it.

Tissues Any donations of boxes of tissues during this 'season of snivels' would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Reception screening

The annual NHS vision and hearing screening checks for Reception children has been booked to take place here at school on Monday 6th March 2017 at 9.15am. Parents can opt out should they so wish by contacting the Health and Wellbeing team on 0300 4218225. A poster is on display at the entrance to the school and Parents/Carers will be informed of the screening results in due course.

Reception Parents Can we remind you that in order for your children to become more independent, we expect goodbyes to be said at the front door. Miss Allen is, of course, available in the mornings for absolutely urgent messages, but recently these private conversations have been interrupted by the delivery of book bags, which we believe the children should now be taking with them into the playground. Thank you.

School Meals

The new providers, Caterlink, have released the (reduced) menu for the Spring Term. A copy has been posted on our website here – http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=408 . I hope to have an update about the kitchen situation in a week or so. **PLEASE NOTE ROAST DINNER is swapped next week from WEDNESDAY to THURSDAY.**

School Admissions Consultation

The Local Authority are currently consulting over admissions. They ask “Please encourage parent/carers, as well as school staff, to have their say in the schools admissions consultation, which will have an impact on anyone applying for a school place starting September 2018.” Please complete the survey here www.goucestershire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

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.

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 26th 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 30th June to Saturday 1st July, 2017. For full details and prices see our ticket page, <http://nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/> **THANK YOU!**

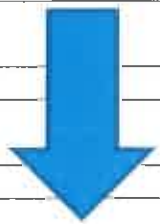
IMPORTANT - A change in absence policy

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.

OUR lost property!

Might you have some of these school items at home? Pairs of pants and ice packs are still outstanding. 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

Monday 16th	Monday lunch for some Year 6s (serving at the Village Hall) CLUBS START		
Tuesday 24th	Full Governing Body meeting		NEW!
Thursday 26th	Class 3 trip to Jenner House museum NO COMPUTING CLUB (due to meetings off-site)		
Saturday 28 th	FINAL cross-country race at KLB, 9:30 for 10:00. Races for parents too!		
Monday 30 th	Swimming starts, FOR ALL YEAR 1s and 2s. Governors – Teaching and Learning Committee meeting, evening.		
Mon 6 th FEB	And Tuesday 7 th – Parents Evenings. NO CLUBS ON THESE NIGHTS.		
Thursday 9th	Class 4 trip to Bletchley Park		
Friday 10th	CLASS 3 ‘SHOWCASE’ assembly. Final day of Term 3.		
THIS SPRING – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days
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 3 04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018



SEVERE WEATHER AND THE PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE – PARENT COPY

January 2017 (v.2)

Following considerable discussion about both the usefulness of the 'telephone tree', and the workload that goes into its construction, including letters, missed deadlines, chasing letters and parents who wish to be 'exceptions', we have decided that sufficient alternative methods of notification exist to render the telephone tree ineffective. Therefore we have decided instead on the procedure described below, and invite parents who feel disadvantaged by this approach to start a conversation with Mr Batchelor.

In the event of severe weather the Head Teacher will consult with residents local to North Nibley, and decide on the course of action to adopt, in the interests of the safety and education of the children and the safety of staff. Wherever possible, a decision to close will be communicated via the media listed below, by 7.30 a.m.

When the school is closed parents and carers can receive notification by:

- accessing one of the THREE Gloucestershire Schools closure sites
 - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools
 - www.glosclosedschools.co.uk
 - www.glosclosedschools.com
- accessing our school website www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- accessing FONNS' Facebook page – www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- via Twitter @NibleySchool AND @Glos_schools
- receiving an email (newsletter subscribers only)
- listening to local radio

A new decision will be made for each day of school closure. Information on the school's status will be updated using the Local Authority web site and Facebook will be updated on a regular basis. Even if school is 'open', staff and children should only travel if it is safe to do so.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If, in the interests of safety, a decision is made to close the school during the working day, staff will ensure that information can be obtained via the above media. Phone calls will be made from the school office, so **please ensure that your contact details are correct**. We will always have sufficient staff at school to supervise children who are late being collected, but parents are advised that our 'local' circumstances may be very different from those where you work. In advance, parents should discuss their wishes with older children who already have permission to walk home alone, especially if a closure means that there is no supervision at home.

If the school does close, this is counted as an authorised absence for children. Families may wish to access the 'Snow' pages hosted on our own website, if they are short of an idea or two on how to use the time purposefully.

NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

11/01/2017

Dear Parents,

***NEW* PLEASE READ ALL THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE CAREFULLY!**

Would you please check that the information on the attached Data Checking Sheet is correct and fill in any missing details or information we should have? When checked, please return it to the School Office so that our records can be updated.

The Data Collection 'software' has pre-defined fields by the LA and I cannot alter them.

Please do not feel that your previous (but inadmissible) amendments have been ignored!

- The contacts on the data collection form only allows for Mother, Father or other family member. There is no option to put Grandmother, Aunt etc. so please do not feel that your previous amendments have been ignored!
- If your details such as email, home number, mobile and/or your work numbers are in the TOP BOX there is no need to repeat this information further down.
- Could you please note the system only **allows one** option for transport so it is only your most usual mode of transport which can be noted. This comes on the sheet as "car/van" you do not need to cross out the van option. You will see the transport you currently use next to the question asked. **You do not need to re tick the boxes.**

The email address you have given to us will only appear in the top box, you do not need to add it to the contact sheets.

This form is required by law to be issued annually. From the next school year we will be moving this exercise to September.

It would be helpful if all forms could be returned by the TUESDAY 31st of JANUARY.

Please remember to update us if your details change during the year.

Yours sincerely,

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Thank you

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