



NEWSLETTER 187

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There are 187 chapters in the Hebrew Torah.

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Dear Parents and Friends,



We were very pleased to receive a surprise 'bundle' of P.E. and sports equipment from Sainsburys, modelled here by Class 3, no doubt to thank us for previous custom and encourage us to take part in ActiveKids again this year. The collection box will be placed in the lobby and all vouchers will be appreciated. Why not consider arranging a collection point at work?

Instrument Tuition

We anticipate a timeslot becoming available for woodwind lessons (recorders, flute, saxophone or clarinet) after Easter. Why not join with a friend and share the cost?

Clubs In addition to the cancelled clubs on Monday and Tuesday 6th and 7th February, we are also cancelling Polli:Nation and Board Games on Wednesday 8th February. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Teaching Assistant

I am pleased to report that we have been successful in our efforts to recruit an additional teaching assistant for the school. Simone Shephard (no relation to our 'own' Shepherds) will begin after the half-term, supporting learning in Class 3.



The Blue Donut (Doughnut?) This is the nickname apparently given to our large, new staffroom table. The staffroom is frequently used as 'breakout space' during lesson time, and the table has been adapted to suit children on higher chairs as well as the knees of adults!

Reading Books We seem to be missing a substantial number of fiction books, particularly from classes 3 and 4. Please have a hunt around at home and return what you can – no questions asked, we'll just be grateful to have our books back!

Weather It is still very cold on our playground, and we notice children are still coming to school in thin coats. Please think carefully about including (named!) hats and gloves.

P.E. Kit As well as shorts and T-shirts, children require warm tracksuits and trainers for 'outdoor' PE. Unlike school uniform, we don't specify any particular 'look' for tracksuits etc, but they must be warm, particularly since the wind around our school is very cold at this time of year.

Polli:Nation Project Plans are now well advanced for our 'Polli:Nation Corner' and we are very keen to hear from anyone who might be able to provide low-level boards (similar to 'scaffolding planks') which can become a back wall to the raised bed. Around 12m are needed in total. Anyone who wishes to make a donation of time and/or money is invited to speak to Miss Allen, who together with her Y1 & 2 club, are leading this development. We will be seeking out plants and shrubs which encourage pollinating insects, as well as dressing the area with netting and other features to create a really pleasant space.



Our website recently topped 50,000 visitors!

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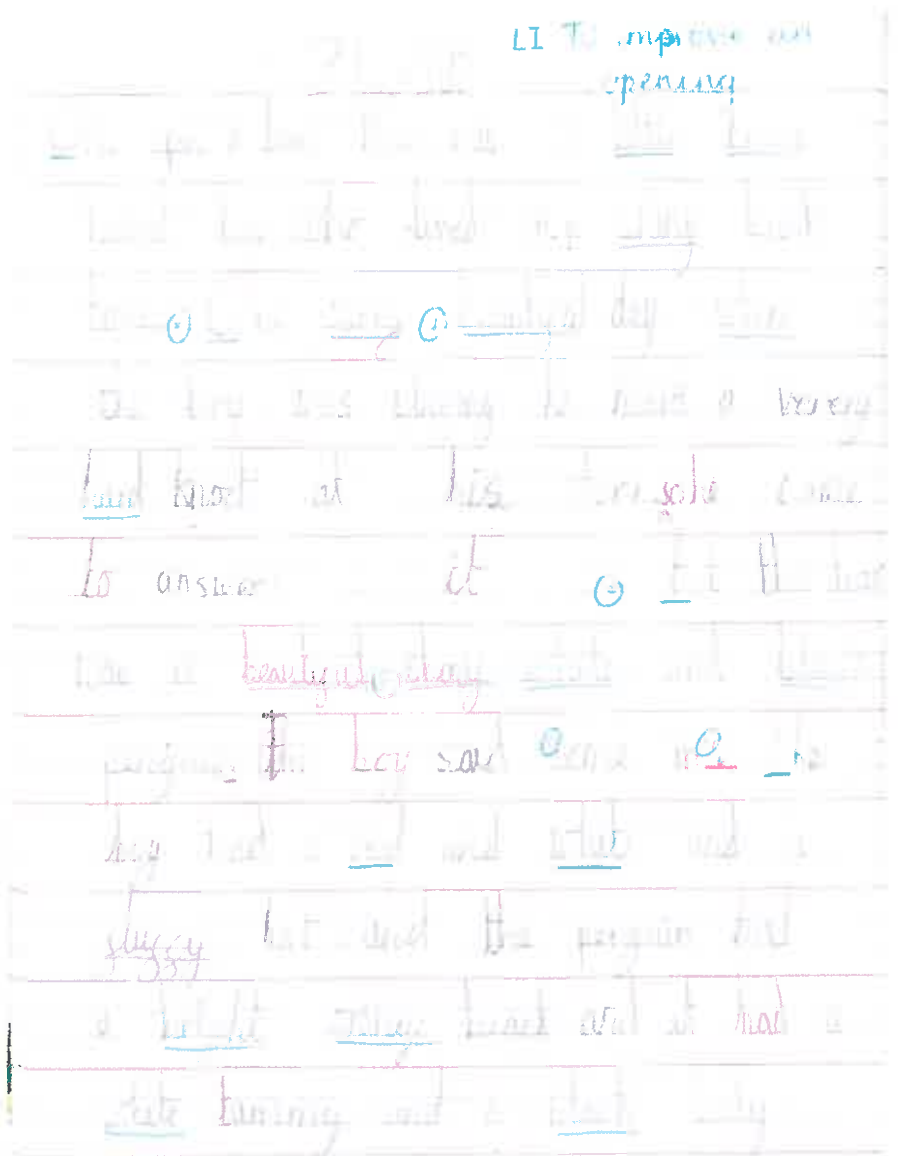
PARENT'S EVENINGS - Please return your request slips by Wednesday 1st February.

Those attending Monday evening will also (subject to availability) be able to sample food cooked in the new kitchens.

Here is a lovely story opening from Isabella in Class 2.

Class 2 have been working on their expanded noun phrases (children need to know what this means!) and it is exciting to see how they are developing as young writers.

The exercise books we invested in this school year are really making a positive difference to the quality of handwriting across the school.



Missing money

In recent days we have had a number of envelopes arrive at the office with money missing (the envelope had come unstuck.) Please ensure the envelopes are sealed all around, and it would be really helpful if you could, in addition to the child's name and the purpose of the money, write on the amount you think you have enclosed. Thank you.

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.

Year 1 and 2 Swimming

Many thanks to all those who are supporting the children by going on the swimming rota. We could not manage without you!

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.

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

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.		
Weds 8 th	No Polli:Nation or Board Games club.		
Thursday 9 th	Class 4 trip to Bletchley Park. RETURNING AROUND 5:00 p.m.		
Friday 10 th	CLASS 3 'SHOWCASE' assembly. Final day of Term 3. FONNS DISCO Classes 1 & 2, 5:30 to 6:15 pm, Classes 3 & 4 6:30 – 7:30 pm Tickets £2 on the door and includes a drink and snack.		
Monday 20 th	First day of TERM 4 – THIS IS A PUPIL DAY. Swimming for Years 1 & 2 continues.		
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

Some great expanded noun phrases! 😊

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Dear Parents

We are planning to hold Parents' Meetings on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February 2017.

This meeting is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. We will be discussing the targets that your child will be working towards for this term. Your child is very welcome to attend the meeting.

If you would like to make an appointment please fill in as many times as possible on the reply slip and return to your child's class teacher before Wednesday 1st February. The staff always try to make 'follow on' appointments for siblings.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON THESE EVENINGS

Yours sincerely
Headteacher

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A. PARENTS' EVENING

I would like to make an appointment to see the class teacher:

Monday 6th February	Between 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 5.00 and 6.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 6.00 and 7.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 7th February	Between 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please complete as many slots as possible)

Child's name: Class

Signed:

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B. PARENTS' EVENING

At the present time I do not wish to make an appointment to see my child's class teacher

Child's name: Signed:



District Cross Country Final



Dear Parents

Your child has expressed an interest in competing in the above event, against other local schools from the District.

Please see details below:

- **Date:** Saturday 28th January 2017
- **Time:** 9.30 arrival for a 10am start
- **Venue:** KLB School, Wotton-Under-Edge. The competition is run on the Sports Field
- **Kit:** School 'Team' PE kit (provided). Children need their own track suite and trainers or boots

Additional:

The races will be followed by a parents' race – ALL ARE WELCOME! This will allow time for the final scores to be added as the presentation of prizes will follow in the KLB gymnasium. Please make every effort to stay for this presentation as it will involve individual children finishing in the top 10 places in their age groups, team prizes and small and large school winners.

North Nibley are in the running for prizes in all of these categories. "Come on North Nibley"!

Please sign and return the permission form below to indicate whether your child will be able to take part.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dixon

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District Cross Country Final Competition

Venue: KLB School, Wotton-Under-Edge

Date: Saturday 28th January 2017

I agree to my child _____ taking part in the above event.

Signed-----Name: -----