



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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In Egypt the Rosetta Stone is created. This stone is a Ptolemaic era stele. What is a 'stele'?

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Dear Parents and Friends,



Happy Easter and a big THANK YOU to the bunnies who supplied the chocolate at the end of term! Around £80 was raised but there are still some receipts to come in.



Tunnel Vision! (With thanks to Mr Murray for the article headline!)



It was with great excitement that the children rushed through the playground on the first day back, eager to experience the enhanced play space which school and FONNS, working together, have achieved at the bottom of the playground. Ellen described the space as "Fantastic!" Alex said "Excellent" whilst Sophie said "Spectacular!" Charlotte said "There's brilliant equipment to play on and there's so much of it." "I like the way the tunnel gets darker" "It gives the playground a sense of adventure." Josh even thought the turf was good quality! On behalf of all the children can I say a big thank you to all those in our community actively involved in fundraising, and to the governors for seeing the advantages that this development has brought to the school. Working together we achieve so much more. **COMPETITION TIME...** I've called it a play space, but perhaps it's a den zone, or an adventure centre? This 'space' needs a name. Please can children suggest names and place them in the 'Name the space' collection box in the lobby. The staff will announce the best name at assembly on Friday 12th May. There might even be a prize!

FONNS UPDATES

- **Race Night - Friday 5th May - 7.30pm** - School hall- tickets £1 (Grownups only). Please Come along and join in the fun and excitement of the horse races. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Tickets on sale from the gates or office.
- **Summer Fete - Saturday 20th May - 2pm** - Jubilee field. Who doesn't love a fun family fete? Something for the whole family; from plant sales and Bric-a-brac to bouncy castle, face painting and Beat the Keeper. Loads more stalls will feature as well as the children from our very own Country dancing club. A raffle is also being run and tickets are £1 each available from the gates or on Race night or on the day.

Nature Quiz

Our Nature Quiz team put in another strong showing and won through to the Area Finals. This will be our opportunity to win back the trophy we have held for the past 5 years (if I recall it correctly – the trophy is back with the organisers.) Playing 'away' at Uley we were challenged on questions relating to birds, fungi, diet and animal classification. Everyone agreed that the questions are getting harder. The staff attending hoped that Mrs Freeman's suggestion for a staff competition was in jest!



SATS meetings- Miss Tyers and Ms Surridge are willing to take interested parents through the 'mechanics' of the National Tests (SATS) for Year 2 and Year 6, on Tuesday 2nd May from 3:20. Year 6 Children may attend, Year 2 children (and others) will be amused in the hall for the duration of the 30 minute meeting.

Term dates. It has emerged that the 'Year Planner' for holiday dates (the A4 sheet) is not in agreement with the dates contained on the newsletter. I can confirm that the final pupil school day of the year, the date of the leaver's service and the FONNS BBQ are all for Thursday 20th July. I can only apologise and ask that you speak to me if this causes you difficulties.

Website update: As well as new 'inclusions' in our Virtual Tour map (including the new play area), you can find (and comment on) a revised draft of our Charging and Remissions Policy (this is a policy we are required to have by law!) We have also added an initial contact form for admissions Sept 2018!



Mr Trotman has vacancies for those wishing to take their first steps in learning how to play piano / keyboard. Please enquire at the office for details.

Photographer – We have booked a photographer for Class photos and Y6 Leavers individual portraits. We are exploring a new contact and have agreed the rather early date of **Friday 5th May at 1:00pm**, so make sure you come prepared with hair brushes etc. We are next due a 'whole school' photograph in the Summer of 2018.



Spring Reports You should by now have received an update about attainment and progress, for your child. Please don't forget to respond by completing the survey.

School Meals Price Increase for Year 3 Pupils upwards – We have, on several occasions, informed you that our contractors, Caterlink, have increased the cost of school meals to £2.28 effective Monday April 24th 2017. Can we ask that all those who have a ParentPay account to ensure sufficient funds are available to manage this increase? **WE HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN DEBT BY 8p! THIS IS CLEARLY AN OVERSIGHT** and we ask you to spare us the hassle of chasing you for 8p! Please make sure your funds are in credit.

Anyone who does not have a ParentPay account and would like to set one up, can contact the office and this can be arranged for you.

CLUBS We hope to start the Summer Clubs from Monday 8th May, but this is dependent upon the club 'menu' being completed, distributed and returned promptly. Some Clubs are already sorted (Cross-country, Silly Science etc) but if you would like to offer an after-school (or lunchtime) activity, please get in contact as soon as possible.

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

Friday 28th	Polli:Nation Day – timetabled activities across the school		
SATURDAY 29th	Pre-School-organised Family Photo session in the hall.		
Mon 1 st MAY	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL		
Tues 2 nd MAY	Country Dance CLUB, here at school SATS MEETING – See above		
Weds 3rd	Governor visit to school		
Thurs 4th	ALL Year 1s and 2s – Multiskills at KLB		
Friday 5th	Mini-tennis – team of 8, KLB Photographer, Class groups and Y6 individual photos		
Monday 8th	SATS week for Year 6 CLUBS START – HAVE YOU MADE AN OFFER TO HELP?		
Saturday 13th	Formula Goblin, Renishaw, 8:30 start		
Thursday 18th	Full Governing Body Meeting		
Monday 22nd	'Monday Lunch' for a Year 6 group		
Weds 24th	Quad Kids 1:30 – 3:30 KLB		
Friday 26th	Last day of term 5		
SUMMER – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days
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 5 16/04/2018 – 25/05/2018
Term 6 05/06/17 - 20/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 4/06/18 – 24/07/2018

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28/04/17

Dear Parents

After the success of last year we have once again entered our Goblin car in the race event.

The event takes place on **Saturday 13th May 2017** at **Renishaw's New Mills Site** in the staff car park and you will need to use **entrance B** when arriving.

There are 11 races, priority will be given to Yr 6 drivers (we hope to enter again next year)! However, the whole class is welcome to come and offer support, for part or all of the morning.

Drivers will need to arrive at 8.00am and the event is expected to finish between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. We do need a parent to stay with each child.

Please provide your own refreshments, both food and drink. We have boiler suits and helmets for the drivers, but do come prepared for the weather!

Please complete the slip below to indicate whether your child is able to attend so that we can pre allocate drivers to races.

Many thanks for your support.

Ms SurrIDGE
Class Teacher

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Saturday 13th May 2017 – Goblin Car Race Event
Venue: Staff Car Park, Renishaw, New Mills, Kingswood

My child will / will not be able to attend this event.

Signed: Date:

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Dear Parents

Thanks to all the dancers for doing so brilliantly at the Stroud Schools Country Dancing Festival last term. They did so well and made us very proud.

We have been asked to dance at the North Nibley Church fete on Saturday 20th May in the afternoon. The fete starts at 2pm, with dancing expected to be around 3pm.

If your child would like to be part of this and he/she is available to dance on 20th May, please return the slip below. There will be 3 more weeks of club on 2nd/9th/16th May.

(Mr Batchelor would like to remind dancers that the skirts etc borrowed for previous events should be returned as soon as possible. Can anyone who has ever taken part search the backs of cupboards and drawers since we seem, sadly, to be missing much of the school kit generously bought by FONNS a few years ago).

Many thanks

Lou and Sam

My Child _____

would like to dance at the North Nibley Church Fete on 20th May 2017 and is available to attend country dancing club leading up to it.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Best wishes,

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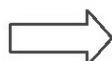
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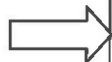
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Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generosity of staff and parents we are pleased to offer details about clubs this term.



Please note that school staff are not required to run clubs. They are not paid to run clubs.



Assume your child definitely has a place UNLESS THE NOTES BELOW INDICATE THAT A ROTA OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT BECOMES NECESSARY. If this is necessary we will contact you with details.

Please send reply slip in by **Thursday 4th May** to enable registers and groups to be completed on time.

IMPORTANT DATES

Clubs start week beginning Monday 8th May. HALF-TERM begins Monday 29th May. REGULAR CLUBS END FRIDAY 30TH JUNE. Other 'CANCELLATIONS' will be published as soon as we know of them.

Day	CLUB	For	Run by	Times	Where	Notes
Monday	Really Wild! (Nature)	Everybody!	Mrs Meyer	Lunchtime	PoliNation corner	'Drop-in' as you like!
Monday	(No teacher-run clubs. Staff meetings in progress)					
Monday	Science	ROTA already agreed	KLB Students	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 3	Max 12
Monday	Y2 Science	Year 2,	Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Marwood	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 2	MAX group of 12
Tuesday	Art	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Ms Phillips	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 3	Max 12
Tuesday	Country Dance	ROTA already agreed	Ms Ciotti and Ms Howie	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Hall	ONLY 2 nd , 9 th and 16 th May
Wednesday	Bollywood Dance!	Y1&2 – MAX 12	Miss Tyers	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom	10 th , 17 th May THEN...
THEN TUESDAYS	Bollywood Indian Dance!	Y1&2 MAX 12	Miss Tyers	3.15 – 4.15 pm	HALL	23 rd , 30 th May, 6 th , 13 th 20 th June
Wednesday	Sports	Y3,4,5,6	Mrs Dixon	3:15 – 4:15 pm	School field/hall	
Thursday	Running Club	Years R – 6 (Reception must be accompanied by parents)	Mrs Dixon & Mrs Lewis	8:00 – 8:50 am	The sports field	Parents & staff welcome to join in. Attendance MUST be prompt at 8:00 a.m. Cancelled if raining
Thursday	Motocross GROUP 1	Y1/2 – rota already agreed	Mrs Dixon	3.30pm- 4.15pm	LDR Training Centre	8 per group Parents to take children to site and supervise.
Thursday	Motocross GROUP 2	Y1/2 – rota already agreed	Mrs Dixon	4.15pm - 5pm	LDR Training Centre	
Thursday	Scratch Computing	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Batchelor	3:15 – 4:15 pm	Classroom 3	
MUSIC	Mrs Sargent's Violins (Tuesdays), Mrs Hales Woodwind (Wednesdays) and Mr Trotman's Piano (Tuesdays) follow different timetables and are not considered to be 'clubs' in the same way as those above. To enquire about availability, please ask at the office.					

Thank you for your co-operation. Please retain this page for your own information.

Please note that all helpers will need to be DBS checked by the school.

Yours sincerely, Mr P Batchelor, Head Teacher

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Commitment

Children who join clubs are expected to attend regularly. Please respect this since valuable time is lost worrying about missing pupils who have decided to drop out without telling anyone. Parents **MUST** notify the adult in charge of the club if their child is unable to attend for any reason. Registers are kept and absences are followed up so it is really helpful if teachers know at that time if a child is not attending. We also expect that children will be collected when the club ends, unless your Class 4 child already has permission to walk home. Please let us know if your usual arrangements need to change.

Kit

Children taking part in sports clubs will be expected to wear sports kit appropriate to the activity. If a club member cannot wear adequate kit, including footwear, then they may be a safety risk to themselves and others, and they will have to miss out.

Behaviour

We recognise that clubs, whilst not run on the same lines as formal schooling, nevertheless need to operate in a safe and orderly fashion, and we have clear expectations that the normal standards of behaviour and respect will be maintained. All children joining and taking part in clubs are expected to behave well, listen carefully and follow instructions straight away. The rules and expectations are the same as those during the school day. Children coming along should understand these expectations.

Please write your child's name against each club to which they are making a commitment.

Day	CLUB	For	PLEASE ADD PUPIL NAMES BELOW
Monday	Really Wild! (Nature)	Everybody!	NO NEED TO SIGN UP – ALWAYS WELCOME!
Monday	Science	Years 3 & 4	ROTA ALREADY AGREED – ALL PLACES TAKEN
Monday	Y2 Science	Year 2	
Tuesday	Art	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Country Dance	Y1 Upwards	SEPARATE LETTER ALREADY SENT HOME
Wednesday & TUESDAYS	Bollywood Dance!	Y1&2 – MAX 12	PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS
Wednesday	Sports	Y3,4,5,6	
Thursday	Running Club	Years R – 6	(Reception must be accompanied by parents)
Thursday	Motocross	Y1 & 2	ROTA ALREADY AGREED – ALL PLACES TAKEN
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PLEASE RETAIN PAGE ONE SINCE IT INCLUDES IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.