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04/05/17

Dear Parents

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May class 3 have booked a visit by the 'History Squad' to come into school to help support our topic this term of 'Ancient Egyptians'. They are going to bring a touch of Ancient Egypt into school with their Build-A-Pyramid workshop and as such will be building a complete model of the King's Pyramid at Giza measuring over 4 feet square, pupils will then help assemble the model to discover how pyramids were built.

The school is funding 50% of the cost of this event which means that we can offer this to the children at the very reasonable charge of £6.00 per pupil. This is entirely voluntary but we will not be able to go ahead if we do not have sufficient contributions.

If you find making this donation difficult, please speak in confidence to Mr Batchelor or Mrs Bargewell in the office.

Many thanks.

Miss Parker  
Class Teacher

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History Squad on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Class 3

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my payment towards the cost of the above visit as detailed below:

Cash £ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parents

In order to mark the end of the Year 6 SATS, I am planning on taking the class for a picnic (weather dependant) next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May.

We are going to walk down to the Stamatopoulos' farm at Swinhay, picnic, explore and walk back to school.

Please can you ensure that your child has a packed lunch and suitable clothing/footwear on the day. Please can you also ensure that if your child suffers from Hayfever that they have taken any medication necessary.

Many thanks.

Ms Surridge  
Class Teacher

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Dear Parents

As mentioned in our letter of 8<sup>th</sup> February, this is a further request for another stage payment towards our residential visit to London in October 2017. As advised we anticipate the cost per child to be in the region of £266.00 and in order to lessen the impact feel another contribution of £50.00 might be appropriate. However, please feel free to adjust this amount to suit your own personal circumstances.

Please complete the slip below and enclose it with your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Please make all cheques payable to North Nibley Primary School.

We anticipate sending out one more stage payment reminder in June with the final balance payment being due in September.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS WE HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF £150.00 PER PUPIL BY FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017, WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE VIABILITY OF THIS TRIP.**

Yours sincerely

Ms SurrIDGE  
Trip Leader



London Residential – October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Childs Name:

Amount Paid to date: £

I enclose a further payment towards the cost of the above trip as detailed below:

Cash £ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque £ \_\_\_\_\_

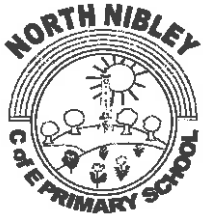
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions for looking after your Giant Sunflower



- Don't forget to water your seed
- Germination usually takes about 21 days
- When the seedling is about 7 or 8cms tall plant it outside in a sunny position, in good soil with plenty of room to grow. As your sunflower grows, you may need to support it with a cane or stick
- It will flower later in the summer and birds will enjoy the seeds in the Autumn and winter
- Measure and photograph your sunflower - (it can grow as tall as 2.5-3metres sometimes!)
- Take a photograph of pollinators visiting your sunflower to feed on the nectar and distribute the pollen. There will be a prize for the photo of the most pollinators on your sunflower at any one time.

***So....DON'T FORGET TO WATER IT.....***



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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

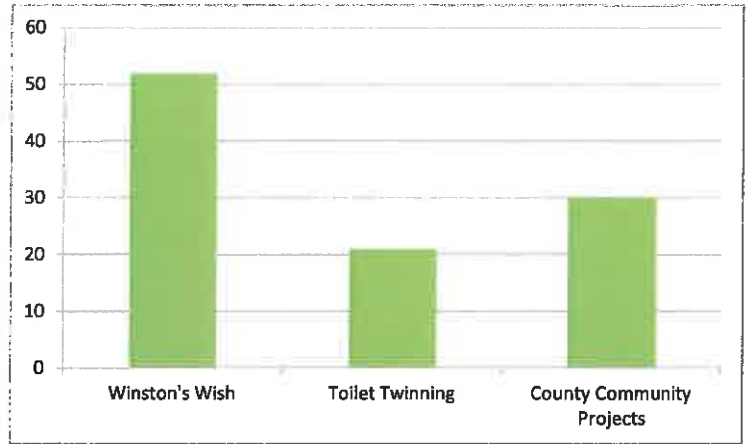
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Dear Parents and Friends,



This term's Christian Values in Focus are Thanksgiving and Generosity. As part of our work on these important values, and following on from my earlier newsletter article on charity support, I gave an assembly this week which included a presentation about 3 worthwhile charities. The children then voted (giving us an opportunity to reinforce their understanding of the fundamental British value of democracy) and we agreed to support the one with the most votes in the Summer Terms.



Winston's Wish, the charity that supports bereaved children, clearly touched a nerve. Details of what we now might do to support them will follow soon.

Next year, Year 6 will undertake the research and make the presentation for three charities.



The first sessions of our new motor-cross club for Years 1 & 2 have taken place, and the children are very excited about this opportunity. Perdie said she really liked it. Zac said "It's fun riding around. You start slow but soon you are whizzing along!"

Max said, after the first session, "It's the best thing in my life!"

Sasha and Sophia try out the new mini-quads at the MotoCross Club.



Following on from the SATS meetings, parents of Year 2 and Year 6 might find the following videos, produced by the Government, helpful to remind them of key points.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

It looks like there is more change to come. Those concerned about the direction Primary Assessment has taken might be interested in the Education Select Committee's recent review. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-39745884>

**Water bottles, sun cream and hats!** Please remember these essential items as the weather improves. Water bottles should contain water. Children have been told about the dangers of surrounding their teeth with sugary drinks, especially when they 'sup' continuously on their bottles.

### Multiskills

On Thursday Years 1 & 2 went to KLB to take part in the inter-schools Multi-Skills event. Haiden enjoyed hitting the ball to his partner, Ellie. Ollie made new friends. Max said "I enjoyed playing stuck in the mud." Amelie and Daisy preferred playing 'bull dogs'. Alice and Posie liked running through the ladders, and many enjoyed throwing objects at the leaders!

### FONNS UPDATES

- Race Night - Friday 5th May – has been cancelled.
- 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 gate on the day.



A Year 1 child learns how to plant and take care of a precious sunflower seed. Please find enclosed an instruction sheet, including competitions details.

As part of the children's work on life-cycles, Mrs C. Brown brought a lamb in to school. As you can imagine, this was very exciting!



**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 Meal Prices** have increased for Year 3 Pupils upwards – We have, on several occasions, informed you that contractors, Caterlink, have increased the cost of school meals to £2.28 effective Monday April 24th 2017. Can we PLEASE ask that all those who have a ParentPay account 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** Most clubs start back next week. Rotas were required for "Bollywood dance" and "Arts". We have contacted these families separately.

**Daisy's writing in Reception.** How quickly they advance!



**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 5th	Mini-tennis – team of 8, KLB Photographer, Class groups and Y6 individual photos		
Monday 8th	SATS week for Year 6. CLUBS START – BUT NOT SILLY SCIENCE (Year 3&4) - Sorry!		
Thursday 11th	Class 4 picnic. See the letter in our Virtual Bookbag <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=245">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=245</a>		
Saturday 13th	Formula Goblin Race Day, Renishaw, 8:30 start		
Weds 17th	Class 3 build a pyramid day with the History Squad here at North Nibley		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Monday Lunch' for a Year 6 group		
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup>	Quad Kids 1:30 – 3:30 KLB		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 5		
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	'Competitive' Sports Day, with guests (next year's Reception). Afternoon.		
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Play Leader's Sports Day – all invited.		
SUMMER – Pupil days		AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days
Term 5	24/04/17 - 26/05/17	Term 1	05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017
Term 6	05/06/17 - 20/07/17	Term 2	31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017
		Term 3	04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
		Term 4	19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018
		Term 5	16/04/2018 – 25/05/2018
		Term 6	4/06/18 – 24/07/2018

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
AND  
FRIENDS OF  
NORTH NIBLEY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SPRING FAYRE and FUN**  
SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 2PM ON THE JUBILEE FIELD - NORTH NIBLEY

BBO, ICE CREAM,  
REFRESHMENTS,  
STALLS AND  
ENTERTAINMENT