

Dear Parents and Friends,



### So proud! (Says the headteacher!)

Many of us were at Renishaw (Kingswood) a few Saturdays back, enjoying the races between the Formula Goblin cars that had been built and maintained as part of school projects over recent years. Last year

we won the portfolio award, but this year we were awarded a top award - The Spirit of Greenpower Award. The organisers say "This award in many ways is the essence of Greenpower. It ties together the teamwork, leadership, organisation, performance and all the other elements that go into a Greenpower team. Over the years the winners have displayed incredible determination, fantastic solidarity with other teams helping out where possible, and the 'never say die' attitude keeping their car running in all circumstances." That this class was recognised for the way they work together is a testimony to the hard work at school which goes into building a close and trusting community, where behaviour and support are key and our values evident in all we do. I'm very proud of them all. Oh yes, and we also came top in the drag racing competition – Go Team Nibley!



### Highly recommended

Mrs Shepherd (Class 4) highly recommends the app DoodleMaths, which is free and sets age-related maths puzzles and calculations for children based on the National Curriculum (although, be warned, there are additional upgrades which are unnecessary). After 10 minutes a day there can be an observable improvement in ability and confidence.

### External Moderation

As well as the unannounced monitoring visit we received in SATs week, we have also hosted a monitoring visit for our Early Years Foundation Stage children. Well done to Miss Allen for being so well prepared, and so accurate with her judgements.



### FONNS and St. Martin's Spring Fayre

A big thank you goes to all those who supported, by parting with cash but especially by volunteering on the stalls. Though the weather threatened from time to time, eventually the sun shone on us all. The Country Dance Team performed again a selection of their dances, supported by Ms Ciotti and Ms Howie, and it was good to see the event so well attended. Over £400 was raised for the school, so congratulations go to FONNS and the church, working in partnership.



**Safeguarding** is our number 1 priority. Our last Ofsted inspection described this aspect of our work as 'Outstanding'. In preparation for the Year 5 and 6 residential trip next October, Miss Parker has trained to take up the role as Deputy Safeguarding Lead since both Ms Surrige and myself will be accompanying the children to London. The school will be in safe hands! We have also instigated a better system for signing in and out, for pupils arriving late or leaving the site for various reasons before the end of the day. Please co-operate with our measures to account for your pupils at all times.

### Manchester

It is always a difficult call to make, how much to share and how best to phrase it. Suffice to say, Class 4 respected the minute's silence on Thursday contemplating the value of life, respect for the bereaved and their hopes for a better future.

**School Dinners – Sport Day Special** Our caterers will provide a special option on Sport Day, Wednesday 14th June. Hot dogs, or veggie hot dogs, with chips, salad and coleslaw or Jacket Potato will be available, with flapjack to follow. Please book in the normal way. **Please can I remind all those using Parentpay to ensure their account has sufficient credit as we do have a few parents who are failing to do so.**



**Vacancies - Wrap-around Care & School Administrator** I hope you had time to read the Chair of Governor's letter this week, re Wrap-around Care (Breakfast and After-school clubs). The vacancy details for employment at the clubs can now be found online and on our notice board. Also online are details of our new vacancy, the role of administrator (only) created by the splitting of the 'financial' and 'secretarial' aspects of our office support. Please refer to my letter this week for further information. See [ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/](http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/) for details.

**School Office Update** We are pressing ahead with changes to the way we do things in the office, and ask for your support in reducing the amount of cash we have to count, receipt and bank. Increasingly we will be expecting the default method for payments to be completed on-line, through Parent-Pay. We are also in the process of arranging for school uniform to be ordered online, with options for delivery to your own address. Since this service will be handled directly by the supplier we will be able to implement other efficiencies in our office.



**Nature Quiz – Area Champions** It was another closely fought round on Monday, which saw North Nibley retain the Area Championship for the third year running. One of our team thought the questions were noticeably harder than earlier rounds. Another felt that our team were really well prepared for the picture and specimen rounds. Quizmaster Mrs Freeman said it was rare for both teams to score full marks on the specimen rounds (as happened this time). One of our team said that there were many hard questions, for us and our opponents. "The British School were really good, it's just that we were better!" On to the county semi-finals!

#### SPORTS CLUB

Due to the availability of off-site opportunities for our sports teams, and other complications with the school diary, we have decided to **cancel** the remaining **WEDNESDAY SPORTS CLUBS**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Water bottles, sun cream and hats!** Please remember these essential items as the weather improves. Water bottles should contain water. Children know about the dangers to teeth of prolonged exposure to sugary drinks. We have new supplies of school caps if you need one (remember to protect the tops of ears with a little sun cream) but other sensible hats (without large floppy brims) are also beneficial to the children during outdoor PE and playtimes.

**School Photos** - You should now have seen proofs of the class photos, the sibling photos and the Year 6 Leaver photos. Do let us know if you like the new, contemporary style. We shall arrange individual photos in time for Christmas 2017, and a (traditional) whole school photo in the summer of 2018. Please return orders to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (1<sup>st</sup> day back).

**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)

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Governor's Finance and Premises meeting (The Bishop's Visitor will be with us on June 19 <sup>th</sup> )		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Tyndale Cluster trip to Badminton. Please see letters for details. Year 6 to the Cathedral for the Leaver's Service. Potential for a late arrival back at school.		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome meeting for next year's Reception Parents, 7:00 p.m. in the school hall.		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Nibley Nibbles fund-raising café, 2:00 onwards. Girls Kwik Cricket competition, Cam CC, leaving 9:30.		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nature Quiz – County Semi-finals, Elmore Hall, GL2 3NT, 4:30 p.m. Supporters welcome.		
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	'Competitive' Sports Day, with guests (next year's Reception). Afternoon – 1.15 start.		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Quad-Kids – County Finals ! OPEN AFTERNOON – EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE PARENTS from 1:00 – 2:30 (and on to assembly?)		
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Play Leader's Sports Day – all invited.		
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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26th May 2017

Dear

As you may be aware, all four classes at North Nibley teach children in mixed-year groups. Legal limits on infant class sizes mean that three year groups (Reception, Years 1 & 2) are often taught across 2 classes. Over the coming weeks the staff will be beginning to consider the likely placing of your Reception child for their Year 1 experience in 2017-18. Upper-most in our thinking is the need to ensure that children receive an education that allows them to flourish. In this letter I explain the process we will follow before final decisions are made.

1. The process will begin with an open meeting, when the criteria will be clearly explained. This year the meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 and I do hope you can attend.
2. Parents will have an opportunity to share their observations and concerns in a questionnaire, issued at or just after the first meeting. We also ask your permission to disclose the year 1 placements for all the children in the Year group. This is a help to you because, when our placement letter comes it gives a better insight into the thinking behind the decision, and the presence of 'known friends' may reduce any anxiety the children feel. It seems fair to me that this must be agreed by all before school will follow this through. If one parent withholds permission it would be respectful to withhold sharing any of the details in this way.
3. Parents will be able to meet with staff individually to hear the school's current thinking. This will take place in 'Parent Evening' style appointments, preferably all parents on the same day. We have put aside 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June to meet with you. Please tell us if this is inconvenient for you.
4. The initial decision will be made early in July, in writing, to allow end-of-year assessments to play a part in the decision. To ensure all parents receive the information on the same day letters will be sent by post.
5. Following this letter, parents will be able to meet with staff to explore any factors which they feel might have been given insufficient weight.
6. You will be informed in writing about the school's final decision before the end of the school year. I can confirm that School Governors play no part in deciding the Year 1 placements for your children. School staff are solely responsible for the day-to-day management of the school; the Governors role is more strategic.

If there are any aspects of this process that you would like to ask about, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Allen or myself. Whatever the outcome, I do wish to assure you that your views will be listened to. If we are not able to accommodate your wishes, please continue to have confidence that any concerns raised can be successfully overcome, through the high quality teaching and great levels of care you have come to expect.

Yours sincerely

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher

Rebecca Allen, Class Teacher





**Wotton & District  
Primary School Sports (Track Events)  
Venue: KLB, Wotton-Under-Edge**



26/05/17

Dear Parents

The Wotton & District Primary School Sports (Track Events) is taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at 6.30pm at KLB School.

Your child has been chosen to represent North Nibley School in this event. The event starts at 6.30pm and finishes at about 8.00pm so it is best to arrive by 6.00pm in order to join the team.

Please be respectful of the car parking marshals, who will direct them to a parking space. You will be asked to spectate on the opposite side of the track to the competitors.

Your child will be taking part in the following event/events:

Please can you ensure that your child is suitably equipped for the weather such as having a hat or coat as necessary and do not forget to apply sun cream should we be that lucky! Please see details below:

- **Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017
- **Time:** 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- **Venue:** North Nibley School Playing Field
- **Kit:** School Team kit with North Nibley sweatshirt/cardigan, trainers and warm clothing if necessary
- **Additional:** Children will need to bring a water bottle. Please indicate below if your child requires an inhaler at this event.

Please sign the permission form below. It is important that this slip is returned to us by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Many thanks, Mrs Dixon

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**Wotton & District Primary School Sports (Track Events)**

Venue: KLB, Wotton-Under-Edge

Date: Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 6.00pm

My child requires an inhaler for this event Yes  No

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

Child: \_\_\_\_\_



## Wotton & District

### Primary School Sports (Field Events)

Venue: North Nibley School Playing Field



26/05/17

Dear Parents

The Wotton & District Primary School Sports (Field Events) is taking place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 4.00pm here on the North Nibley School Playing Field.

Your child has been chosen to represent North Nibley School in this event. The event starts at 4.00pm and finishes at about 5.00pm so it is best for parents to arrive by 3.45pm (the children will stay at school until the event starts).

Your child will be taking part in the following event:

Please can you ensure that your child is suitably equipped for the weather such as having a hat or coat as necessary and do not forget to apply sun cream should we be that lucky! Please see details below:

- **Date:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- **Time:** 3.15pm – 5.00pm
- **Venue:** North Nibley School Playing Field
- **Kit:** School Team kit with North Nibley sweatshirt/cardigan, trainers and warm clothing if necessary
- **Additional:** Children will need to bring a water bottle (school will provide a healthy snack). Please indicate below if your child requires an inhaler at this event.

Please sign the permission form below. It is important that this slip is returned to us by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Many thanks, Mrs Dixon

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#### Wotton & District Primary School Sports (Field Events)

Venue: North Nibley School Playing Field

Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

My child requires an inhaler for this event Yes  No

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

Child: \_\_\_\_\_



Public Health  
England

**NHS**  
England

April 2017

To all parents and carers,

**Is your child up to date with important vaccinations which protect them against potentially serious infectious illnesses? If in any doubt, you should speak to your GP surgery to check.**

A child receives a number of doses of some vaccines from when they are 8 weeks old up until they go to school, and beyond. They need all of these doses to strengthen their protection against infectious illnesses. It is important to complete them at the right times or your child may be at risk of catching them.

It is particularly important that a child is up to date with their vaccinations before they start school as this is when they come into contact with more children and potential sources of infection.

Unfortunately locally, vaccination rates are too low, with many children missing vital doses – putting them at serious risk and increasing the likelihood of an outbreak of infectious illnesses in the wider population.

It is not too late if your child has missed any – speak to your GP or practice nurse to discuss a catch-up.

Vaccinations are safe – they are thoroughly tested and are continually monitored. It is the success of these vaccines that has helped to reduce the number of infections of some dangerous diseases such as measles, mumps and diphtheria. But these illnesses are still in circulation and if the number of fully protected children falls, these diseases can spread quickly.

Vaccinating your child also helps stop infections spreading to others, particularly those who cannot receive them, such as sick children, who are much more at risk from infections.

There is lots of information on the [NHS Choices website](#) – just search "vaccination". If you are in doubt, speak to your GP or practice nurse to check your child is protected.

Get involved in our campaign and help spread the word to others. Join in on Twitter or Facebook by searching **#KidsJabs**.

Regards,

*Nigel Acheson*

Nigel Acheson MD PGCert  
Regional Medical Director  
NHS England - South

*Jenny Harries*

Dr Jenny Harries OBE  
Regional Director - South  
Public Health England



# School is planning for Wrap-around Care!

## Staff Vacancies

Starting in September, our school hopes to launch

Breakfast and After-school Clubs, providing care 5 days a week, from 7:30 a.m until 6:00 p.m.

This club will be run by Superstars Activity Clubs, who are placing the following adverts to recruit suitable staff.

### **Description:**

Superstars run play based before and after school sessions inside primary schools looking after 4 - 11 year olds. We are Ofsted registered, professional about ensuring children are well looked after, safe and well cared for and our primary role is to supervise the children's free time before and / or after the working day, ensuring they can have fun with friends in an exciting, safe and fun environment. The right applicants will ideally be from a child care or school based background, caring and dedicated to putting children first, reliable, good at communicating and willing to work as part of a small, dedicated team.

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact us on 07896 796363 or by email to [mobile@superstars-activityclub.co.uk](mailto:mobile@superstars-activityclub.co.uk) for an application pack or more information. Any position will only be offered subject to satisfactory background checks, references (including most recent employment) and suitable DBS check. As a member of the 'Children's Rights Alliance for England' Superstars are completely dedicated to the protection of children and their rights, applicants must reflect this commitment in order to be suitable for the role.

Superstars Activity Club Ltd  
(Head Office) 9 Linkfield Road  
Mountsorrel  
Leicestershire  
LE12 7DJ

**Both roles -**

**Employer:** Superstars Activity Club Ltd.

**Start Date:** 5th September 2017.

**Duration:** Permanent

**Closing Date:** 19.06.2017

Kind regards, Mr Jonathan Carr (MD)

### **Before & After School Club Manager**

**Minimum Qualification:** Level 3 in child care or equivalent is essential along with a minimum of two years experience in a childcare (or similar child based care) setting, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding Training and Food Hygiene training are all essential although updates can be provided to the successful applicant.

**Minimum Experience Required:** Minimum two years experience.

**Pay Rate:** £8.50 p/h

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 07:25 - 08:55 & 14.50 - 18:05, this a term time only position (with the possibility of overtime in holidays once demand is established).

### **Additionally**

Superstars would like to hear from those who might be interested in occasional employment as cover staff. Please contact Jonathan for details.

### **Professional Play-worker**

**Minimum Qualification:** Level 2 or 3 in child care or equivalent is desirable but not essential, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding Training and Food Hygiene training are all desirable but not essential (training and updates will be offered to the right applicant if required, a long term appointment of someone who wants to be a reliable caring part of the team is more important).

**Minimum Experience Required:** Experience is not essential (providing that you are willing to undertake training) but childcare, school based and or parenting experience a distinct advantage.

**Pay Rate:** £7.50 p/h

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 07:25 - 08:55 & 14.50 - 18:05, this a term time only position (with the possibility of overtime in holidays).

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25/05/2017

Dear Parents,

An advertisement is due to appear today for a new school administrator and I thought you might appreciate a letter explain the school's position.

In recent years the administrative workload for schools has grown beyond recognition. In part this is due to the changing role of local authorities, and increased school autonomy, but also in part to on-going financial pressures. The need to do more, with less, is a constant challenge.

In review it has become clear that there are advantages to splitting the current, combined role of school administrator and finance officer. Mrs Bargewell, recently appointed to this combined role, believes that the school would benefit from such a change, and the Governors support this thinking. Mrs Bargewell, therefore, has agreed to work fewer hours, with a strong focus on the school finances, and an advertisement has been placed for additional administrative support.

We are committed not only to improving levels of administrative and financial support, for children, their families, the staff and governors, but also to rationalise and streamline many aspects of the job.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions of Mrs Bargewell or myself, and help us to circulate the news of a staff vacancy within this busy but vibrant school community.

Best wishes,

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Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher



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23/05/17

Dear Parents

**Forthcoming Trip to Badminton Estate for Year 2**

**Venue: Badminton Estate**  
**Date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Time: Leaving North Nibley at 8.50am and returning at 3.00pm**

Year 2 pupils have been invited to take part in a 'managing the environment day' at Badminton Estate, organised by The Countryside Foundation for Education. The children will be attending with pupils from Hillesley and Kingswood Primary Schools.

This day will include a Woodland Trail – meeting gamekeepers, foresters and woodland activities, Farm Trail and a village trail – a guided tour of the village including the original Tudor Hall, the Stables and the Kennels.

The cost of this day trip will be met by the Tyndale Cluster Funds. **The children will travel by coach which will be leaving North Nibley at 8.50am sharp so please arrive at school on time as we will be unable to delay the coach to wait for you.**

Permission slips need to be returned by Friday 26th May 2017.

School sweatshirts/cardigans with suitable trousers and footwear should be worn and the children will need a packed lunch, water bottle, jacket and/or sun hat (depending on weather). The children must have this in a suitable bag which they are able to carry.

We hope that you'll agree this will be a good learning experience to help the children develop more understanding about the rural environment around us.

Yours sincerely

Paul Batchelor  
Head Teacher

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**Badminton Estate**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

*Please delete as appropriate and return this slip no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

I do / I do not give permission for my child/ren .....  
to take part in the Badminton Estate Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and to travel by coach.

Signed ..... Date .....

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23/05/17

Dear Parents

As you know the children have qualified to go through to the County Semi Finals of the Wildlife Quiz. This has been scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Elmore Village Hall, postcode GL2 3NT. It is the old village school and has plenty of parking available.

It would be helpful if parents could attend to support the children and then transport them home directly from Elmore.

We will need to be there by 4.15 pm at the latest ready for a 4.30pm start! Do come and support if you are able.

Please could you fill in the attached permission slip and indicate whether you will be able to help with transport.

Many thanks

Mr P Batchelor  
Head Teacher

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**County Semi Final Wildlife Quiz**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Elmore Village Hall, GL2 3NT**

I do /do not give my permission for my child.....to attend the Wild life quiz.

I can / cannot help with transport Yes  No

My vehicle is roadworthy, insured and taxed, and has space for \_\_\_\_\_ other children as well as my own child. (Please assume you will be required to transport on the day unless we advise otherwise).

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

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22/05/2017

Dear Parents

As some of you may already be aware, the governors and the head teacher have been looking into the possibility of providing a before and after school club [sometimes known as 'wrap-around-care'] at North Nibley,

We have researched quite thoroughly the different ways that this might be provided, as well as considering whether it is the right thing for the school. There was a positive response in favour of the idea as a result of last year's parent survey on the issue and it would be an added attraction to the school for prospective parents.

We have found an independent organisation called Superstars that has been successfully running such clubs in the Midlands and is able set one up at North Nibley. Superstars has been in business for six years and run six such clubs already, one of which we have visited to see it in operation in a Church of England school of a similar size to North Nibley; our impression of the way the club runs, and fits in with the school, was very favourable

After careful and full consideration we have decided that it is the right thing to try and establish wrap-around care at North Nibley school, and have asked Superstars to set up a club for us. They would run it on the school premises, but independently from the school, and parents would liaise directly with them about their child/children's attendance at it.

We hope that the club will be running from the beginning of the next school year, in September, but we cannot confirm that until suitable local leaders for the club have been recruited. We should be able to confirm this by the beginning of July, and at that point will be able to give more details about the hours and costs of the club. But meanwhile we wanted to put all parents in the picture about the decision to introduce wrap-around-care, and our hope that we will have this new provision at the school by the next school year.

It is our hope that recruitment information will soon be available online at

<http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/>

Information about Superstar Activity Club (not to be confused with the local provider of sports tuition) can be found here - <http://www.superstars-activityclub.co.uk> . The North Nibley page is a work in progress.

With best wishes  
Sue Bradley-Jones  
Chair of Governors

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Dear Parents

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June we hope to take our Year 6 to the Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral, travelling in staff cars.

We will be leaving school at about 12.00 o'clock so could you please ensure your child brings a packed on this day. We anticipate returning to school between 3.30 and 4.00pm.

Each year the Cathedral Leavers' Service supports the work of a charity through the fundraising efforts of individual schools. This year the money will be given to 'Christian Aid' and go towards their specific support with child refugees across the world. Could you please send in your contribution of £2.00 a head to support this valuable cause.

I have had several parents enquire if they could attend this service however, it is just for the leavers themselves, and there are no public seats available.

Could you please sign and return the permission slip below as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

Mr P Batchelor  
Head Teacher

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**The Cathedral Leavers' Service**  
**Gloucester Cathedral - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

I do / do not give my permission for my child.....to travel by staff car with the appropriate restraints, licence and insurance, to attend the leavers service.

I have enclosed my donation of £2.00.

Signed.....