



# NEWSLETTER 206

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

LAST NUMBER FACT FOR A WHILE...There are 206 bones in the typical adult human body!

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## WHAT A LOVELY START BACK WE HAVE HAD!

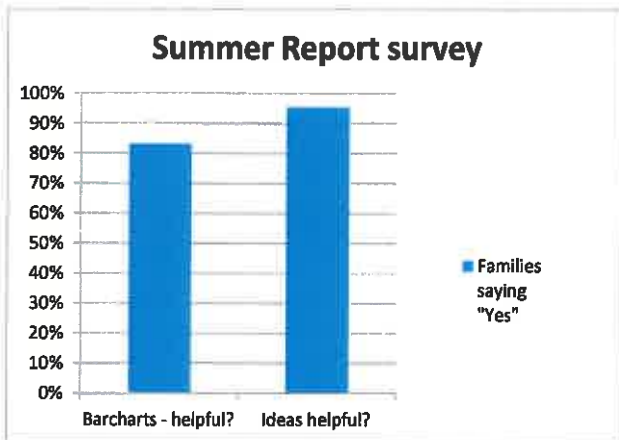
### CONGRATULATIONS TO US!

Over the summer it was confirmed that North Nibley School qualified (again) for the GOLD award from School Games organisers, in recognition of the excellent work which goes into P.E. within the time-tabled curriculum and beyond, in terms of after-hours opportunities, at local and county level. This is a real achievement for Mrs Dixon, Mrs Dickson and all our children.



### Safeguarding update for volunteers – date needed.

Staff undergo update training every 3 years as part of the requirements of working in a school. I am aware that we have a vast number of volunteers who, although cleared by the DBS screening service, nevertheless receive no information on Child Protection beyond the handouts given at the time they join us as volunteers. I am arranging a date in the near future where you can receive some important updates to help you play your part in keeping children safe.



**Survey** Parents in last year's Year 1 to Year 6 year groups will be aware that we have been exploring different ways of sharing pupil's attainment in the National Curriculum data, with surveys at the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. 24 'unique' families (meaning, duplicate answers for siblings were discounted) chose to answer the two questions asked – "Did you find the subject attainment 'bar charts' helpful?" and "Did you find sections 'How to help your child' helpful?" The results are shown on the left and represent the most positive response yet to unpicking this tricky subject. Several parents took the time to confirm that it was the most helpful of the three methods trialled last year. Some also asked for further information about the expected standards (replicating thoughts in the annual survey). Unlike the vast majority of schools I

know, we are trying to quantify what attainment and progress 'looks like', in the context of continuing changes within the national system. I will hold another meeting on this issue **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Fortunately I can use the materials prepared for the June meeting on this very subject. I hear that the government is considering ending the approach known as 'secure fit' for writing assessments, which will make a substantial (and positive) difference to our results at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. (There will obviously be a knock on effect felt across all year groups.)

### STAFF NEWS

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Miss Parker, who got engaged during the final week of school in July. Welcome to Paula Kirby, who has started work in the office. Please introduce yourselves when you have time.

### WHAT A KNIGHT!

DVD copies of our summer production are available to those who pre-ordered them, at a cost of £5 each, profits go to the School Fund.

### THANK YOU!

A huge "Thank you" goes to Mrs Meyer for keeping the Polli:Nation garden alive during the summer break. If anyone helped with the pond or the planters at the front of the school, "Thank you" to you too! Thank you to parents who helped to clean the resources used by Class 1. This too is a massive help to the school.

### AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Can those willing to run a club in the Autumn Term please contact me at school a.s.a.p. so that we can get a quick turnaround of the 'club menu'? It would be good to start in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

## INTERNET SAFETY

We have added a document to the Safety Online page of our website (<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/staying-safe-online/>) entitled "Internet Safety E-book for Parents – For Schools to Share with Parents", and you are invited to download and read this timely piece of advice.

## Website

Before the break I wrote about planned changes to just over 100 pages on our website. This work is now complete, with all pages now having a logical page name, for example <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/> All the 'internal' links seem to work fine but this was a major undertaking. Please do let me know if something doesn't work as you expect!

## Also updated –

School Meals Menu - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals-menus/>

School Results 2017 <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/sats-results/>

Pupil Premium Grant <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/premium-funding-reports/>

Sports Premium Grant <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/premium-funding-reports/>

Newsletters - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

## Menu

The copy on our website is correct. The 'glossy' flyer distributed this week has the wrong jacket potato on Wednesday (it should be with beans) and the wrong soup on Thursday (it will be tomato). Please annotate your copy accordingly.

## WINSTON'S WISH

Last school year the children voted to support the charity Winston's Wish in our summer charity project. We had great fun dressing up with a "W" theme – Wally's, windmills, websites, warriors and wizards were watched wandering around.

Wonderful! Overall £186 was raised – so well done us! Our next dressing up day is World Book Day (Spring, 2018) and the children will make a choice for a summer project later in the year.

**AUTUMN CHARITY** There is an opportunity for families to support Meningitis Now with the annual 5 Valley's Walk event on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please read my letter and flyer sent separately this week.

## WATCH THIS SPACE (CONTINUED)!

Over the summer Class 4's shed was replaced giving the school slightly more storage options. This should be particularly pleasing to one parent who commented on the Parent Survey "Storage for Class 4 PE kits - trainers keep getting mouldy especially in winter, and they smell damp and musty all the time." We do take notice of all your comments. The full survey results can still be found under the Parents and Visitors tab on the main menu, or click here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/parent-survey-2017-results/>



## SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

The website for ordering our school uniform is now up and running. Parents need to be aware that there are two options for delivery. Either you choose to have it delivered to your home address or you can choose "Collect from the Linela shop". By special arrangement this second option will actually be delivered to school, and Linela will cover the postage costs. In the future we will try to arrange a termly delivery. Our grateful thanks goes to Linela for working so fast to put this service into operation. [www.linelashop.co.uk](http://www.linelashop.co.uk)

## PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please can I remind all parents who have/use a ParentPay account to ensure that any monies owing on your accounts for lunches etc. are fully paid up. This debt is not allowed to be carried forward into the next academic year and it will be the responsibility of the school to pay this on your behalf should you fail to do this. It is especially important that parents of Year 6 children who will be leaving us this year do this as it will have an impact on your child's secondary school's ability to set up an account for you if this is not done. Many thanks to all who have supported the school in using ParentPay. FROM SEPTEMBER PARENTPAY WILL BE THE DEFAULT WAY TO PAY.

## CHRISTIAN VALUE FOR THE AUTUMN TERM - SERVICE

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls individuals to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important Value for all social relationships. Words relating to “servant” and “service” are central in Christian theology.



Serving God means serving others. Meaning is found in service rather than in self-centredness. It runs counter to the idea that life is all about competition, or that freedom simply means doing what suits me, or my group, best. It also means that we cannot serve other masters as well (i.e. focus on these as the things of greatest importance) – such as money and possessions. These are some of the questions we will be exploring together:

- How are pupils encouraged to serve one another?
- How are acts of service celebrated in school?
- Are school members active in service in the wider community?
- Which areas of the curriculum enable the children to consider the importance of service?
- Numerous adults serve the school community behind the scenes. Are the children aware of who they are and what they do?
- How do children show their appreciation and gratitude to those who serve them?

Our Christian Value this term is Service. “The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.” — Barack Obama

**SUNFLOWERS** Many thanks to all those who have been sharing photos of their sunflowers! They make me smile!

**HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS?** The ‘Good Ideas’ box makes a welcome return! Find it on the lobby desk, just inside the front door.

<p><b>NEW FEATURE!</b></p> 		<p><b>Have you also seen...( In the Virtual Bookbag this week )</b></p> <p>Our Parent Survey tells us a number of you don’t get what we think goes into the bookbags. I am listing here what we’ve sent. If you don’t find it, PLEASE ASK or visit the virtual bookbag for an online copy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meningitis Now – letter and flyer</li> <li>• School Menu – see above</li> <li>• Drama Club flyers</li> <li>• Autumn Club ‘menu’ – make your choices quickly!</li> <li>• GL11 – family flyer</li> <li>• South Cerney Letter and Bikeability Letter – Year 6 only</li> </ul> <p>Follow this link <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/</a></p>
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## DIARY DATES

**MANY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/>**

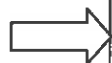
Monday 11th	First Swimming Lessons for Years 3 & 4.		
Tuesday 12th	Violins start back.		
Weds 13th	Woodwind lessons re-start. FONNS MEETING – Staffroom, 7:30		
Monday 18th	Reception children stay for lunch. Please collect your child at the end of lunchtime – 1.05pm would be great! Year 6 – Cluster Water Sports Day		
Weds 20th	NO SPORTS CLUB – Staff Defibrillator		
Thursday 21st	First Full Governing Body Meeting		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Head Teacher Drop-in, 9:00 – 10:00. All welcome (especially parents of Reception children)		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Full time school begins for Reception children, unless special circumstances apply. We will let you know. Cycle Training for Year 6. Cycling continues on Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday Lunch at the Village Hall too!		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for Parents of Year 5 & Year 6 girls.		
Weds 27th	Assessment / Standards / Expectations – Annual Update meeting for parents. Answers the question “What about the most able?” (Raised twice in recent Parent Surveys)		
Tues 3rd &	Weds 4th Parent / Teacher meetings. Children welcome too. WE DISTRIBUTE SIGN-UP SHEETS		
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> to	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> OCT London Residential NO BLOGGING CLUB		
AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days	SPRING 2018 – Pupil days	SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN – Pupil days
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 1 decided in Autumn 2017
Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 4/06/18 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 decided in Autumn 2017

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.**

**IMPORTANT DATES –**

Other 'CANCELLATIONS' will be published as soon as we know of them!

Please reply by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. This enables registers to be completed on time.

**18<sup>th</sup> September - Monday**. Clubs start

**20<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday** - Defibrillator training – NO SPORTS OR HAMA BEADS CLUB

**23<sup>rd</sup> October, Monday** HALF-TERM begins AND INCLUDES Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Clubs affected.

**7<sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday** - TEACHERS are doing additional after-school training. Clubs affected.

**11<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October**, Wednesday to Friday - LONDON residential takes place. Clubs affected.

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Last day for REGULAR CLUBS

Day	CLUB	For	Run by	Times	Where	Notes
Monday	Really Wild! (Nature)	Everybody!	Mrs Meyer	Lunchtime	PolliNation corner	'Drop-in' as you like!
Monday	(No teacher-run clubs. Staff meetings in progress)					
Monday	Young Voices Choir	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Shephard	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 3	<del>Max 12</del>
Tuesday	Table Tennis	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Browning	3.15 – 4.15 pm	HALL	Max 6, and then a ROTA
Tuesday	Textiles	Years 4 & 5	Ms Surridge	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 4	Max 10, and then a ROTA
Tuesday	Art	Years 1 & 2	Miss Tyers	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 2	Max 10, and then a ROTA
Wednesday	Hama Beads	Years 1 & 2	Miss Allen	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 1	Max 6, and then a ROTA
Wednesday	Sport	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Dixon	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Outdoor / Hall	
Thursday	Running Club	Year 1 – 6	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	BLOGGING	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Batchelor	3:15 – 4:15 pm	Classroom 3	INITIALLY BY INVITATION ONLY
<b><u>MUSIC</u></b>	Mrs Miller'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.					

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADD LUNCHTIME CLUBS, E.G. CHESS, 12:30 → 1:00. Please ask for details.

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	Young Voices Choir	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Table Tennis		
Tuesday	Textiles	Years 4 & 5	
Tuesday	Art	Years 1 & 2	
Wednesday	Hama Beads	Years 1 & 2	
Wednesday	Sport	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	
Thursday	Running Club	Year 1 – 6	
Thursday	BLOGGING	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	WE WILL OPEN THIS UP AT A LATER DATE.
<b>MUSIC</b>	Mrs Miller - Violins (Tuesdays), Mrs Hales - Woodwind (Wednesdays) & Mr Trotman - Piano (Tuesdays)		EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM 'NEW' PLAYERS WELCOME. PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE.

SIGNED .....

Please send reply slip in by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** to enable registers to be completed on time.

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If this is necessary we will contact you with details.**

**PLEASE RETAIN PAGE ONE SINCE IT INCLUDES IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

# ONE

# TWO

# THREE

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY...

4 Sept, 25 Sept, 16 Oct  
13 Nov, 4 Dec

11 Sept, 2 Oct, 23 Oct  
20 Nov, 11 Dec

18 Sept, 9 Oct, 6 Nov  
27 Nov, 18 Dec

**Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy**  
Vegetable Cottage Pie with Mashed Potato  
Topping

**Jacket Potato with Beans**

Cauliflower & Peas

Plum & Vanilla Oaty Crumble with Custard  
Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**Chicken Tikka & Rice**  
Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice

**Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette**

Carrots & Green Beans

Banana Cake & Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad

**Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy**

Vegetable Dumplings with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

**Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo**

Savoy Cabbage & Swede

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Icing  
Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**Organic Beef Mince Cottage Pie**  
Quara Sauce with Mashed  
Potatoes & Gravy

**Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette**

Sweetcorn & Carrots

Apple Pie & Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad

**MSC Salmon Fishcake with Chips**  
Roasted Vegetable Falafel Wrap

**Jacket Potato with Cheese**

Baked Beans & Garden Peas

Flapjack

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Chunks

**Beef Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges**  
Beans & Vegetable Potage with Jacket Wedges

**Jacket Potato with Beans**

Coleslaw & Sweetcorn

Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**Chicken Neapolitan Pasta**  
Mozzarella Cheese with Garlic Sauce

**Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette**

Broccoli & Carrots

Lemon Mixed Berry Cake & Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Chunks

**Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy**

Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

**Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo**

Carrots & Green Beans

Vanilla Shortbread

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad

**Organic Beef Mince Tortilla Stack**  
Vegetable Pasta Bolognese

**Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette**

Roasted Mixed Vegetables

Eves Pudding with Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**MSC Fish Fingers with Chips**  
Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips

**Jacket Potato with Cheese**

Baked Beans & Garden Peas

Chocolate Brownie

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Chunks

**BBQ Chicken Pizza with Jacket Wedges**  
Vegetable Tortilla Stack

**Jacket Potato with Beans**

Sweetcorn & Mixed Peppers

Fear Sponge with Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**Organic Beef Mince Chilli with Rice**  
Rendit & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

**Tomato Soup & Filled Baguette**

Green Beans & Glazed Carrots

Apple Crumble & Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad

**Roast Chicken with Stuffing with**  
**Roast Potatoes & Gravy**

Vegetable Wellington with Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

**Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo**

Savoy Cabbage & Sweetcorn

Chocolate Crunch

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Chunks

**Organic Beef Mince Pasta Bolognese**  
Cheese Tortilla Pizza with Wedges

**Vegetable Soup & Filled Baguette**

Broccoli & Mixed Salad

Jam Sponge with Custard

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad

**MSC or Battered Fish with Chips**  
Spanish Chorizo with Chips

**Jacket Potato with Cheese**

Garden Peas & Baked Beans

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter

**Jacket Potatoes**

Available cooked daily, with a choice  
of fillings when advertised.

**Bread**

freshly baked in situ daily

**Daily salad selection**

there will be a selection of salad  
items available daily

**Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt**

available daily

**WE USE LOCALLY  
SOURCED INGREDIENTS  
WHEN AVAILABLE  
AND IN SEASON**

All our meals are  
thoroughly analysed to  
ensure they meet and in  
most cases exceed  
The School Food Standards  
We hope you will enjoy  
our new menus

Menus could be subject to  
last change; please check  
your child's school for any  
 bespoke changes.



Vegetarian option



Oily fish



Marine Stewardship  
Council details  
Web: [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)  
Chain of Custody  
Registration Code  
MSC-C-54385

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



**Wotton Drama Club at Under The Edge Arts: Monday 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm**  
Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm (for 4-7 year olds) with Jenny McGrath  
Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm (for 7-10 year olds) with Janet Wilson

In these fun drama workshops, your child will develop the confidence to speak and perform in front of a group. We will give them the opportunity to develop their use of voice and body language, and create characters through improvisation. As we nurture teamwork, we'll work towards devising performances using stage technology. Jenny is a qualified early years professional and has worked with the Cheltenham Everyman Youth theatre. Janet has taught children Drama in schools and with Stagecoach.

£30 for six weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. Booking is essential  
For 4-7s contact Jenny on 07941604201 or [redjenhen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redjenhen@hotmail.co.uk)  
For 7-10s contact Janet on 07549238844 or [janetwilson303@btinternet.com](mailto:janetwilson303@btinternet.com)

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05/09/2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

### Autumn Term Charity Event – Five Valley’s Walk

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, at 10 o’clock, some of the staff will be taking part in the “Five Valleys Walk” for Meningitis Now, and I write to invite adults and children to join us, for part or all of the circuit.

Some staff are planning to complete the whole walk, and will set off from Checkpoint 1, Stroud’s Cricket Club, at 8:30 a.m. (GL10 2LA, parking available)

Others plan to set off from Nailsworth’s Morrison’s car park (GL6 0AG) at 10 o’clock, joining in with the earlier group as they pass by. Everyone will need a packed lunch and we will walk over to Slad (GL6 7QE) via the checkpoints at MINCHINHAMPTON School (GL6 9BP), BRIMSCOMBE – (STB Engineering, GL5 2UF) and LYPIATT (GL6 7LN). At each of the checkpoints (and those beyond on the 21 mile circuit) you can catch a free bus ride back to your starting point. There are also refreshments which can be bought.

Pre-registration is chargeable, and you’ll be sent a sponsor form and further details, but there is no compulsion to raise additional money after registration – that’s entirely up to you.

We won’t officially be ‘in charge’ of your children, so family and adult/children groups are invited to come together, arrange your own transport and your own lunches. However, we think it could be a really pleasant, social occasion, with drop out points for those with younger children and additional challenges if you want to go further.

Please download the event handbook and pre-register at the website,  
<https://www.meningitisnow.org/support-us/featured-events/five-valleys-walk-2017/>

And please let us know that we won’t be the only ones enjoying the outdoors. Let’s hope it doesn’t rain!

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor,

Head Teacher



## Advanced Cycle Cycle Training



Dear Parent or Carer

The Advanced Cycle Training Scheme provided by the Road Safety Partnership will be coming to our school on:

Week commencing: **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**      School Co-ordinator: **Paula Kirby**

The course is practical & enjoyable and builds on individual abilities. It gives cyclists experience of riding through a variety of road situations, in traffic, accompanied by experienced and friendly cycling instructors.

The course will generally consist of:

- A 4 hour course, ensuring minimal pupil absence from their timetabled lessons
- Pupils riding for two x 2 hour sessions on consecutive days
- On-road practice over several miles of cycling with all riders wearing hi-viz jackets
- Developing riding skills starting with quieter roads and progressing to busier roads as their abilities allow.
- Familiarisation with the local road network & any available cycle facilities

Instructor to pupil ratios will generally be 1:2 and ensure as far as possible that:

- Pupils of similar cycling experience are matched up after first day assessment.
- Those with less experience will not struggle to keep up
- Those who are more confident can progress further without being held back
- Pupils will build in their confidence and become safer road users
- Occasionally a less experienced pupil may not be able to complete the whole course. In such a case, advice and information regarding further training will be given.

All routes are pre-planned and risk assessed by the County's Cycling Coordinator in advance of training taking place. Instructors will be wearing cycle helmets and we would encourage your child to wear one.

Pupils will need show that they can ride their bikes and keep control while riding with one hand as if to signal and while looking behind them before they can be taken out on the roads.

**If you would like your child to take part, please complete the slip below and return to school. Please ensure your child attends with a road worthy bike (see over for bike check advice).**

The cost of training is £8 per pupil.

If you need any more information please contact The Road Safety Partnership, Tel: 01452 425662 or e-mail: [roadsafety@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Data Protection Act 1998:** This information is being collected for the administration of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership Cycle Training Scheme. If you have any query or concern regarding this please contact us in the Road Safety Partnership (01452) 425662.



The "M" check is a quick and simple way to make sure a bike is safe, legal and roadworthy.

If you find anything faulty that you can't fix please take it to an expert at your local bike shop.

Illegal or unsafe bikes can't be used for training.



PART	CHECK	✓
Front Tyre	Press down hard on top of the tyre, if it's not firm pump it up	
	Check for worn tread and cracks, splits or bulges in the rubber	
Front Wheel	Spin to check the rim is true and nothing is rubbing. Check spokes aren't loose/broken	
	Check the hub turns freely but is not loose and the wheel nuts are tight.	
Front Brake	Push the bike firmly forwards with the front brake on, the wheel shouldn't turn.	
	Check that the blocks are in the right place, not rubbing and not badly worn.	
	Check the cable works smoothly and is not frayed or rusty.	
Steering	Check it turns freely but is not loose	
Handlebars	Hold the front wheel between your knees and check the bars can't be twisted around.	
	Can the cyclist reach the handlebars and operate brakes and gears easily?	
Frame	Is it cracked or twisted?	
Chain	The chain should be lightly oiled (not rusty).	
	When the pedals are turned it should run smoothly on the cogs without coming off	
Saddle	Is it straight and level? Is it loose?	
	Right height? Sitting with legs straight, both feet should touch the ground with heels raised.	
Back Tyre	Press down hard on top of the tyre, if it's not firm pump it up	
	Check for worn tread and cracks, splits or bulges in the rubber	
Back Wheel	Spin to check the rim is true and nothing is rubbing. Check spokes aren't loose/broken	
	Check the hub turns freely but is not loose and the wheel nuts are tight.	
Back Brake	Push the bike firmly forwards with the back brake on, the wheel shouldn't turn.	
	Check that the blocks are in the right place, not rubbing and not badly worn.	
	Check the cable works smoothly and is not frayed or rusty.	
Gears	If the bike has gears, please ensure that your child can change gear easily.	

### Advanced Cycle Training Scheme

I'd like to book my child for this training. I will provide a road worthy bike and suitable clothing for this course.

Name of child (please print).....Year Group.....

- I understand that training sessions will take place on the road.
- I agree to any relevant special educational or disability information being passed to Road Safety.
- I have paid £8 by ParentPay.

Name of Parent/Carer (please print) .....

Signature of Parent/Carer .....Date.....

**To be returned to the school**

# **North Nibley Youth Drama Group**

for years 5,6 and 7

**Meet at The Chapel at 6pm on Fridays, starting Friday 8th September.**

**£2.50 - pay on the door.**

**Run by KLB 6th form drama students (with adult supervision at all times)**

**For more info, contact [louiseciatti@hotmail.com](mailto:louiseciatti@hotmail.com) 0795 2623966**

## NORTH NIBLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

A few years ago South Cerney's water activity centre moved from being a Local Authority funded centre to being a privately run concern. The costs increased substantially but together a 'The Tyndale Cluster' our 6 schools still believe that our Year 6's benefit – from the activities planned and the social interaction with other pupils the same age. This is something that they will need to do when they start secondary school.

This year we are using some our own budgets to subsidise these costs and make it more affordable. Also, to keep the cost down, we hope to transport the children in staff and parent cars, since coach hire would substantially increase the cost.

So, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September the Year 6 pupils from the Tyndale Cluster schools will be taking part in an activities day at South Cerney. The children will be involved in several water based activities. All children will need a packed lunch and we ask you to make sure they do not have any glass bottles or fizzy drinks.

The cost is £21 per child (less than last year's £27 pounds!). This contribution is, as usual, entirely voluntary, but without it we will not be able to proceed with the visit. Pupils entitled to the Pupil Premium have all school trips paid for. If you think you may qualify, please speak to Mr Batchelor in confidence. The Pupil Premium is worth around £1300 for each child!

Parents do need to complete and return the permission slip and consent form attached before any child can participate in this experience. Pupils can wear tracksuits/old clothes for warmth (not school uniform) and need to take a COMPLETE spare set of clothing, including footwear. They will need a towel and swimming costume. (For more information see the list enclosed).

We need to leave school at 9.00 a.m. prompt, to arrive at South Cerney to start the activities by 10:00am and will arrive back at approximately 4.00 p.m. We would ask you to bring your child into school by 8.40 a.m. so that we can take registration prior to leaving school. Please complete and return the reply slip, with your contribution as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Batchelor  
Head Teacher.

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Year 6 South Cerney Activities Day. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

I do/ do not give my permission for my child.....to attend the activities day at South Cerney.

I can / cannot help with transport and have .....spaces available, I have informed my insurance company, have the correct restraints, licence and have completed the volunteer driver process.

I have / have not enclosed my contribution of £21.00

Signed.....



## Kit List

*Waterproof tops & bottoms, a buoyancy aid, a helmet and a wetsuit (if appropriate) are supplied.*

### To bring

*Packed lunch*

*Hat for sun or warmth*

*Sunglasses*

*Sun block, lotion or cream, lip balm*

*Any medication including Asthma inhalers if required –please inform the instructor*

*Toiletries and towel*

*RYA Logbooks (if taking part in courses)*

*Bin bag to take wet kit home in!*

### Clothes for on and off the water

*Please remember it may be hot, cold or even raining.*

*Swimming costume, jogging bottoms, shorts, t-shirts, warm tops/ fleeces. Trainers you don't mind getting wet/dirty for use during activities.*

*Please make sure you have enough clothes - at least 3 changes of clothing*

*Mobile phones – we try to discourage the use of mobile phones. There will be the opportunity to ring home using the Centre telephone if needed.*

*If parents need to contact either the Instructors or youngsters, this can be by the Centre number - 01285 860388*