



NEWSLETTER 214

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On this date in 1558 Elizabeth I (aged 25) ascends to the English throne

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Dear Parents and Friends,

TIME IS RUNNING OUT - YOU CAN VOTE. YOUR FRIENDS CAN VOTE. YOUR RELATIVES AND COLLEAGUES CAN VOTE!

By now we hope you are all aware that our school- the governors and the parent community together – are trying to raise funds for additional teaching space – a breakout room where groups of children can work without recourse to working in corridors or the hall, as is currently the case. Please, please, please, use your free votes at <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6149> to vote for our project, and help us to get between £1,000 and £5,000 towards much needed space. Please spread this link as widely as you can. Support a great cause!

Charity work & 'Special Days'

Thank you for your support with this term's special cause, the Christmas Shoebox project (especially since the cost of sending boxes had risen considerably since last year). In the end we sent 28 boxes, when our collection was merged with that of the Nibley House nursery. One of our aims at school is to instil a feeling of community, and help children develop a sense of responsibility towards others. I strongly believe we do this very well, and we see this every day, in the classroom, at play and on the sports field. In the past we have been pleased to support a variety of charities, but it's not always clear which we are supporting, and when, especially since some charities run on a bi-annual basis. We thought it might be helpful to show a plan. The children have yet to choose a charity to support in the summer term.



Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
LAST YEAR	Children In Need & McMillan Cancer relief	Comic Relief (Red Nose)	Winston's Wish (Pupil Choice)
THIS YEAR	Meningitis Now (Five Valleys Walk) & Christmas Shoeboxes	World Book Day	Pupil Choice (School Council are considering some options)

REMINDERS Please return a.s.a.p. permission slips for the Pantomime, generously provided by FONNS. A reminder that Year ALL 1 and 2 will be swimming after Christmas (the first swim is Monday 8th Jan). Parents are asked to set up their accounts on ParentPay. We are also after volunteers to join a rota, to accompany the children. Volunteers will need to be DBS checked beforehand, so please consider this opportunity now.

Thinking about our value of Service - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" The Bible, Isaiah Chapter 6 Verse 8. What are we called to do?



DID YOU KNOW? Each year we invite Year 7 pupils back to school, to share a mince pie and collect some valuable feedback about their time here, and how well we have prepared them for secondary school. This year we would like to see them on Wednesday 6th December, from 4:00 until 5:00. Do please spread the word!

WRAP-AROUND CARE Please consider registering, even if you do not regularly plan to use the service. If they hold your paperwork, SuperStars will be able to cover in rare circumstances, such as the closure of the M5 resulting in your delayed journey home. As part of the selection process, Governors made it a priority to appoint an experienced and fully independent provider, so that the management of the service would not impact on the running of the school. For this reason all bookings, cancellations and illness notifications should be run directly through SuperStar's own phone numbers and email addresses. Call: Jon (MD): (07896) 796363 or Kristy (Director) (07817) 612995 Email: Info@superstars-activityclub.co.uk

It will help the school considerably if you could remember that the management of this service should be completely 'self-contained'. Illnesses etc which effect the school day should additionally be shared with the school as normal. We have created a page on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wrap-around-care-breakfast-and-after-school-care-club/> with all the times and prices.

IF YOU MISSED either the phonics or the safeguarding presentations, you can find the slideshows here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

DID YOU NOTICE, we have a new email address – finance@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk – which is the best email address to use for all matters financial. Mrs Bargewell, finance officer, now works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

OFSTED INSPECTION

The draft report has arrived. After a final check for factual accuracy it should be available soon.

BECOME A VILLAGE HALL REP!

School traditionally has a representative on the Village Hall Committee. If you would like further information on taking up this post please contact David Earle to discuss the requirements, which I think is a minimum of 1 meeting a year! David can be contacted on 01453 546659.

CHRISTMAS DATES

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

We are attending an afternoon performance of Dick Whittington in Cheltenham. We expect to be home around 5:30 ish. No Blogging Club and no Sports Club either! Thank you, FONNS for this amazing treat!

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

FONNS Christmas Fayre, in school from 5 p.m.

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity – starting at 2 p.m.

The post box will be in operation from this date and Class 4 'elves' will be delivering the contents soon after. ALL cards must go through the post box, since this eases several difficulties that can occur in the playground and classes.

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Classes 1 & 2 Nativity – children MUST be at school at 5.30 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. start.

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Carol Service at St. Martins, from 6:30. This joyous celebration is open to all our community. ALL children from Classes 3 & 4 are expected, children from Classes 1 & 2 are asked to sit in a class group under their own teacher's supervision. All children in school uniform please, though festive 'enhancements' are allowed/encouraged!

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch. Staff will serve. Parents are asked to return the pre-order by Monday 27th November.

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

We ask that the following is donated for our parties –

- Class 1 – Fruit (Satsuma, grapes etc)
- Class 2 – Small cakes or chocolate biscuits
- Class 3 – Pizza (small pieces) or sausages or cheese
- Class 4 – Bags of crisps or small savoury snacks.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR
CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!**

School will provide sandwiches and the children will play party games in the afternoon.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2. FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Going on previous years' experience we anticipate that food left over from the day before will still be 'good', but will let you know if this is not the case. Staff will make fresh sandwiches. There will be no cooked dinners provided. Assembly at 2.40 as usual, to include the draw of the FONNS Hampers. School will close at 3.15pm normal time.

Christmas Cards

The school has used up the supply of Christmas Cards specially printed for the school at least 8 years ago! I would be interested to receive from children photographs with a Christmas / Winter theme ready for next year.

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

Monday 20 th	Indoor Football 3:30 – 6:00 @ KLB		
Friday 24 th	Sport Ability @ Archway School – to be confirmed		
Monday 27 th	LAST SWIMMING LESSON for Class 3		
Friday 1 st Dec	FONNS & ST. MARTINS' COMBINED CHRISTMAS FAYRE		
Sat 2 nd Dec	Cross-Country at KLB, 9:30 for a 10 o'clock start		
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 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 decided in Autumn 2017



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -

- CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER
- FONNS 'sweet bowls' & Raffle information