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# NEWSLETTER 215

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On this date in 1895 Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel's will establishes the Nobel Prize.

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Dear Parents and Friends,



# “This school continues to be good.”

**Our Ofsted Inspection Report is published today and I encourage you to read it in full. Celebrate with us that so many of our strengths are acknowledged, and work with us to support our drive for higher standards, especially in Writing. Talk about it with friends, especially those choosing a place for their children in years to come.**

Sue Bradly-Jones, our Chair of Governors, writes "The inspection report gives the school grounds for confidence and self-congratulation. The report recognises that the areas for improvement pointed out are ones already identified by the school. This is a good platform on which to build further progress and from which to maintain the school's high standards in so many areas."

**SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR FRIDAYS** – Please remember that Year 6 require the 'first' row of chairs. Can everyone else please 'budge up'? We have odd spaces appearing in the middle (since I added an additional row) and yet some visitors are still forced to stand. Those with younger children can feel confident that the school would fully support their early exit from assembly if children are creating a disturbance.

Thinking about our value of Service - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The Bible, One Peter, Chapter 4 Verse 10. What are your gifts?



**DID YOU KNOW?** Each year we ask parents and carers of 'new joiners' (Reception or older) to complete a survey which helps us to understand better your experiences of joining North Nibley. Please watch out for this if you fall into this category, and please return it as soon as possible. It really does make a difference.

**Can you help?** At present teachers spend several lunchtimes a year co-ordinating parent-evening 'slots' and I wondered if these could be automated. I have put such a facility on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/appointments-demo/> (You can find 'Book a Teacher Meeting' under the Parents tab). I have set up two 'fictitious' parent-evening dates, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, and I invite you to test the system to check it works. If successful we will use it 'for real' with the February Parent Evening dates next term. Please set up mock appointments with several teachers. If it all works, booked slots will not be available to you.

**Thank you to FONNS for our new jumper!** You couldn't have missed all the staff in matching 'North Nibley' hoodies and zipped-up tops on Friday. It's more than just a garment – it says "I'm proud to be associated with this school, this community and with one another."

**Take care on the pavement** outside the pavilion. I've asked Gloucestershire Highways if there are any official markings which can be made to warn children that cars cross the pavement to the car park. The response is "No, but school and parents can educate children, in the same way that we have to teach that cars cross pavements to reach private, residential drives. Pedestrians must be wary."


**LOST PROPERTY** Please keep your eyes open for jumpers etc which may not be yours. Several parents are now missing key items of pupil clothing. Before the end of term (and earlier than usual) we will be setting out numerous garments taken off by the children when weather was warmer, and now languishing in the lost property box. Please help reduce this stack.

**MISS ALLEN REQUESTS** that if your Tapestry login no longer works, please contact her directly.

**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](mailto: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.

## CHRISTMAS DATES

<p><b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> 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!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER</b> <b>Classes 1 &amp; 2 nativity</b> <b>Dress Rehearsal, younger children, Pre-School and Nursery 9:30 a.m. TRADITIONALLY WE ALSO ALLOW adults who, for one reason or another, are unable to make main performances.</b> FONNS Christmas Fayre, in school from 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> Classes 1 &amp; 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.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> Classes 1 &amp; 2 Nativity – children MUST be at school at 5.30 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. start.</p>
<p><b>MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> Carol Service at St. Martins, from 6:30. This joyous celebration is open to all our community. ALL children from Classes 3 &amp; 4 are expected, children from Classes 1 &amp; 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!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> Christmas Lunch. Staff will serve. Parents are asked to return the pre-order by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY</b> 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. School will provide sandwiches and the children will play party games in the afternoon.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!</b></p> </div>
<p><b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2. FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b> 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.</p>

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/</a>			
Weds 29th	WOODWIND lessons are ON!		
Thursday 30th	PANTO (Oh yes it is!) Back around 5:00 p.m.		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Classes 1 & 2 nativity. Dress Rehearsal, younger children, Pre-School and Nursery 9:30 a.m. TRADITIONALLY WE ALSO ALLOW adults who, for one reason or another, are unable to make main performances. FONNS & ST. MARTINS' COMBINED CHRISTMAS FAYRE		
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Cross-Country at KLB, 9:30 for a 10 o'clock start		
From Monday	<b>NO MORE SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM.</b>		
Monday 4th	Year 6 serve Monday Lunch in the village. Nativity in the afternoon.		
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 04/09/2018 – 19/10/2018
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 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018
	The Virtual Bookbag <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/</a> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -		
	• Term Dates for 2018 - 2019	• OFSTED report	