



Friday 8th December 2017

On this date in 1997 the Spice Girls win at the 8th Billboard Music Awards.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Countdown to Christmas



24 sleeps to go – The FONNS and St. Martin's Church Christmas Fayre is a bustling hive of activity. Father Christmas, cake and cacophony! Well done to all the helpers, stall sellers, bottle-wrappers and coin counters. Abby thought the food was "Delish." Posie enjoyed singing. William thought the stalls were fun, especially the 'Wine or Water!' stall. Jude won a teddy in the teddy tombola. His new teddy is called Arthur. Ella enjoyed her time in Classroom 1, doing the crafts. George L thought "Seeing Santa was really cool, because I liked to meet him. He was wearing his red clothes." There are several photos on the school website for you to enjoy.

21 sleeps to go - Monday Lunch. Years 5 and 6 sang carols and Christmas songs to the local village community lunch group, in the village hall.

20 sleeps to go – Alan Jenner and friends brought a puppet show to school, which enthralled us all. Josh liked the angel, because the angel was dressed in white (Josh's favourite colour). Tilly liked Mary, Imogen thought the baby was special. Edith thought the shepherds were funny when they were playing i-spy and one couldn't see the "something beginning with ... A" which was the Angel! Izzah also liked the Angel Gabriel.

20 sleeps to go – Infant Nativity. This year the play "Busy, Busy Bethlehem" was performed by the children of Classes 1 & 2. Max thought that all the parents liked it, especially when Oliver (the bossy Roman Soldier) was shouting!" Sasha said "The market sellers were quite good because they were calling out so everyone could hear them." Finn added "The narrators were good because they had so much to read." Harvey thought "The soldiers were really good at their acting." We are taking orders for the DVD recording of Tuesday night. £3.00 with orders, please, for delivery on Friday 15th December.

19 sleeps to go – Year 7 Feedback. It was lovely to see 12 of the 14 children from last year's Year 6 back in school. As well as catching up with their adventures at secondary, they were able to reflect on what we as a school had got right, and where lessons could be learnt. And a lot of mince pies were eaten. Everyone completing questionnaires said they felt happy at

North Nibley. Comments included "I had a great learning experience, thank you." And "I wish I had joined sooner." All feedback is helpful. I would like to remind parents of Reception that we sent out our 'New Joiners' survey. A return before Christmas would be much appreciated.

17 sleeps to go – **REAL SNOW!** Please have a look at the photos taken during this morning's blizzard! So exciting!

Class 1 Our thanks to those who have taken notice of last week's request. It has made a real, positive difference.

Thinking about our value of Service - "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:1010

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.

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.

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY No school dinners. 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. ON THIS DAY there will be no 'Work Spotlight' item, nor Reading or Maths passport certificates to allow for greater speed!

NEWSLETTER NEWS From January we will count the emailed version of the Newsletter as our main copy, and cease the 'default' position of 1 paper copy per family. We will also provide a pile of paper copies by the front door and train the children of the few families who do not subscribe to take one on their way out.

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.

Can you help? I have put a facility for booking Teacher-Parent meetings on our website. You can find 'Book a Teacher Meeting' under the Parents tab (or click <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/appointments-demo/>) 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. I have replied to the **TEN PARENTS** who I know have tried this. If you have tried, and had no reply, please tell me the system isn't working – that's partly what the test is for!

Music lessons next term – please return your forms and payment as soon as possible.

Swimming – All Years 1 and 2 children start swimming lessons on Monday 8th January 2018. Please return your permission slip and payment (via ParentPay please) before the end of term. We would also welcome volunteers to accompany them – please ask in the office.

Uniform Orders placed with Linela (www.linela.co.uk) can be delivered free of charge to the school on 4th January. If you would like to take up this service please place your order by 11th December.

Christingle – We have lots of collecting 'candles' available for children or families. Service on Christmas Eve, 6:00.

Stamps – please save your stamps for our charity box in the foyer.

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
Monday 11th	Linela Order deadline. Carols at 6:30 – see above.		
Thursday 14th	NO COOKED SCHOOL DINNERS – see above.		
Friday 15th	NO COOKED SCHOOL DINNERS – see above.		
Tues 2nd JAN	STAFF TRAINING (INSET) – No children required.		
Weds 3rd	STAFF TRAINING (INSET) – No children required.		
Monday 8th	First swim for all Year 1 and Year 2 children. Mixed Strings – special instrument lessons for Class 3!		
Weds 10th	First Woodwind lessons (have you returned your forms?)		
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 <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -

- Head Lice letter!

NORTH NIBLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

It has come to our notice that there has been an outbreak of head lice in school. Can you please check your child's head very thoroughly by combing the damp hair over a sheet of white paper.

Any infestation can be cleared by combing thoroughly over two or three days using a fine comb. This will need to be repeated one week later as any missed eggs will have then hatched.

It would be helpful if long hair could be tied back during school hours as this helps to avoid hair contact with others who may have a problem.

If you require any more information or any help could you please contact the school.



SEVERE WEATHER AND THE PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE.

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In the event of severe weather the Head Teacher will consult on the course of action to adopt, in the interests of the safety and education of the children and the safety of staff. Wherever possible, any decision made will be communicated via the media listed below, by 7.30 a.m.

When the school is closed parents and carers can expect a 'phone call from a 'link parent' as detailed below. Further information can be obtained by:

- accessing the Gloucestershire Schools closure site www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools
- accessing our school website www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- accessing FONNS' Facebook page – www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- via Twitter @NibleySchool
- receiving an email (newsletter subscribers only)
- listening to local radio

Please note that the majority of these measures require internet access, which could be limited if cables etc. are brought down.

A new decision will be made for each day of school closure. Information on the school's status will be updated using the Local Authority web site and Facebook will be updated on a regular basis. Even if school is 'open', staff and children should only travel if it is safe to do so.

If, in the interests of safety, a decision is made to close the school during the working day, staff will ensure that information can be obtained via the above media. Phone calls will be made from the school office, so please ensure that your contact details are correct. We will always have sufficient staff at school to supervise children who are late being collected, but parents are advised that our 'local' circumstances may be very different from those where you work. In advance, parents should discuss their wishes with older children who already have permission to walk home alone, especially if a closure means that there is no supervision at home.

If the school does close, this is counted as an authorised absence for children. Families may wish to access the 'Snow' pages hosted on our own website, if they are short of an idea or two on how to use the time purposefully!

My grateful thanks go to all who help everything to run smoothly.

Best wishes

Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher