



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



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On this day in 1839 tea from India first arrives in UK. Most of our staff drink tea!

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy New Year...

and welcome to the first newsletter which, by default, is email and website only. We will still provide a few paper copies by the front door, so if you've not yet subscribed, please train your children to take one on their way out. This change comes as a direct result of improvements to our internet connection, the response of parents to this question in our surveys and our desire to do more to support the environment. I have responded to every request emailed to me to add or re-add parents and carers to the newsletter list. If there has been no improvement, please see me directly! I suspect some of your filters object to emails if they are sent to large numbers of recipients. The filters may block our newsletters. Please check your clutter/spam folders and add the school domain to your 'Safe Senders' list. If you wish to report new problems please send an email to newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

Wrapping up Christmas There are a few DVD recordings of the nativity left, at £3 per copy. Please buy one before changes to Data Protection (May 2018) come into force. This legislation will require us to work differently in the future, so expect some changes. I hope that those able to make it enjoyed the Carol Service. I did! The children (and adults) sang well and there was time for both reverence and revelry. I also encouraged children, under their parent's guidance, to write "Thank you letters." How did you get on? (It's never too late!)

It looks like FONNS fundraising over the Christmas period (the fayre, the hampers and other streams) will reach a record high. Thank you so much. If hamper winners have finished with the baskets, FONNS would love to have them back at school for re-use next year.

Last term I published this request – "The school has used up the supply of Christmas Cards specially printed for the school at least 8 years ago! I would love to receive from children photographs with a Christmas / winter theme ready for next year." Did anyone manage to take photos of the 'new' snow in the week after Christmas?



Class 3 have begun their 'Whole Class Music Tuition' course entitled 'Mixed Strings'. At the end of their 10 weeks I am hopeful that they will be able to give a small concert. Watch this space!

SCHOOL DINNERS MENU The menu for the Spring Term has been added to the school website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals-menus/>

VILLAGE HALL REP! Many thanks go to Mrs Miller who has volunteered to take on this role.

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

e-Safety We have booked 'e-safety expert' Alan Mackenzie to run a parent meeting on e-safety awareness – and in particular how this applies to children and young people. This will be a Tyndale Cluster event so parents from other local schools will be joining us here on **18th APRIL 2018**. I can confirm the start time as 6:30 p.m. **In the last North Nibley School survey parents specifically requested this, so as host school I hope for a good turnout.**

Coming home with Class 3 next week "Be Smart on the internet" – little leaflets which I hope you will take time to explore with your children.

This term's school value in focus is Compassion In the Gospels we find many stories of Jesus showing compassion to the sick and the downtrodden of society as he healed them or welcomed them into his circle. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus, and the love of God for everyone, with that special concern for the poor and the oppressed. "Compassion" is a much stronger word than "sympathy", it is more than "feeling sorry for someone". If you have compassion for someone you step into their shoes, you share their experiences and sufferings, and you have a desire to support them and, where possible, to act on their behalf.

Christians have always had to wrestle with the problem of how a loving God could allow there to be evil and suffering in the world. There is no simple response to this question, but part of the answer is that God the Father is not passively observing the suffering of the world from the outside — He identified with human suffering in the life and death of Jesus and continues to work to transform the sufferings of the world through the work of the Holy Spirit.

As a school community we try to reflect on the following questions:

- In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show kindness and respect to one another?
- How do we foster links with charities for the homeless or those in need?
- Do we have links with elderly people in our locality?
- How are new members of the school community nurtured and supported in their first term?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to understand and empathise with members of their community who have suffered traumatic experience

The biblical story we have chosen to illustrate this value is "The feeding of the 5,000". It can be found Matthew 14. We'll look also at "The good Samaritan" and the story of the man let down through the roof!

Thinking about our new term's value of COMPASSION, "The LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!" Isaiah 30, V 18

PE Kit Mrs Dixon writes "Your children will be taking part in outdoor and indoor PE. Below is a PE Kit reminder: Navy blue or Black tracksuit bottoms and top or sweatshirt, white round neck t-shirt, navy blue or black shorts (not scort or leggings please), suitable trainers for the playground or field (not plimsoles or daps please). They may wear thin gloves and a plain hat when exceptionally cold. All kit should be named!"

Young Voices and Twitter Whilst at Young Voices, and travelling home afterwards, we hope to keep you updated via Twitter. Not everyone uses this (or wants to!) but it's the quickest way of getting messages onto our website, which of course you can check 'for free'. Under the new Data Protection rules (May 2018) we won't be able to use your email addresses to share with you information that you have not already agree to in advance!



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 their experiences of joining North Nibley. If you've not returned yours yet, please do so before the end of Friday next week (19th January).

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
Friday 12th	Young Voices choir to Birmingham		
Monday 15th	Governor meeting (Teaching and Learning Committee)		
Tuesday 16th	Interviews in the morning for additional help in Class 1.		
Weds 17th	Governor meeting (Finance and Premises Committee)		
Thursday 18th	Pupil Census day. It really helps if school meal orders are high on this day! Please consider trying one.		
Monday 22nd	Monday Lunch (Year 6 pupils serving community meals) Hi 5 Netball – 3:30 – 5:00 Further details to follow.		
Weds 24th	Visiting Author, Class 4. There will be an opportunity to buy books too. Governor meeting (Full Governing Board)		
Thursday 25th	FONNS meeting here at school, 7:30. All are welcome.		
Saturday 27th	Cross-country – Race 3 – KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start		

SPRING 2018 – Pupil days	SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2019 – Pupil days
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 3 07/01/2019 – 15/02/2019
Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019



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

- Clubs on offer this term – return by 18th January please.

