



Dear Parents and Friends,

What's the story?

Bill Church, 'The Travelling Story Teller' and published author worked with Class 4 this week. Fred said of the visit "First Bill told us a story. Then he told us about how stories get published." Georgia remembers that Bill "acted out a story, using lots of actions and different voices for the different characters." Sylvie recalled that the money raised by the sale of Bill's book went to a charity called Farms for City Children. Alice said it was interesting knowing how authors write their stories.

Broken Boiler The hall and Classroom 2 lost their heating this week due to a broken boiler. Temporary heating solutions were found for the classroom, but the hall was a bit 'parky', leading to action songs in assembly and coats on one occasion. The boiler is due to be fixed on Friday morning.

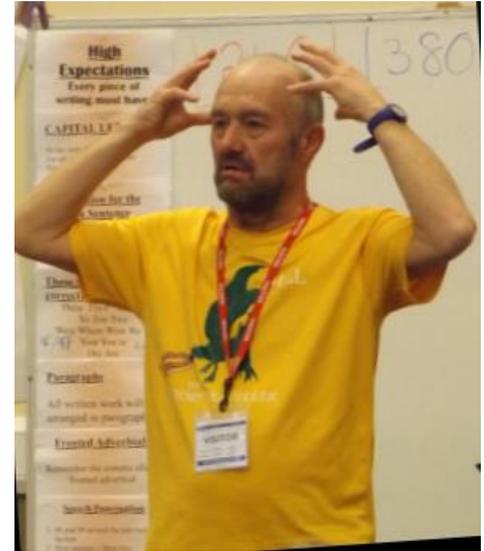
Are your children as safe as they could be? It is an absolute priority for the school to have accurate contact information for each pupil. If you have moved house, changed phone numbers or email address please let us know, preferably the day after the change!

Watch this space The wet playtimes this week have caused us to review our DVD collection. Some films have been seen numerous times. If you have any U certificate DVDs you could donate to the school, I'm sure the children would be happy to see them. Thank you.

Sport's Report Amélie started her recount with "We went to KLB to play in the District Finals of the Netball competition." Bea added "We were against three other schools – larger schools than North Nibley." The rest of the team named our opposition – The British School, Cam Hopton and Cam Everlands. Oliver commented "We won all our games" (though Fern was particularly proud of the match where we came from behind before eventual success, 6:1!) Which means that this ACE TEAM is through to the COUNTY FINALS. Well done everyone!

Welcome to Mrs Griffin, who begins a teacher training placement with us for the next 8 weeks. She will be based in Classroom 3.

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils supporting the community 'Monday Lunch' – we received excellent reports on your helpfulness and service from our spies! (Mrs Timbrell!)



"It is above all by the imagination that we achieve perception and compassion and hope."
Ursula K Le Guin (who died this week, aged 88).



Sheep One of the things we love about working in schools is that no two days are the same. Pictured here is the invasion of sheep into the pavilion car park, on Thursday morning! A passer-by chased them from the road into the car park, where they could be contained pending collection from their owner.

Next week sees the return of '**Welly Wednesday**', when children can enjoy a bracing walk around the school field. Wellies MUST be named AND in a named carrier bag AND left neatly in a line by the back steps if children want to take part (rain permitting!)

Illness School attendance till 19th January is 97.5% - fairly typical for schools, and our rate has been higher. A number of staff have also succumbed to illness over recent weeks, and as a consequence we have been cross-covering one-another's classes, as well as engaging known supply staff. As a school we are fortunate to have flexible and talented teachers, so that the education of the children can continue uninterrupted.

Music Festival – the hard work (and FUN!) starts here!

Mrs Stewart has started the ball rolling. "I have put the sign-up sheet for this year's volunteers in the corridor, but we are also giving parents/friends the option to use the online sign-up sheet as an additional way to capture as many people as possible." I used the online version and it's easy! Please use the sheet in the corridor, or the online version, but not both! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GK5CVLC>

WOW! Final figures are in and the Christmas Fayre raised a Whopping £1950. Thank you so much for your support.

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

SWIMMING

Years 1 & 2 are currently enjoying their swimming lessons on a Monday. However, if they don't properly dry themselves, tights are incredibly difficult to put back on. If you can, please wear trousers on a Monday for swimming.

e-Safety UPDATED 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. **AND THE FINISH TIME AS 7:30!** Since we are responding to a parent survey request I hope for a good turnout.

Can you help? We are looking for someone with good DIY skills to help make a repair or two around the school. Please contact us using the information above. Also, could a qualified volunteer PAT test two appliances please?

Uniform I have noticed that standards of appearance is dropping, with non-standard (shocking) socks and overly large footwear. Please ensure that the school's good image and reputation is upheld with your choices. The last day for this term's Linela School Uniform order (with free delivery to the school) is the 2nd February.

Cross-Country We are very much looking forward to our fourth and final cross country race on Saturday 27th January. We are currently in first place for the small schools shield and have several runners in the top ten for their age groups. Presentations will be held after the races. So please stay to be part of these. There will also be a parents' race while scores are being added up. I know the children would love the chance to cheer you on!

Governors Our governors continue to be a proactive force working on behalf of the children. This week has seen several monitoring visits taking place, in lessons and in the hall for school dinners. We welcome Ned Hussain to the governing board and look forward to his input. Governor pages have been updated on the school website.

Website Request Do we have amongst our community any experts in SharePoint or Microsoft Teams? This would be another step for our school into the 21st Century.

Parent's Evening The staff have taken the decision, after our 'trial run', to go with the electronic appointment booking system for Parent's Evenings on Monday and Tuesday (19th and 20th) of February. I will announce that the booking is open sometime next week, using all the media channels available to us. Please report any problems you have as soon as possible. This will give plenty of time to try again, via pieces of paper, if the system fails us.

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

Saturday 27 th	Cross-country – Race 4 – KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start		
Monday 29 th	Swimming for Years 1 & 2 – See above		
Tuesday 30 th	No violin lessons today		
Thursday 1 st Feb	Special Sports Presentation – more on this next issue		
Monday 5 th	Swimming for Years 1 & 2 – See above		
HALF TERM	Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day		
Monday 19 th	Parent & Teacher Meetings – no after-school clubs (this does not affect SuperStars – open as usual)		
Tuesday 20 th	Parent & Teacher Meetings – no after-school clubs (this does not affect SuperStars – open as usual)		
Friday 23 rd	Class 4 SHOWCASE assembly, 2:40 in the hall.		
Thurs 1 st March	WORLD BOOK DAY – Watch this space		
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 -

- The Pulse Half-term flyer

