



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



# NEWSLETTER 224

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On this day in 2011 Space Shuttle Discovery makes final landing after 39 flights.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

**I find it hard to believe just how busy we all are at the moment!** We have time for the briefest of roundups.

**Class 3 violin concert** On Mon 19th March, at 2.30, Class 3 will be pleased to show you how far they have progressed with their violin playing. Do join us in the hall.



**SPORTS NEWS** Some children from Class 3 were able to represent the school at the Panathlon event at Archway school. One child thought the beanbag challenge was her favourite, where you had to throw the bean bags into targets to score points. Another child enjoyed shaking a parachute to dislodge the balls, also for points. A third enjoyed 'cricket-table-tennis'. "You had a bat and they bounced a ball on the table and we had to hit it." Everybody had a great time and behaviour was excellent.

**World Book Day** Despite the snow 101 of 108 children came dressed as Book Day characters. We had lots of fun. The school council, with Miss Tyers, had planned book cover activities, a quiz, shared story reading time and a treasure hunt (which then got buried in the snow!) Surprising only £59 was raised for "Book Aid International" We will happily send on any late donations. Those who came dressed for colder weather instead have said they would like another chance, so watch this space!

**School Council News** The elected co-chairs of the school's Pupil Council have been invited to the next Full Governor's meeting to talk about their work so far. Time to get the special biscuits out!

**Whole School Photo** We are approaching the third anniversary of the last whole school photo. We have booked photographers to take this on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

In my role as **Designated Safeguarding Lead** for the school I had to attend bi-annual multi-agency Child Protection training this week. In the course of the day we shared stories of the dangers of unsupervised internet access and, more worryingly, the back door to grooming which exists in many of the games that children play online. "Naivety" was a word used frequently to describe parental understanding. A determined individual will find a way to exploit any opportunity that games and potential victims present, – and they only have to be lucky once. Children are actively targeted. LAST YEAR cases of child abuse which featured an online element rose 44%.

**PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE** join us and other parents of the Tyndale Cluster schools when we run a parent meeting on e-safety awareness. We have booked 'e-safety expert' Alan Mackenzie to lead us, here on **18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. Head Teachers from 12 local schools will be meeting with Alan in the afternoon. Those of us charged with Child Protection take this very seriously, and with good reason.

**Safeguarding update** February has come around quickly, and it is time for our annual check on 'disqualification by association'. This means we require you to confirm that you are still eligible to work, or volunteer, at our school, by completing 6 "Yes or no" type questions. I do appreciate that for new volunteers it might seem like only last month you confirmed your answers, but since we have over 108 of these to compile we took the decision to do this once per year – and that time is now! Look out for your letter and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Compassion is our Christian Value in Focus: ""Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love." Anonymous.



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Our trained Allergy Champion (Cook/Manager) would be pleased to tell you what's in our food, the steps we take to avoid cross-contamination & help assist you with your choice.

**Data Protection**

One of the new areas we have to comply with concerns visitors to the school. As a consequence we will be holding the signing in book within the administration office, rather than in the lobby area. Signing in and out is still a requirement so please come in to the office.

**PARKING** Traffic – Please can I reiterate the need for thoughtful driving and careful parking around the school. Once again school has been made aware of dangerous driving up Frog Lane, and inconsiderate parking around the end of the Nibley House drive. We do not have any right of parking on the private drive opposite the pavilion car park. Please respect the wishes of the landowners. Your polite compliance with their wishes is urged.

**SCHOOL DINNERS** In accordance with the County Catering Contract, the price of a paid school meal will increase to £2.36 from Monday April 16th 2018. The County Council reluctantly has to increase the selling price of a school meal due to the increases in the national living wage, food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.

**Sickness** We have recently become aware that some parents are not informing SuperStars about pupil absence. We are two separate identities, so an important message, such as absence or illness, needs to be passed directly to SuperStars AS WELL AS school. Thank you.

**Uniform UPDATED** Thank you for your recent support regarding school uniform.

**Tissues** We would be very pleased to received donations of boxes or tissues since colds seem particularly 'popular' at the moment. Thank you.

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

Monday 12th	Teaching and Learning Committee
Friday 16th	Interviews for Classroom 2 Teaching Assistant
Friday 16th	Deadline for Parent-Governor nominations
29 <sup>th</sup> March	THURSDAY – Final assembly of the term, in a Friday style. Starting at 2:40 We will be saying 'Good bye" to Mrs Lewis. Don't forget to take home coats, scarves, hats, wellies, drinks bottles, sandwich boxes, violins, recorders, music books, homework and spellings and reading books.

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 -

- Nibley House Easter Egg hunt
- After-Easter menus
- The Pulse Flyer