

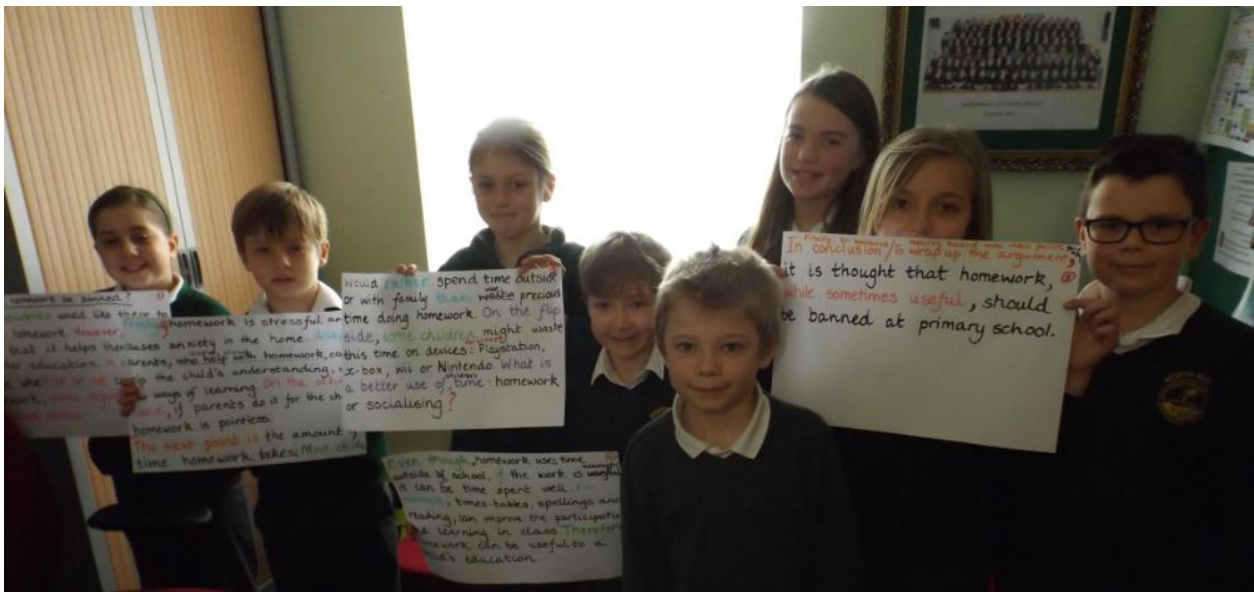
Dear Parents and Friends,

**Sports Relief** We were all set to begin our Daily Mile for Sports relief when the skies opened and the rain came down. Even so, Class 4 were keen and set off on their 10 minute run. Mrs Dixon had calculated that 16 laps of the playground equalled a mile, so by logging our laps we were able to come to a school total. Over time we hope to match the distance from John O'Groats to Land's End. **Miles of Smiles!**



**I was most interested to receive a 'deputation' at my office today –**

Class 4 had been working on 'balanced arguments'. The group pictured above had considered the question "Should homework be banned?" They arrived with a well-constructed text exploring the pros and cons of homework, before arriving at a conclusion. Interestingly, the conclusion was NOT unanimous! (But can you guess what it was?)



**The BOX-OF-SOCKS** To prevent our electrical cables from tangling, we put those not currently in use in old socks! We are currently running out and request donations of old 'mountain boot' style socks. Those with small holes will be much appreciated and demonstrate a commitment to being environmentally friendly. We would be especially pleased if they have been recently washed!

**SPORTS NEWS** On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> March eight children went to a mountain bike competition at Bluecoat Primary School. The races were done as relays in groups of four. Two of the races started off with a mixed group (two girls and two boys) and the remainder with races for girls, and races for boys. North Nibley won all 12 of their races (please bear in mind we had never entered this competition before!) and so we go through to the District Finals in Stroud.

**Class 3 violin concert** On Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Teaching Assistant interviews** Thank you to children in Year Two who helped us with our decision making, by working with 4 adults today. Each candidate praised your effort and enthusiasm. I hope to have the outcome for you next week.

**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!

Compassion is our Christian Value in Focus: "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!" Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol



### World Book Day

Now the snow has thawed the answer to the Where's Wally treasure hunt can finally be revealed. Were you right?

**Can we have our books back?** We are running up a large photocopying bill producing our Maths Passport help booklets. Please return the ones you no longer need. It would be good to see a number returned after the half-term break. Thank you.

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.

**ParentPay** Just a quick reminder that all trip and school money should now be paid through ParentPay. Thank you.

**SCHOOL DINNERS** In accordance with the County Catering Contract, the price of a paid school meal will increase to £2.36 from Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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?

**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/>**

19 <sup>th</sup> March	Group of Year 6 to the Village Hall (community lunch) FINAL SWIM for Years 1 & 2 6-a-side Football (Girls) in Stroud		
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wildlife Quiz – Round 1 defending our 'COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP' from 2017. Cam Hopton, 3:45 p.m. Rotary Club General Knowledge Quiz at Bluecoat Primary, 6:30 p.m.		
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting, with guests from the School's Pupil Council, 6:30		
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friends from Pre-School and Nibley House visit for Easter Crafts. Governor monitoring visit. LAST BLOGGING CLUB of the term.		
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	
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 -

- FONNS Easter Egg hunt
- After-Easter menus
- The Pulse Flyer
- FONNS Festival details

