

Dear Parents and Friends,

Girl's Football Girls from Years 5 and 6 represented our school in the Stroud Area Tournament at 'Indoor Football' in Brimscombe Port, Stroud. We played 5 matches between 12 noon and 4:15 p.m. in very cold conditions. The girls were able to run around to keep warm, but the spectators got very cold!

One player said "We played our best, winning two matches, drawing two and losing only 1." "Sadly it was not quite enough to get into the finals." Our goalkeeper stayed on for all the time and managed a super save during the match against Bussage Primary. In the five matches we only conceded one goal. Our winning goals in two matches were both scored by the same striker. I was very impressed by the levels of co-operation and teamwork in the games, and by the sportsmanship exhibited by the girls at the end. We were always the first to call 'three cheers' for our opponents.



Class 3 violin concert On Mon 19th March, at 2.30, Class 3 demonstrated their violin skills to "lots of parents". Jude continued with these thoughts. "My favourite tunes were 'Too Much Rosin' and 'Ready, Steady, Bow'." Posie said "It was fun, but a bit scary!" Ben said "It was amazing. I like playing the violin and think I am quite good at it." Jacob said that the concert was "pretty good. It was harder to learn than I expected." Well done to all of you.

Nature Quiz Our team made it safely through the first round, with a near-perfect 39 out of 40. Awesome work!



Rotary General Knowledge Quiz A second Quiz team were also in action on Tuesday. The event was held in the evening at Blue Coat Primary. One team member said "Some questions were quite easy, but some were hard. It was a fun evening." It was against 4 other schools. "We were pleased with our score, but did not score enough to win". Even so, the Rotary Club provided Easter Eggs for all the teams. "I'm saving mine for the Easter Holidays said another. Such self-control

Governors Congratulations to Mrs Romero-Brown, who is 'elected unopposed' to the Governing Body.

Staffing Congratulations to Mrs Helen Chapman who was selected at interview last Friday to work in Classroom 2 as Teaching Assistant. Mrs Chapman will be well-known to many of you. She is able to start after Easter, working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

EDUCATION IN THE NEWS

"The proportion of English secondary schools in deficit almost trebled in the last 5 years, rising to 26%" (The Guardian, 16/03/2018). "Eight out of 10 academies in deficit, say accountants" (BBC News, 17/03/2018). The government disputes the findings of both reports.

North Nibley Governors have met to set the budget for the next year. It is clear that the year-on-year squeeze on Public Sector funding, which started in 2010 and continues to today, is beginning to present real challenges. We welcome any ideas that you might have

to help us maintain the high standards you have come to expect. For example

- Do we have parents or contacts who might be able to help us with a new photocopier contract?
- Do we have amongst our community any experts in SharePoint or Microsoft Teams?
- Do we have a qualified 'friend' who might be willing to act as a Data Protection Officer?
- We are looking for someone with good DIY skills to help make a repair or two around the school.
- Do we have in our community a qualified volunteer who could PAT test appliances around the school?
- We would be very pleased to received donations of boxes or tissues since colds seem particularly 'popular' at the moment. Thank you.

Another Unannounced Inspection! This time the school was subject to a Food Hygiene Inspection from Environmental Health, who arrived at Lunchtime in order to check that all was in order with the school meals. I am pleased to announce that Edwards and Ward retained their 5 star rating for hygiene on our school site!



The BOX-OF-SOCKS Thank you to Mrs Saunderson for the donation of socks! (See last week's newsletter!)

WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO LEARN... Our very own school website was subjected to over 5,000 cyber-attacks LAST MONTH! Many of these originated in China, with the USA, France and the Ukraine also trying to hack our site. The online world is changing. Children and parents need to be aware of the risks, so...

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 **18th 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.

Compassion is our Christian Value in Focus: ""My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style" – Maya Angelou

ParentPay We have become a CASHLESS SCHOOL (excluding charity donations). Please support us by remembering that all payments need to go through ParentPay. Thank you. If you have any difficulties, please approach the office staff directly.



School Council News The School Council was granted a small budget by the school, to improve any aspect of the school that was a concern. They chose the far end of the playground, which manages to catch and hold a fair amount of litter, including that blown across the playing fields. Our new 'Frog' bin has arrived.

School Council Presentation to Governors One of our co-chairs made a confident presentation to the governors on Wednesday night (sadly the other was ill). This was followed by a question and answer session about the work of the Council. She was 'very impressive!'



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.

THERE IS A SPECIAL MENU FOR NEXT WEEK – PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS AND VIRTUAL BOOK BAG FOR DETAILS.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS Please let me know if you are planning to run a club in the summer term. The quicker we can compile the 'menu', the quicker we can start!

SMARTYPOTS Parents, please collect your wonderful creations which have arrived in the office. They are fragile!

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
Tues 27 th March	County FINALS for Hockey	Quick Sticks Hockey	
Weds 28 th	Special 'Easter' Menu	Rugby Coaching in School	
Thursday 29 th LAST DAY OF TERM	Tag Rugby for Year 4	Cricket Coaching – Classes 1 and	
	NO BLOGGING CLUB today	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.		
Mon 16 th April	FIRST DAY BACK FOR ALL PUPILS		
Tuesday 17 th	Class 4 trip to the National Space Centre		
Weds 18 th	Year 5 Tyndale Cluster event, here at school, Year 6 Tag Rugby PARENT e-safety awareness meeting – 6:30 here at school. See above for details		
SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days
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 5 23/04/2018 – 24/05/2019
Term 6 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019	Term 6 03/06/2018 – 19/07/2019

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

- School Milk
- Wotton Pool
- Easter Menu
- Maths Questionnaire
- Class 1, 2 and Class 4 trip letters

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Dear Parents,

22/03/2018

Last year, we held a Maths Parent Meeting based on the Calculation Policy which was well attended. We are hoping to hold another Maths Parent Meeting but would be interested to find out what you would find most useful so we can make best use of this meeting time. Please return the short questionnaire below.

If you attended the previous meeting, please answer questions in the second section so we have a good understanding of what you found useful.

PLEASE RETURN BY THURSDAY 29th MARCH – THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

Thank you,

Miss Parker

Some suggestions for the upcoming meeting are listed below. Please use the scaled scores to indicate how interested you would be (1 → not interested and 5 → very interested).

Options					
Calculation Policy → looking at the progression of methods we use for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.	1	2	3	4	5
Maths Resources used → a chance to look at and use resources that can support maths work (numicon, place value counters, Base 10, number squares, digit arrow cards, bead strings, etc).	1	2	3	4	5
Maths Passport → look through the resources used in school to support the passport targets and how the parent guides can support this work at home.	1	2	3	4	5

If you attended the previous meeting, please answer these questions to give us more information:

There was a small selection of KS2 children present to demonstrate how to use the methods for calculation and to answer some questions you may have had.	
Did you find demonstrations by children useful?	Yes No
Were children able to answer the questions you had?	Yes No
There were some maths resources available such as numicon and Base 10.	
Did you find having access to these useful?	Yes No I didn't use them
There were some questions available for you to answer using the methods in our calculation policy.	
Did you have a go at these questions using these methods?	Yes No
Did you find it useful or helpful to try out these methods?	Yes No

Please add any other comments or suggestions on the reverse side. Thank you.

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16 March 2018

Dear Parents

School milk is available for ALL children

If your child is currently under 5, we're delighted to confirm that we have arranged for them to receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme.

When your child turns 5 or if they are already over 5, you have the option to pay for their milk. We have made arrangements with the UK's leading school milk supplier, Cool Milk, to supply milk at a small subsidised daily cost.

What you need to do:

- ❖ Visit www.coolmilk.com as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay

OR

- ❖ Ask the school office for a registration form - send your completed form to Cool Milk, and they will send you a payment request.

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class.

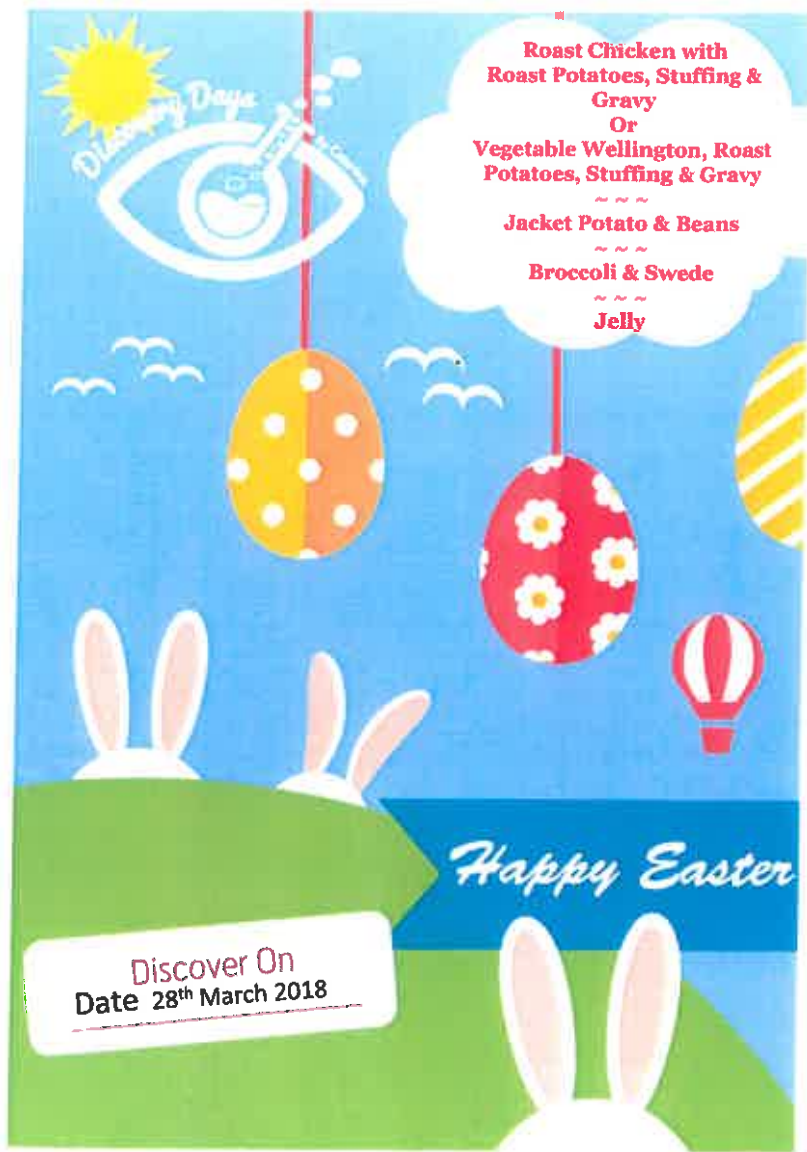
Please ignore this letter if your child is already registered for over 5's milk.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly on customerservices@coolmilk.com or call 0844 854 2913.

Kind regards
Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher

As an Easter treat, Caterlink have offered us a special menu for the last week of term with changes on Wednesday and Thursday (28th & 29th March).

Wednesday is :



They also thought that, as you like the fish & chips so much, you could have this on Thursday 29th March as we aren't in school on Friday 30th.

So Thursday 29th March will be :

Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Vegetable Pasty with Chips
Or
Jacket Potato with Cheese

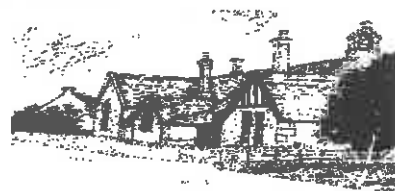
Baked Beans & Garden Peas

Followed by Lemon cake, Yogurt or Fruit Salad



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20 March 2018

Dear Parents

As part of our Religious Education programme in class 1 & 2 we would like to visit Gloucester Mosque and Gloucester Cathedral on Monday 23rd April 2018.

At the Mosque we will be asked to take our shoes off at the door. We will receive a presentation from the Imam and have the opportunity to look around the prayer rooms and wash room. The Mosque has a strict dress code whereby all arms and legs must be covered and all clothes must be clean.

From the Mosque we will walk to Gloucester Cathedral and have our lunch, then take part in different activities within the Cathedral.

We will travel by coach leaving North Nibley at 8.30am and returning at approx 3.15pm. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to eat there along with drinks. Lunch boxes can be left in a designated area in the Mosque while we look around as food is not permitted.

This trip has been subsidised by FONNS fundraising and is free for our pupils.

Could we please have the signed permission form below by Monday 26th March 2018.

Many thanks

Miss Allen & Miss Tyers

Gloucester Mosque & Gloucester Cathedral
Class 1 & 2
Date: Monday 23rd April 2018

I agree / do not agree to my child _____ taking part in this trip.

My child will abide by the dress code required by the Mosque.

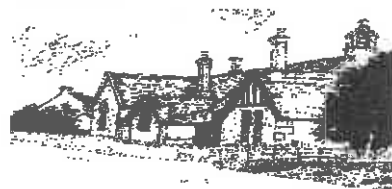
Signed : _____

Name : _____

Date : _____

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Dear Parents

As part of our Space topic in class 4 we will be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

Whilst there we will take a tour of the space centre exhibition, visit the Astronaut Planetarium, gallery trails and participate in the Martian Rover Explorer workshop. There is also a Weather Pod (Interactive Exhibit) which we will endeavour to take part in. Further details can be found on their website at www.education.spacecentre.co.uk.

We will travel by coach leaving North Nibley at 8am and returning at approx 6pm. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to eat there along with drinks. Lunch boxes can be left in secure storage at the space centre though bags and coats will have to be carried around.

The cost of this trip is £18.60 per pupil which includes coach travel, entrance to the facility, the workshop and planetarium. This trip has been subsidised by FONNS fundraising. This contribution is entirely voluntary, but without it we would not be able to proceed with the visit. If you will find this difficult please speak in confidence to Mr Batchelor.

There *may* also be the chance to ride on the Spaceflight Induction motion simulator. This is £1 each and pupils wishing to ride will need to bring a £1 coin. The simulator cannot be pre-booked so we may not be able to ride on the day.

This trip may sadly clash with music lessons which will have to be forfeited if your child comes along. Alternatively, your child can stay at school and have their music lesson as normal and be collected at the usual time. Please note that as this is a parental choice, lessons will not be made up and they will not be entitled to a refund.

Could we please have the signed permission form below and pay via ParentPay by Monday 26th March 2018.

Many thanks

Ms Surridge

National Space Centre visit – Class 4

Venue: Leicester, LE4 5NS

Date: Tuesday 17th April 2018

I agree / do not agree to my child _____ taking part in this trip.

I have paid £18.60 by my ParentPay account.

Signed : _____

Name : _____

Date : _____