



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



# NEWSLETTER 228

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 – ST GEORGE'S DAY

On this day in 1838 the English steamship "Great Western" crossed the Atlantic.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Dommett, Teaching Assistant in Class 1 and Mid-Day Supervisor, has announced her resignation. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May will be her last day with us before she relocates to be closer to family. Over many years she has played a significant part in providing children with an excellent start to school and we will be sorry to see her go, but she takes with her ever good wish for the future. We will advise you on our plans shortly.

**PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:** It is defined as "continuing to do something (requiring effort and determination) despite difficulty or delay in achieving success." In the Bible it is often used in connection steadfastness and endurance in the face of trials. Faith in God and hope are emphasized in our work today.

## ONLINE SAFETY

There was a fantastic turn out from North Nibley, so well done! I am indebted to Chair of Governors Sue Bradley-Jones for the notes she took on the night itself.

- Opportunities of internet far outweigh the risks: education, fun, contact with friends etc.
- It's a constantly developing area so it's hard to keep up to date
- There is no such thing as a 'safe' or 'unsafe' environment on the internet
- There are three aspects to consider: content (what is being shown in the sites your child uses), contact (i.e. who is trying to contact your child, usually just advertisers, but sometimes more sinister) and conduct (how your child uses the internet)
- The blue light frequency of a screen affects sleep rhythms, so don't use a screen for a least an hour before going to bed.
- **Most important: talk to your children about how they are using the internet. Don't 'spy' on their internet use, but have open conversations with them about how they are using it and what the risks are. You can help make them more resilient.**
- There are three main uses of the internet by children: gaming, You Tube and social media.
- **Gaming:** The social aspect of gaming with friends online most interests children. The games are age specific – those designated for over 18s are not suitable for children. Games (e.g. Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite) are worlds within which children can create their own games and are not passive entertainment. They have over a 100 million regular users.
- **You Tube:** 400 hours of video are uploaded every 60 seconds, so the content is not pre-mediated. There are 10,000 moderators scanning the content once it's uploaded, but it's nowhere near enough. YouTube will respond to complaints, after unhelpful content is viewed. YouTube thinks that if you've watched 1 unhelpful video, you will want to see more. It needs to be taught to stop doing this. Editing watched and search history helps. The 5 favourite categories for kids are gaming, funny, music, unboxing and slime (ask your children to explain the last two but they are more innocent than they sound!) You Tube is compulsive! You can use the search facility to look at your child's watch and search history and delete anything that has led to disturbing material being viewed.
- **Social Media:** 2.75 billion people use it. Although the laws on advertising prevent social media sites being offered to anybody under 13, in reality 60% of year 6 kids are using them. Most popular with young people are Snapchat and Instagram. Two potentially risky uses of these media are location sharing and live streaming, both of which are easy ways for the few bad guys around to access children.

**In summary:** What can parents do to help their children stay safe and happy online? There are of course various technical controls to filter and monitor your child's internet use. But more important is to be involved and to set boundaries. Keep up to date with the latest online developments and limit their screen time (although there are no general rules for what is the right amount). Above all, talk to your children about how they use the internet.

**Useful web sites:** These can be accessed from our own Online Safety page

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/staying-safe-online/>

- [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) – highly recommended
- [www.esafety-advisor.com/resources](http://www.esafety-advisor.com/resources) - parent resources
- [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) – good for advice on gaming

**WEBSITE UPDATE** We have improved access to information about our classes and topics. Follow this link <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-classes-and-topic-plans-2017-18/> On the front page the news headline 'ticker' on the website has been changed to be compliant with mobile devices, such as phones.



**EDUCATION IN THE NEWS**

"Monosyllabic adolescents may be nothing new, but the latest research suggests a big chunk of them do not know enough words to do well at school. According to academics, four out of 10 pupils in their first year of secondary school have such a limited vocabulary that it is affecting their learning. Many teachers from the 800 secondaries involved in the Oxford University Press research say the problem is worsening. They blame the "word gap" on too little reading for pleasure. Studies suggest breadth of vocabulary is strongly influenced by the number of words a child comes into contact with on a daily basis. This includes conversations with parents, siblings and friends, as well as what they read." From the BBC news site, 21/04/2018

At North Nibley we have been promoting our reading lists all year, but it's never too late to start. You can access the lists, download checklists from here - <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-lists.html> In recent weeks we have added additional books as recommended by the children of Class 4, and in due course will add other recommendations too.

The DFE have tweeted: "Parents, looking for ideas for your child's next #book? Check out @Booktrust #Bookfinder. You can search by age and genre: [ow.ly/MGMn30j1vsz](http://ow.ly/MGMn30j1vsz) "

**CAN YOU HELP?** Last term I listed a number of ways that our community might be able to help us save money in these increasingly difficult times.

- Do we have parents or contacts who might be able to help us tune our piano?
- 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.

**THE SUMMER MENU** Please don't forget the meal price has risen to £2.36 per meal. The new menu has been added to our website here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals-menus/>

**PRAYER** We've submitted a prayer for the Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, which you can download from this link. <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about-us/christian-faith-what-we-believe/calendar-of-intercessions/>

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

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/</a>			
Monday 23rd	Classes 1 & 2 visit to the Cathedral and Mosque in Gloucester Wildlife / nature Quiz 2:00 at Kingswood Violins begin (and continue on Tuesdays)		
Tuesday 24th	FONNS meeting at school, 7:30		
Wednesday 25th	ALL Year 3 and 4, Tag Rugby festival 1:30 – 3:30 Leadership and Management (Governors Meeting) 7:00		
Friday 27th	High School Open Day – please inform the office if your girls will be visiting		
Saturday 28th	Formula Goblin racing at Renishaw, 8:15 a.m. !		
Monday 30th	Mountain Biking at Archway Teaching and Learning Committee (Governors) 6:30 Bishop's Visitor - annual visit		
Tuesday 1st MAY	1:00 – 3:15 North Nibley Choir Practice		
Thursday 3rd	Multi-Skills Y1 & 2 9:45 – 11:15 at KLB Our Choir perform at the Wotton Music Festival, 6:00 St Mary's Church		
Monday 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL		
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 23/04/2019 – 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 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019



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

- Class Letters
- Christian Values
- Club letter

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generosity of staff and parents we are pleased to offer details about clubs this term.



Please note that school staff are not required to run clubs. They are not paid to run clubs.



**Assume your child definitely has a place UNLESS THE NOTES BELOW INDICATE THAT A ROTA OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT BECOMES NECESSARY. If this is necessary we will contact you with details.**

Please reply by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. This enables registers to be completed on time.

**IMPORTANT DATES –**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4 Return around 3:30. NO SPORTS CLUB

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Formula Goblin Races (and no Goblin Club thereafter)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday Monday – no clubs (or school!)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Quad Kids (Y3&4) – No Sports Club

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - HALF-TERM

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – cathedral ‘Leavers Service’ – Year 6 potentially late back (details to follow)

**Clubs will have various end dates and you will be informed of exact dates for each one.**

Day	CLUB	For	Run by	Times	Where	Notes
Monday	Really Wild! (Nature)	Everybody!	Mrs Meyer	Lunchtime	Polli:Nation corner	‘Drop-in’ as you like!
Monday	Choir	Existing members	Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Shephard	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 3	Prep for Wotton Festival
Monday	Football	Years 3 & 4	KLB students	3:15 – 4:15	Field or hall if wet	Max of 10. Rota if over subscribed
Tuesday	Rounders	Years 1 & 2	Miss Tyers	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Field	
Tuesday	Motor-Cross	Existing members only				
Wednesday	Sport	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Dixon	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Outdoor / Hall	NOT 25 <sup>th</sup> April NOT 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Wednesday	Country Dancing	Year 1 Upwards	Ms Ciotti and Ms Hemmingway	3.15 – 4.00 pm	Hall	Prep for the Spring Fayre, Saturday 19th May from 2pm til 4pm
Thursday	Running Club	Year 1 – 6	Mrs Dixon Mrs Lewis (Welcome back!)	8:00 – 8:50 am	The sports field	Parents & staff welcome to join in. Attendance MUST be prompt at 8:00 a.m. Cancelled if raining
Thursday	Formula Goblin Race Car	Existing members only	Ms Surrige	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Classroom 4 & playground	19 <sup>th</sup> April and TUESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> April WEDS 25 <sup>th</sup> April ONLY
Thursday	BLOGGING	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Batchelor	3:15 – 4:15 pm	Classroom 3	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Mrs Miller’s Violins (Tuesdays), Mrs Hales Woodwind (Wednesdays) and Mr Trotman’s Piano (Mondays/Tuesdays) follow different timetables and are not considered to be ‘clubs’ in the same way as those above. To enquire about availability, please ask at the office.					
<b>Super Stars</b>	<b>Children attending after a regular club has finished pay a reduced rate.</b>					

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADD LUNCHTIME CLUBS, E.G. CHESS, 12:30 → 1:00. Please ask if you think you can help!

Thank you for your co-operation. Please retain this page for your own information.

*Please note that all helpers will need to be DBS checked by the school.*

Yours sincerely, Mr P Batchelor, Head Teacher

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

### Commitment

Children who join clubs are expected to attend regularly. Please respect this since valuable time is lost worrying about missing pupils who have decided to drop out without telling anyone. Parents **MUST** notify the adult in charge of the club if their child is unable to attend for any reason. Registers are kept and absences are followed up so it is really helpful if teachers know at that time if a child is not attending. We also expect that children will be collected when the club ends, unless your Class 4 child already has permission to walk home. Please let us know if your usual arrangements need to change.

### Kit

Children taking part in sports clubs will be expected to wear sports kit appropriate to the activity. If a club member cannot wear adequate kit, including footwear, then they may be a safety risk to themselves and others, and they will have to miss out.

### Behaviour

We recognise that clubs, whilst not run on the same lines as formal schooling, nevertheless need to operate in a safe and orderly fashion, and we have clear expectations that the normal standards of behaviour and respect will be maintained. All children joining and taking part in clubs are expected to behave well, listen carefully and follow instructions straight away. The rules and expectations are the same as those during the school day. Children coming along should understand these expectations.

Please write your child's name against each club to which they are making a commitment.

Day	CLUB	For	PLEASE ADD PUPIL(S) NAMES BELOW
Monday	Really Wild! (Nature)	Everybody!	NO NEED TO SIGN UP – ALWAYS WELCOME!
Monday	Football	Years 3 & 4	
Tuesday	Rounders	Years 1 & 2	
Wednesday	Sport	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Wednesday	Country Dancing	Year 1 Upwards	
Thursday	Running Club	Year 1 – 6	
Thursday	BLOGGING	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Mrs Miller - Violins (Tuesdays), Mrs Hales - Woodwind (Wednesdays) & Mr Trotman - Piano (Mondays/Tuesdays)		EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM 'NEW' PLAYERS WELCOME. PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE.

SIGNED .....

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**PLEASE RETAIN PAGE ONE SINCE IT INCLUDES IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

# PERSEVERANCE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value PERSEVERANCE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT PERSEVERANCE TOGETHER...

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?



## READ TOGETHER...

### The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town just like this one, said Jesus to the crowd of people who were listening to him and hanging on his every word.

This judge did not care much about God or justice. The crowd muttered to one another and smiled knowingly, they all knew judges like him! A poor widow, called Sarah, lived in the same town. She was being treated badly by her neighbour who was making her life very difficult indeed.

Sarah went to the judge to ask him to hear her case and give her justice.

At first the judge tried to ignore her. Silly old woman he thought. Why won't she leave me alone. Doesn't she realise that I have more important things to deal with?

But Sarah **persevered**. You are my only hope she told the judge. You must help me. Day after day she went to see him.

In the end, the judge was so exasperated that he thought to himself I will never get a minutes peace unless I help this old woman.

Finally he let her explain to him the problems that she was facing and agreed that Sarah's neighbour was indeed behaving very badly and must be made to stop at once. Sarah's **perseverance** paid off and eventually she got the justice she deserved.

So keep **persevering** and keep praying said Jesus to the crowd.

Bible story based on Luke 18:1-8



## QUIZ Wordsearch

PERSEVERANCE  
DAY  
HELP  
HOPE  
IGNORE  
JUDGE  
JUSTICE  
KEEP  
NEIGHBOUR  
PROBLEMS  
SARAH  
WIDOW

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C	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	U	R	R	W
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## THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again."

*W.E. Hickson*