

NEWSLETTER 232

Friday 25th May 2018

On this day in 1961 JFK announces the goal of putting a person on the Moon.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Super Saturday!



What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon! Thank you to all the children who entertained us with their dances, and to all those who supported them. The weather was glorious and 'church-and-school' (via our superb team of volunteers in FONNS) worked well together. It was good to catch up with ex-Nibley pupils (young and old) and the afternoon was very busy with members of the community out in force. A good variety of activities meant that it was impossible to get bored (or to leave without spending any money!) Many thanks to all who have supported us in this way.

Farewell Mrs Dommett Mrs Dommett left us on Thursday for excitement in sunnier Devon. We will miss her work 'behind the scenes' in so many aspects of school life – from first aider and mid-day supervisor to encourager of our youngest pupils. We wish her well.

In The Net Last week Year 4 were joined by 3 other schools to watch a presentation called In The Net. They learnt important lessons about Internet Safety. Do please ask them what they learnt!

Class 4 enjoyed their Post-SATS picnic, and then got right back to their learning. The topic of forces is taught

practically, and a Year 5 child is pictured here testing her home-made kite on the playing fields. Great work!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Green and hope that she enjoys her work supporting much older learners.



Well done to all the riders for successfully passing their beginner Motocross lessons with flying colours.



Attendance Increasingly I am receiving requests for authorised absence that fall far short of the 'exceptional circumstances' threshold, which I define as "rare, significant, unavoidable and short". Governors are reviewing the school's policy and your comments are welcome. You can find the new draft policy here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies-1/> .Whilst we all understand that illnesses cannot be avoided, it is our expectation that if a child were well, 100% attendance would be possible.

PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS: "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – Thomas A. Edison

A Message from Daniel Romero-Brown, Chair of FONNS. Would you like to be the next Chair of FoNNS..?

As this is my second term as the Chair of FoNNS I felt it was right that I stand down at the end of the term and make way for somebody new who can bring fresh ideas to the group. I will of course continue to give FoNNS all of my support and thank everybody who has and continues to do the same, it is incredible what FoNNS achieves for the benefit of the children. If you are interested feel free to contact myself or any of the FoNNS family with any questions etc in person, by email or by social media. Thank you.

Our thanks go once again to Mr Locke who has tidied up the plants around the school and playground 'quiet area'. Thank you too to all who have donated socks. We now have an abundance, so 'Thank you', but no more!

CAN YOU HELP? I have asked about anyone who might be able to help with a few minor DIY jobs in the past. It was felt that if I could be more specific, there might be more volunteers. Here's what needs doing
 2 broken benches – can we make one good one from the parts?
 Door hinges need oiling – some are hidden behind finger shields which need removing and replacing first.
 4 leaflet dispensers (light weight plastic boxes) need fixing to the wall – two holes drilled for each please.
 The gate to the field needs realigning
 The wooded planters in the quiet area are in need of repair (boards need replacing)

Works requiring a more 'professional' touch include: 2 netball hoops need fixing to our hall wall, the chalkboard in Class 1's area needs new edging and the storage box is in need of repair.
 Please get in touch if you feel you'd like further information, or if these jobs fall within your skill set!

Superstars Activity Club, **our Wrap-around Care providers**, are looking for an extra pair of hands from time to time to help us out. It will be on the odd occasion when we are requiring cover. If you would be interested or know someone that would, please send Emma an email at: northnibley@super-stars.co.uk

Kind regards, Emma White (Superstars Club Manager) Tel: (07983) 979877

NEXT TIME – FIRST AID TRAINING FOR YEARS 5 & 6, WILDLIFE QUIZ UPDATE

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
Monday 4 th June	Class and School Photos, including 'Year 6 Leavers'. Be smart, bring a hair brush!		
Tuesday 5 th	Year 6 Cathedral Leaver's Service, 11:30 and back AROUND 4:00 p.m.		
Wednesday 6 th	Badminton Trip for Year 2 children. Kwik Cricket for Year 5 & 6 Girls FONNS meeting here at school, 7:30		
Thursday 7 th	Welcome meeting for parents of our NEW RECEPTION group, 7:00 p.m. at school.		
Friday 8 th	The sensational return of Nibley Nibbles – the café run by children and raising funds for the next LONDON residential. From 2:00		
Tuesday 12 th	Mountain Biking from 1:00 at Archway School (carried over from a postponed event last term) New group begin MotoCross		
Weds 13 th	Interview day for new Teaching Assitant (morning) Sports Day (traditional) in the afternoon. Watch this space!		
Thurs 14 th	NO RUNNING CLUB		
Friday 15 th	Pollination 'Garden Party' for project schools – here. Nibley Nibbles café and 'Open Afternoon for all families – details to follow Panathon for Key Stager Two – Watch this space!		
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 -

- Primary Times Magazine
- Birdland Flyer