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On this day in 1983 "Trading Places", American comedy film, is released.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

THANK YOU!

The children (and staff) are thrilled with the school's new iPads. They have already been used and the children have taken to them instantly. As 'digital natives' they pick things up really easily and we are looking forward to experimenting with state-of-the-art apps. They can also pick the iPads up easily thanks to the cases which have also been bought to keep the kit safe (though I'm struggling to find a 10th colour!). As you can imagine, this kit is not cheap, but it has **ALL BEEN BOUGHT BY FONNS** – the Friends of North Nibley School, using fundraising from last year's MUSIC FESTIVAL amongst many other events. The school benefits hugely from your fundraising efforts, so the children all say "Thank you!"



MUSIC FESTIVAL UPDATE

Despite an amazing number of volunteers who help raise THOUSANDS OF POUNDS for the school (see above) , we are still a few volunteers short of the optimum number to ensure that the work remains a pleasure and no one person feels overwhelmed. 4 servers are required for the breakfast shift on Saturday. If you are really keen, start at 6:30, but later arrivals are welcome as the stalls become busier.



Wildlife Quiz Our team finished just ahead in the last round of the nature quiz, to be crowned Nature Quiz Area Champions - a position that North Nibley has held every year since 2009 (except 2014. That year honours went to The British School.) The contest against Stone-with-Woodford was close. Since we have involved more children than ever before, we were able to share around the work, and one of our team was competing for the first time. She later said "I was nervous but in the end it was a lot of fun!" County Semi-finals are at Elmore Village Hall, starting at 4pm on MONDAY 11th JUNE. The post code is GL2 3NT. Supporters are welcome.

'Monster Phonics' The school uses a scheme called 'Monster Phonics' to help children master their early sounds for reading. The following information has been provided by Monster Phonics and includes helpful material which you might like to use at home. This includes preparatory work for the Government's Year 1 Phonics Check and Screening Test. I will add this information to the school's website. <https://monsterphonics.com/>



"This link gives parents access to lots of free resources and information which can be accessed from the footer menu at the bottom of any page.

- free resources, for example, common exception word flashcards and Powerpoints
- free online games
- information about phonics, multisensory activities for home and the screening test
- how monster phonics works
- additional topical resources

Here is a link to our Meet the Monsters Video which will be useful to parents too. <https://youtu.be/5u0N7LJIW0Q>

Encouraging a love of reading I would be happy to receive 'selfies' (and similar) of children pictured with their bookshelves! Send photos to newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk and we'll share a few in Friday's Assembly.

Why not take up our reading challenge or create a book review <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

SPORTS DAY - The more traditional of our two sports days is WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK – starting 1:00 (ish).

Of help to someone? We can't know all the pressures that our young people (including older siblings) are subject to, nor how they are coping once out of our sight. With that in mind I have decided to include in our newsletter the following information. "Gloucester Safeguarding Children Board would like to use Child Safety Week 2018 to highlight the awareness of the dangers of aerosol inhalation following the recent tragic death of a 12 year old Gloucestershire girl."

If you have any concerns about a child or young person we would like to draw your attention to the following information and resources.

Gases, Glues and Aerosols - <http://www.talktofrank.com/>

Link to **GSCB** Substance Misuse pages <https://www.gscb.org.uk/i-work-with-children-young-people-and-parents/issues-affecting-children-and-young-people/substance-misuse/>

RoSPA Aerosol Safety - Check how to protect children and young people from the dangers of aerosols.

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/aerosol-safety/>

For teachers Primary, Secondary Schools and Colleges

<https://www.ghll.org.uk/resources/substance-misuse-/>

The young person may find

<http://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk> useful and accessible. "



Every two years we hold a First Aid training event. This is not part of the prescribed curriculum, but something that we believe in strongly. Y5 learnt about bandages, burns, and other injuries, with practical work, and Y6 carried out CPR – on dummies!

WE DECLARE – A LANYARD AMNESTY! We've all done it – walked away from a site wearing a lanyard given out to visitors etc. We seem to be missing a few of ours, so if you have one at home, please return it as soon as possible. We promise no judgement but an understanding smile!

PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other. – WALTER ELLIOTT

A Message from our Music Teachers. Can you help?

Our school keyboards have seen better days and we wondered if anyone had one which they would like to donate to us. It needs to have piano functions, be at least 5 octaves and be free standing, so that it can be used by our peripatetic music teachers to accompany their lessons.

If you have anything that you think might be suitable please let us have the specification, history and perhaps a photograph (or bring it in on a Wednesday) so that we can gauge its usefulness. Thank you.

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 first and replacing.
- 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!

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

Tuesday 12th	Mountain Biking from 1:00 at Stratford Park (carried over from a postponed event last term) New group begin MotoCross		
Weds 13th	Interview day for new Teaching Assistant (morning) Sports Day (traditional) in the afternoon. STARTING AT 1:00 (ish)		
Thurs 14th	NO RUNNING CLUB		
Friday 15th	Pollination 'Garden Party' for project schools – here. Nibley Nibbles café and 'Open Afternoon' for all families – details to follow		
Monday 18th	District Athletics – Field Events (throwing, jumping etc) 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. here on the field		
Weds 20th	District Athletics – Track (Sprints, Distance running) KLB 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.		
Monday 2 nd JULY	Tyndale Cluster Forest Day – Details to follow		
16 th & 17 th	SUMMER PRODUCTION – Rock Bottom! – Details to follow. ALL CLASSES 3 & 4 EXPECTED.		
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