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# NEWSLETTER 235

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Dear Parents and Friends,

A large proportion of the school play musical instruments, many with our peripatetic staff Mrs Miller and Mrs Hale, some with Mr Trotman and some outside of school. On Wednesday last week we had arranged a concert for them and in a packed 50 minutes we were treated to solos, duets and group pieces. For some brave children this was their very first time playing in public, whilst others were able to draw on years of experience (and practice!), selecting favourite pieces. The occasion was an absolute delight and showcased what a talented group of children we have. In the picture are the Year 2 ocarina players who managed a four-part round, reading proper music notation too! I am keen to repeat this (or something similar) next year. Watch this space! There will be more photos on the school website (when I finish report writing!)



## Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge in Libraries

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic, The Beano. This national literacy intervention helps stop the "dip" in children's reading levels over the summer months. All 39 libraries and the Mobile Library in Gloucestershire will run the Challenge from 14th July until 8th September. Please see the Bulletin Board at the above link for additional information.

**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](mailto: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>

## Polli:Nation Update

Our Polli:Nation project has been nominated for National Lottery awards - now its up to you all please, to help us win! See newsletter below. Its easy to vote...please circulate widely on your networks!

**Ways to vote...** Firstly - you can vote on-line. Our special website address is:

<http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/project/pollination-0>

You can also phone in your vote on 0844 836 9686

You can also vote via twitter - including #NLAPolliNation when you vote - or just re-tweet one of the LTL polli tweets and this will count as a vote too!

The voting finishes at midnight on 27th July. Please encourage everyone you know to vote, pupils, parents, staff et al! - you can only vote once from one account but no doubt you all have at least two phones, probably more than one email account and maybe even a twitter account, so please you all methods at your disposal. There is no age limit and you can vote from overseas!

**School Council** The School Council have presented 3 choices to the school and a vote has been held across the school to decide which charity we will support this term. The charity chosen was "Rays of Sunshine," an award-winning national children's charity that brightens up the lives of seriously ill children in the UK by granting wishes, granting hospital ward wishes and organising outings and large scale events.

You can find out more here - <https://raysofsunshine.org.uk/who-we-are/>

Year 5's are starting to think about the possibility of standing for the role of Chair next year. Elections on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## Essential Experiences

I've been inspired by the new tag-line for the diocese - "Life in all its fullness." What does this mean for a 21<sup>st</sup> century child, and how does a school promote such an aspiration? Could we, between us, we might come up with a list of 100 essential experiences for Primary aged children? The deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> September, after which the submitted ideas will be considered in full. The final word, however, will be down to the School Pupil Council. I'm excited to see what they come up with! Make your entry here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/essential-experiences/>



A reminder that from September we aim to be a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This includes all snacks, packed lunches and cooked lunches too. This is a health and safety requirement of the HIGHEST PRIORITY for a school child.

**Music Festival PLEASE MAY WE HAVE YOUR RESPONSES REGARDING PICK-UP – BY MONDAY**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** Friday Worship is moving to the morning, 9:05 (though Class 4 are on a trip). Nibley Nibbles Café will also be serving refreshments (in aid of the London residential 2019!) Preparation for this will take place on Thursday.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** There will be no further blogging clubs this year.  
 Last Football Club 2<sup>nd</sup> July Last Rounders Club 3<sup>rd</sup> July NO Sports Club 4<sup>th</sup> July Last running club 5<sup>th</sup> July  
 Last motocross 10<sup>th</sup> July Last music lessons 10<sup>th</sup> July (violin) and 11<sup>th</sup> July (woodwind)  
 Mr Trotman's plans are sorted on an individual basis.

**Key Stage 2 (Juniors/Classes 3 & 4) Summer Production – ROCK BOTTOM**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July - 1.15pm for 1.30pm - Dress rehearsal -Infants (Our Classes 1 & 2) will attend.  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 1.15pm for 1.30 pm. Please bring smaller siblings to this performance, (ie anyone under **Year 3**)  
 All adults also welcome.  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 6.30 pm. There will be no spaces for children on laps. Children under **Year 3** will not be admitted to evening performances in order to maximise the number of parent spaces. This is a Health and Safety requirement which determines the number of people seated in the Hall.

**PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:**  
 "Victory belongs to the most persevering." Napoleon Bonaparte

**THANK YOU** to Mr Adeline and Mr Hunter who have both given some time to help the school with some DIY. It is much appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Griffin who has successfully completed her teacher training with us. She will be back in a supply teacher capacity before too long!

**BLUE TESCO TOKENS**

I have been stock piling my blue Tesco tokens against the possibility that one day they accept our request for support with the planned 'outbreak building'. There is active fundraising happening 'behind the scenes' and Mrs Loveday has been very successful in securing THOUSANDS OF POUNDS for the project, for which we are very grateful.



**CAN YOU HELP?** Does anyone have unwanted 'traffic cones' that they could donate? Always useful for outdoor issues (such as fox mess!)

Does anyone have access to cold-setting tarmac? I am watching an area of the playgroup with interest!

**Lunches** If your child orders a lunch, it must be paid for. School does not have the resources to pay for these mistakes, regardless of whether you have also sent in a lunch box. Teachers will do all they can to ensure that children order accurately and in a timely manner.

DIARY DATES			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception and Year 1 Forest Day Sportability Year 5 to Preschool and Nursery (meet the buddies!)		
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NATURE QUIZ FINALS!		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	'New' Reception stay-and-play taster session		
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4 trip to Berkeley Green (technology event) <b>MUSIC FESTIVAL – PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS AS PER THE LETTER SENT THIS WEEK. Don't forget the Virtual Bookbag</b>		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Classes 1 & 2 to Cheddar		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Staff EpiPen training		
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 -

- Music Festival- Pick up arrangements
- Headlice letter
- Summer camp flyers

