



Friday 6th July 2018

On this day in 1189 Richard the Lionheart is crowned King of England. (Come on, England!)

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Dear Parents and Friends,



Sportability (Pupils numbered 1 to 4, left to right).

Two said "We went to Archway school in Stroud, to take part in the Sportability Games." One added "We played loads of fun games and at the end they gave us certificates. My favourite game was getting the ball in the hole!" Three said "It was amazing! I had loads of favourite games, especially the throwing game." Four concluded "My favourite was throwing the Velcro-covered ball onto the right coloured targets." Mrs Shephard, who accompanied the children, praised their effort and attitude.

(We never publish children's names in our newsletters, which have a world-wide readership! This is a safeguarding measure.)

Wildlife Quiz Success! For the 4th year running a team from North Nibley made it through over 100 schools to the final three, and the County Final was held on Tuesday night near Cheltenham. They worked valiantly at ever-harder questions, including a 'pot luck' round, individual questions and a specimen identification round. They finished a strong 'Second' and we are very proud of them all. Special thanks have to go to all the supporters who turned up, and to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Meyer who had worked so well with the children in the build-up.



Buddies It is great to see the Buddy system in full swing once again. The Year 6 experts worked with their Reception buddies whilst the Year 5 children got to know their brand new buddy from next year's Reception who visited today. Year 5 were also taken off site last week to meet a number of their buddies in their pre-school and nursery settings. This really is one of the great strengths of the school.

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 can you all methods at your disposal. There is no age limit and you can vote from overseas!

School Council The School Council have chosen a non-school uniform day for the end of term and are asking for donations 'on the door' to support the charity chosen by us all – "Rays Of Sunshine". For a theme, they suggest something Beginning with "S". Alternatively, those 6 children who missed out on being a book character earlier in the year can come as they would have done had it not been for the snow. Mark THURSDAY 19th JULY in your diary now!

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 21st century child, and how does a school promote such an aspiration? Could we, between us, come up with a list of 100 essential experiences for Primary aged children? The deadline is 1st 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/>

We've had some great suggestions from 21 respondents so far, including. "Toasting marshmallows over a camp fire."

REMINDERS – we would like to see your Music Tuition forms returned AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to enable us to plan for the Autumn Term.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS We will be sending these home on Monday. If yours is in a frame, please collect this directly from the office.



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.

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, 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 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>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS The last few of the school year, as follows: No more Sports Clubs, Last motocross 10th July Last music lessons 10th (violin) and 11th July (woodwind), Mr Trotman's will finish for the year on TUESDAY 17th JULY.

PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:
"The only failure is not to try." George Clooney

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

Thursday 12th July - 1.15pm for 1.30pm - Dress rehearsal -Infants (Our Classes 1 & 2) will attend.
 Monday 16th July - 1.15pm for 1.30 pm. Please bring smaller siblings to this performance, (ie anyone under **Year 3**) All adults also welcome. Monday 16th July and Tuesday 17th 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.

THANK YOU to Mr Price who assisted with the school pond. The fish are much happier now!

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

DIARY DATES			
Monday 9 th	Classes 1 & 2 to Cheddar		
Tuesday 10 th	Staff EpiPen training		
Wednesday	Campaigning begins for School Council Election of Chair Swimming Gala		
Thursday 12 th	Summer Production dress rehearsal – see above. KLB Sports Award 7 – 9 pm @KLB Full Governing Body Meeting - evening		
Friday 13 th	Classes 3 & 4 to the Royal International Air Tattoo 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.		
Monday 16 th	Summer Production – see above.		
Tuesday 17 th	Summer Production – see above.		
Wednesday	Play Leader's Sports Day – You are all invited to join in this special event prepared for us by our Year 6 pupils FONNS Meeting 7:30		
Thursday 19 th	Teaching and Learning Committee – evening.		
Tuesday 24 th	Leaver's Service 9:30 in St. Martin's Church – you are all welcome. Last day of the school year for pupils. FONNS BBQ in the Village Sports Field, 5:00 onwards. Please join us in our traditional last event of the year.		
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 -