



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



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On this day in 1930, first-ever football World Cup begins in Uruguay. (Well done England!)

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Music Festival A MASSIVE thank you goes to all those who worked above and beyond the call of duty to fundraise for ALL our children. Sleeping in cars, pre-5:00 a.m. get ups and hours of preparation. Buying, fetching, carrying, pouring, serving, cooking and scrubbing down the BBQs afterwards. You are all heroes and your work will benefit all North Nibley children. The FONNS committee hope to have an estimated profit announcement soon.



Regarding the traffic arrangements on 'Music Festival Friday'
THANK YOU to all those who did what they said they would do. It went very smoothly.

Swimming Gala Ben said "Everyone did very well in all the swimming races. Year 3 & 4 came first with 36 points. I felt amazing and I am pleased with how I swam. Year 5 & 6 came 2nd with 34 points. I enjoyed supporting my team mates, it was a brilliant afternoon!" Delphie thought "It was tough, and wet!." Joss felt very proud of herself. William thought the heat was "boiling". Catherine said "My adrenaline was 75% nervous and 25% excited!" Fern agreed. "We were all a little bit nervous but we pushed out the nerves to come 1st and 2nd overall." Well done!

STAFF LEARN TOO Our School Vision 'tag-line' is Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun! This last week most of the staff have been involved in after-school training, including the use of Auto-Injectors (of which Epi-Pen is probably the best known brand) As parents, do we use the word 'learn' when we talk about our own day. What have we learnt recently?

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.



"Well done!" The encouragement we give our children can make SUCH a difference. That's why I was particularly pleased to post online comments made by adults who'd taken the time to read the book reviews which the children have posted. Each child-author is thrilled when their work is recognised, commented on or raises a question. Why not visit <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews> and share a thought or two about the 95 reviews posted so far (and who will provide the 100th review? It could be YOU!)

Can you save the school £100? I would like to replace a number of the 'blown' lightbulbs high up in our Victorian classroom ceilings. Unfortunately, this requires a scaffolding tower. The hire of a tower will set us back around £100 – that's £100 less to spend on resources for the classroom. Can anybody help by making a tower available in the summer holiday please?

SATS Results Schools are required to publish school-level results on their websites. You can find ours here - <http://northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/sats-results/>

A word about Facebook In a small community it is to be expected that relationships between members of staff and our school families are close. Where a school employs staff who live locally, and may even be parents, this is even more likely, but it can also lead to difficulties on social media. My preference would be that staff and parents retain a professional distance wherever possible, that privacy settings are set high (and checked regularly), and that friendships/sharing of images etc actively discouraged. My advice to parents is that they do not approach staff with 'friend requests', as a refusal could possibly offend. It is not us being 'unfriendly', but recognising our professional status. I doubt many would add their doctors or dentists as online friends!

Correction I wrote that we don't include pupil names in the newsletter. I wrote in haste! **TO BE MORE PRECISE: We never publish children's names in our newsletters IF THEIR PHOTO is also included. This is a safeguarding measure.**

Class Photos – We are aware of the photographer's typo which saw Primary written as 'Priamry'. They are replacing the photos at no extra cost. Please keep hold of your mounts and frames since these WILL NOT be replaced.

MUSICAL YOUTH? We have a few vacancies in Mrs Hale's Woodwind timetable (Flute, clarinet, Saxophone, clarinet and recorder). Do ask if you are interested.

Report writing need to take priority now, so it's a short newsletter.
Next time – Classes 1 & 2 trip, Classes 3 & 4 Summer Production. REMINDERS.....

REMINDER: NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY 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!

REMINDER: 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!

REMINDER: 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, we might 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/>

REMINDER: 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.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Mr Trotman's piano lessons will finish for the year on TUESDAY 17th JULY.

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

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.

| DIARY DATES | | | |
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| Monday 16th | Summer Production – see above. | | |
| Tuesday 17th | 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 -