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On this day in 1899 African-American inventor Issac R. Johnson patents the bicycle frame.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

FLASH, BANG, WALLOP, WHAT A PICTURE! This is the moment when one of our pupils set fire to a balloon filled with hydrogen! For a fraction of a second the children nearby could feel the heat from the explosion. A visiting scientist, Tim Harrison, came to the school and taught pupils about reversal and irreversible reactions using many memorable experiments and demonstrations. We are very grateful to school governor Julie Collins who made the arrangements with the University of Bristol, and of course to Tim for such a memorable event.



You will be able to read more of this story in the next issue of 'On The Edge' magazine, to which school contributes each month. This time the article has been written by the children of Class 4, and in turn is part of our desire to increase the number of 'real-life' audiences for whom the children write. If you have an idea or opportunity for using our pupil's writing beyond the confines of the school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Miss Allen who is providing a lead on many of the writing initiatives currently running in school.

ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION These important letters come home this week. This year they have been updated to include issues relating to GDPR – the General Data Protection regulations. The details you confirm, or change, are important to the running of the school and you children's welfare.

You will need to sign **BOTH SIDES** and return to the office as soon as possible please.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS On the 21st November, Reception to Year 5 children have the opportunity to receive flu immunisations here in school, in school time. There is a letter explaining the details in book bags, including the way in which you can give your consent online.



We've made a great start with our plans to improve our partnerships with parents. More than half the parents came to the special meetings and many have taken up options to receive updates on reward points, in

order to provide additional opportunities for talk at home. This option is still available. Please ask for details.

I do hope you have had a chance to read the new 'Write Stuff' magazine with your child. Every word within this publication (including those written by the staff) has been thought through carefully. Future issues will include explanations for some of 'jargon' your pupils are using – fronted adverbials or relative clauses for example and you are invited to suggest other areas of potential confusion. Please remember, the aim here is for us to help you to help your children.

The **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PARENTS** is now available on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/improvement-plans/>.

SUPERSTARS UPDATE Jon Carr writes "Superstars have a new team member who's just started, Joining Debra Wilson will be new club manager Debbie-Ann Hill, replacing Emma (who has sadly decided to move on to another role elsewhere). We all wish Emma all the best for the future but we have two experienced, caring staff to continue the club's development for you and your children. You can still contact us on the same details for bookings, cancellations or enquiries (Club mobile: 07983 979877, email: northnibley@super-stars.co.uk) and you can also contact the company owners on 07896 796363 (Jon), or 07817 612995 (Kristy). Thank you for your continued support! Jon, Kris and the Superstars team!" **Please note that this mobile is an official Superstars work phone (personal phones are not used during sessions – this is a safeguarding requirement) and can be used even when staff are absent.**

PARENT GOVERNOR Please consider this opportunity carefully. Please check you have received a letter (or look in our 'virtual bookbag' here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/>) The deadline is Friday 19th October.

HARVEST (PART 1) Our Harvest Thanksgiving service is on Tuesday 16th in St Martin's Church, starting at 2:15 p.m. and finishing at normal school time. (We will walk the children back to school from where they can be collected as usual.) As well as a 'thought for the day' and a song or two, we would like to make a presentation of items of food, either fresh or in tins/packets. St. Martin's will auction your fresh produce at the Harvest Supper on the following Friday. Tins and packets will be donated to Stroud Food Bank. If you would be so kind as to send your child to school on the 16th with an item, either fresh or packaged, we will make a grand presentation of all the donations during the service. You are welcome to join us in the church, starting at 2:15 p.m.

HARVEST (PART 2) Last week we sent home a poster for the Harvest Supper, where the fresh produce given by the school will be auctioning by the Church. (Any tins and processed food will be sent to the Stroud District Food Bank.) The supper isn't exclusive to church goers - anyone can buy a ticket to join a very jolly evening out. The food choice is cottage pie or curries followed by (inevitably) apple pies and crumbles with custard/ice cream.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Our grateful thanks go to Mr Price and his team who have sorted the lights in Classroom 3 (it was getting increasingly dark in there!) and also the pond. Might any of our skilled parents be able to help repair a bench?

OPERATION 'CHRISTMAS CHILD' (THE SHOE BOX APPEAL) We are pleased to once again support the Christmas charity shoebox appeal. You can read more about this charity here – <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> We would like to receive your shoeboxes in mid November. Date to be confirmed . Planning and packing these boxes together with your children gives a real opportunity to talk about those in need, which has a particular urgency at this current time.

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER Pre-school have organised a family photo event, which will takes place from 9:00 – 12:00, in our school hall. **PLEASE NOTE** this is an update of the event announced for later in October. School will not be organising individual photos in school uniform this term, and we encourage you to use the pre-school event if you are keen to have a photo of this type. You might even want to bring a change of clothing with you?

PARENT MEETING – SHARING EXPECTATIONS Those who did not make the meetings will be shortly receiving some of the handouts made available. Copies of the PowerPoints used can now be found online here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS: From The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne:
Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.
"Pooh!" he whispered.
"Yes, Piglet?"
"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

DIARY DATES

Tues 16 th	Open Day (morning) Families with pre-school aged children will be attending and learning all about us. Harvest Service, St. Martin's Church, 2:15. All welcome. Details to follow. Table Tennis Club follows as normal.		
Weds 17 th	Football matches at KLB, 1:30 until 4:00 – NO SPORTS CLUB TODAY!		
Fri 19 th	Class 4 Showcase Assembly – a window into the learning taking place in Autumn Term 1. LAST DAY OF TERM 1.		
Monday 29 th	INSET DAY for school staff. NO PUPILS TODAY.		
Fri 2 nd NOV	FONNS BONFIRE NIGHT. Details to follow.		
Monday 5 th	Athletics at KLB – Key Stage 1 in the morning, Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 & 4) in the afternoon.		
Weds 7 th	Girls' Football 1:30 – 4:00 NO SPORTS CLUB TODAY!		
Sat 10 th	Cross-country Race 2 at KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start.		
Weds 14 th & Weds 21 st	Different sporting events at KLB. NO SPORTS CLUB ON THESE DATES.		
Weds 5 th DEC	Year 7 MINCE PIE AND FEEDBACK afternoon (after school). Details to follow.		
Mon 17 th	School trip to the pantomime (morning – Thank you FONNS) and EVENING CAROL SERVICE 6:30 p.m.		
AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	NSPRING 2019 – Pupil days	SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days
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 1 04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019
Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019	Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019	Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -

- Flu immunisatons
- Pupil Premium Funding
- Linela Uniform delivery