



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



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On this day in 1924 the Sunday Express published first British crossword puzzle.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

AN IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION

At our recent parent meetings I explained how the school's performance (at Year 2 and Year 6 last year) identified slower progress (as measured against children elsewhere) for those who scored highly in previous assessments. So though our ATTAINMENT was HIGHER for 'all children' in reading and maths, and our PROGRESS was FASTER for 'all children' in reading and maths, as a school we need to examine our curriculum and our teaching to ensure that we are doing our best for everyone.

This has led some parents to speculate that support is being withdrawn from those who currently struggle with learning. This is an incorrect understanding of our intentions, and the way schools are held to account. ALL CHILDREN matter and the progress and attainment of ALL CHILDREN matter. High results cannot be achieved by, for example, neglecting those who find learning harder. The point of highlighting the needs of one group in our School Improvement Plan is to ADD another string to our bow, and not replace those that already exist. Parents who wish to discuss this further are encouraged to speak to me or the class teachers directly.

SURVEY REQUEST

In September we held WHOLE CLASS MEETINGS FOR PARENTS. These were promoted as 'Meet The Teacher / Understand the Expectations / How You Can Help!' meetings, and we have created a survey to help us know how successful we have been, and what we might need to be different next time. There is also space to ask further questions. Please ensure we have your thoughts by Friday 9th November, when the survey will close. Please follow this link - <https://goo.gl/forms/Z4R4Bu9jnZHhroCt2>

PARENT MEETINGS – SHARING EXPECTATIONS. Copies of the PowerPoints used have been made available online here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>.

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

HARVEST The team at St. Martin's Church write "Here's news of the money raised at the Harvest Supper:

Total raised: £1297.50. to be sent to Christian Aid (this can be increased from an EU fund that matches £5 to each £1 raised!)

Included in the final sum was £452.50 raised from the produce auction.

In addition, a vast amount of food (133.4 kg !) has been sent to the Food Bank in Stroud.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way to a very successful Harvest collection. We couldn't have achieved this without the brilliant collaborative effort."



PARKING It has been pointed out to us again, by concerned parents, that not all of those driving to school park considerately, and in addition a few are using the Pavilion car park for their own needs. The car park is reserved for staff and visitors on official business. Crossing the pavement (or reversing on to it to turn around) is dangerous and must be discouraged, for the sake of the children. Nibley House also discourage parking on their driveway and we are asking all drivers to comply with these instructions.

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 was a letter explaining the details in book bags, including the way in which you can give your consent online.

PARENT GOVERNOR We are pleased to confirm that Dr Charlotte Parker will be our new Parent Governor. Dr Parker's nomination was the only nomination received before the deadline so an election is unnecessary. Welcome to the team!

REMINDER: We need 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. We are republishing this since there was a breach in this nut-free policy this week and we are asking all parents to be alert to the ingredients in break-time snacks as well as packed lunches. Thank you.



E-Safety Friend to the school, Alan Mackenzie (who delivered training to parents last year) writes "I'm delighted to bring you the new addition of your online safety magazine, DITTO. You can find the link below. This month there's some really interesting articles from both primary and secondary students. We're also taking a look at:

- Banning adult material.
- Talking to a trusted adult - is this a useful message?
- Fostering an ethos of online safety
- Beware the online safety expert
- A request from Cath Knibbs regarding her work in the impact of violent and graphic media.

Click on or copy/paste the following link to download the magazine:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/DITTO-Edition-15-October-2018-compressed.pdf>

Best Wishes, Alan Mackenzie, Tel: 01522 25 30 88, Web: www.esafety-adviser.com "

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 by Monday 12th November.** Please have your boxes in at drop off on that day. . 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.

NEW JOINERS SURVEY Each year we ask the families of our new joiners (in Reception and above) to complete a survey. Please can we have your feedback by November 9th? Thank you.

FONNS CHRISTMAS CARDS. Most (but not all) of the cards have arrived and will be coming your way shortly. We are currently waiting for the other items.

FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:

"Greater Love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." The Bible, John 15:13

You are invited to join with a group from school at the North Nibley War Memorial on SUNDAY the 11th, at 10:45, ready for the 11:00 o'clock silence.



DIARY DATES

Friday 2 nd NOV	TONIGHT – BONFIRE NIGHT! 6:00 onwards.		
Monday 5 th	Mr Tyne, known to the children from his work at SuperStars, will be joining us for a week as part of his teacher training. 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.		
12 th onwards	It's a busy week for Governors! SIAMS Strategy Meeting Monday evening Full Governing Board Wednesday evening Training in School Performance data Thursday evening		
Weds 14 th	Sporting events at KLB. NO SPORTS CLUB ON THIS DATE.		
Friday 16 th	FONNS Christmas Shopping Event – 6:30 – 8 pm. Please support the team!		
Weds 21 st	Sporting events at KLB. NO SPORTS CLUB ON THIS DATE.		
Weds 5 th DEC	Year 7 MINCE PIE AND FEEDBACK afternoon (after school).		
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 -

- Home-School Values sheets
- FONNS Lucky Squares
- NO NUTS reminder

NEXT WEEK – ISSUE 2 of 'THE WRITE STUFF' – how exciting!