



Dear Parents and Friends,

CHRISTMAS ALREADY? It always seems a shame to start Christmas in November, but the truth is there is so much to squeeze in, to learn and to practise, we couldn't possibly wait! Many thanks to the families who supported the Shoebox collection. We were pleased to send 25 boxes away on time on Monday.

DID YOU 'SPOT' THE CHILDREN SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED?

Thank you to all those who helped the children dress up in spots for Children In Need. Altogether we have raised a huge amount for this charity. We have a two-year rolling programme of charity support and will mark Comic Relief in the Spring Term. World Book Day, however, will wait until Spring of 2020. If you have any suggestions for the School Council to consider for the Summer Term charity fund-raiser, you may use the School Council suggestion box which is found in the lobby area of the school.

DOJO POINTS / MONSTER POINTS It would appear that some parents have not completed the final step in their account set up (we can't tell who!) but if you installed the app and have yet to get an update, please ask around and share the knowledge!

ARMISTICE DAY Wynne Holcombe at St. Martins writes "A big thankyou to all who, either came to church or to the cemetery last Sunday. We collected £190 at the Church, with 40 attending along with their 8 Children. At the memorial a staggering 133, including 22 children came to show their respects, and a further £150 was collected. We have enhanced the amount by a further £85 representing the tax, so will be donating a grand total of £425, twice the normal level. Many thanks once again on behalf of the Poppy appeal."

I have written further thoughts on this in On The Edge, North Nibley's village magazine. Did you know you can request an electronic copy of this publication? School news features every month.

MUSIC A request from finance@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk, Music tuition fees are now payable. Thank you. There will be no violin lessons on Monday 19th November. The missed lessons will be rescheduled to 17th December.

SURVEY Regarding our class meetings for parents, Governors are now considering the results which we will publish shortly. Those who requested individual feedback have not been forgotten and we will catch up with you shortly. Two parents asked about the steps that School is taking to improve. The answer to that lies in the **SCHOOL**

IMPROVEMENT PLAN, a version of which is now available on our website - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/improvement-plans/>.

NATIVITY The children in Classes 1 & 2 report that very few parents have helped them with the lines sent home for learning for the Nativity (in one of the classes only 4 hands went up!) Please help them to become familiar with these and if possible encourage some expression in their delivery.

TIMES: Friday 7th December (Dress rehearsal) 1.30pm Monday 10th Dec & Tuesday 11th Dec – 5.30 arrival for 6pm

COATS! Although the weather is still mild, it can turn cold and wet with little or no notice! Children returning from swimming on Monday were hit by a sudden hail storm. Mr Batchelor was glad he was wearing his coat! Not all the children had theirs and this is now recommended. The playground at our school can become very cold.

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.

ORIANA SINGERS present a carol concert in St Martin's Church at 7:30 on Monday 10th December. Tickets are £8 on the door, but children go free!



PARKING – UPDATE Thank you to those who have taken note of this newsletter item last time. The Pavilion 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 and farm also discourage parking on their driveway (almost immediately opposite the school) and there should be no parking on the yellow zig-zag lines in front of the school. Thank you.

THE WRITE STUFF ISSUE TWO should have come home this week. Your praise and encouragement to the school over this initiative has been most welcome. Please make time to enjoy this work with your own children.



INDOOR ATHLETICS Classes 2 and 4 had opportunities to participate in inter-school sports. Finn, Miriam, Ellie May and Indi provided the following comments: "I loved doing the jumps over the hurdles. "It was really fun doing all the activities we did." "It happened at KLB." "The best bit for me was jumping over the hurdles." "There was a challenge to run as fast as we could." "We were against Kingswood Primary and we beat them."

From Class 4, Freddy found it "really cool because when we were running we could run up a slope on the wall and push off with our feet." Alfie thought "It was very competitive against all the other schools." Erin said "It was fun and tiring at the same time. I hope I can go again." Both groups won their competitions and showed great support.



Our netball teams have also had recent success with 2 teams winning their league games and our Cross Country runners continue to thrive.

FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:

From the book of Galatians (Chapter 6, verse 2).

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ."

DIARY DATES

Weds 21 st	Influenza Immunisations today for all Reception to Year 5 children. Sporting events at KLB. NO SPORTS CLUB ON THIS DATE.		
Thursday 22 nd	Small Schools Football Finals 3:30 onwards.		
Friday 23 rd	Sports Hall Athletics		
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 -

- Holiday Club Leaflet
- Messy Church flyer
- Pantomime letter

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.

