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# NEWSLETTER 245

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On this day in 2017 the world's longest lasting rainbow was recorded, lasting 8 hrs & 58 mins

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Dear Parents and Friends,



**IT'S THE BEST DAY EVER!** That's what some of our children from Class 2 were heard saying when the fire engine visited the school on Wednesday. Class 1 also shared their thoughts. Luke said "The fire engine made a nee norr noise". Sophia said "I put the helmet on." Billy liked using the hose pipe and Cameron liked it when "the hose was squirting the teacher's cars like a car wash!" Miss Tyers liked putting the uniform on too! **Why not share your thoughts about our rich curriculum in our Parent Survey?**

**SURVEY** Once each year we launch a BIG SURVEY to find out your thoughts about how we might improve what we do, to the benefit of the children we serve. This year is no different and we invite you to participate by following the link from our survey page - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/parent-surveys/>

**Among many traditional 'favourite' questions that help us spot trends over time, there are several new sections and emerging 'hot potatoes'.** This year we are asking about:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| The School Vision         | Wrap-around Care    | The School's Website          |
| The work of our Governors | Our charity work    | Online learning               |
| Homework                  | Parents' meetings   | SIAMS (Inspection)            |
| Reading at home           | End-of-Year Reports | Enrichment Activities & Clubs |
| Writing Magazine          | Our Newsletters     | Summary Questions             |

The answers you give will help us to set priorities and provide better services next year. Your answers to our SIAMS questions will be especially beneficial as we prepare for our SIAMS inspection. What's SIAMS, you might be asking? The answers lie in our....

**GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER.** Once per term the governors put together a newsletter of their own. In this issue: Meet a new governor, find out about SIAMS and discover unexpected outcomes from our Pollination Project.

**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.

### FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:

"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." (Proverbs 12:26 New International Version)

**WHOOPS!** There have been several instances of parents using the wrong media 'channels' to share important information about pupil health and well-being. All messages must be sent to [admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) since these will ALWAYS be picked up. We do not intend to use Class Dojo, nor the Head Teacher account as a channel for reporting absence.

**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!

**SPORTS CLUB** – There will be no further Sports Clubs this term. We look forward to starting up again after Christmas.

**MUSIC** Thank you for your prompt payments for music tuition. Everyone is now sorted! Mrs Boles has kindly agreed to continue with tuition in Mrs Hale's absence after prolonged illness. Mrs Hale is recovering and wishes everyone well.

## CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.



Each year we invite Year 7 pupils back to school, to share a mince pie and collect some valuable feedback about their time here, and how well we have prepared them for secondary school. This year we would like to see them on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, from after school until 5:00 pm. Do please spread the word!

### FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Experience Christmas – with a team from St. Martins Church.  
Nativity Dress Rehearsal, 1:30

### MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity – starting at 2 p.m.  
The post box will be in operation from this date and Class 4 'elves' will be delivering the contents soon after. ALL cards must go through the post box, since this eases several difficulties that can occur in the playground and classes.  
ALSO Deadline for 'Christmas Bowls' in preparation for the FONNS Christmas Fayre.

### TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Classes 1 & 2 Nativity – children MUST be at school at 5.30 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. start.

### FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

FONNS Christmas Fayre, in school from 5 p.m. – 7:00pm NO MORE REGULAR CLUBS AFTER TODAY.

### MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

We are attending a morning performance of Aladdin in Cheltenham and NEED TO LEAVE AT 8:45 WITHOUT EXCEPTION (Oh yes we do!). Thank you, FONNS for this amazing treat! **All children will need to bring a packed lunch.**

#### ALSO

Carol Service at St. Martin's Church, North Nibley, from 6:30pm. This joyous celebration is open to all our community. ALL children from Classes 3 & 4 are expected, children from Classes 1 & 2 are asked to sit in a class group under their own teacher's supervision. All children in school uniform please, though festive 'enhancements' are allowed/encouraged!

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch. Staff will serve the children. Silly hats will be worn! Pre-order letters in book bags today.

### THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

We ask that the following is donated for our parties –

Class 1 – Fruit (Satsuma, grapes etc)

Class 2 – Small cakes or chocolate biscuits

Class 3 – Pizza (small pieces) or sausages or cheese

Class 4 – Bags of crisps or small savoury snacks.

School will provide sandwiches and the children will play party games in the afternoon.

PLEASE ONLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FOR ONE DAY. SURPLUS PACKAGED FOOD WILL BE TAKEN TO A FOOD BANK.

**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 child at our school. Thank you.

This is the last day of school this term (and year) for pupils. There will be no cooked dinners provided. School will close at 3.15pm normal time.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Village Hall Lunch (a packed lunch is required for the Year 6 group giving service) Governors - Finance & Premises, 6:30pm		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Heads Meeting in the afternoon		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Two staff on First Aid training		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Tyndale Cluster Staff Meeting at North Nibley		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Governors – Leadership & Management Committee		
AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	SPRING 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 -

- Mother Goose leaflet • Governors Newsletter