



NEWSLETTER 247

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On this day in 1783 William Pitt the Younger becomes youngest ever British Prime Minister (24!)

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Dear Parents and Friends,

A big Christmas 'Thank you' to all our volunteers – readers, fund raisers, 'odd-job' people, chefs, Nature Quiz masters, Pollination gardeners, bakers and café runners. Those who drive and walk us all around. Mechanics, dancers, singers, pray-ers and musicians. We are able to do what we do in no small part due to your help and support. Have a very 'Happy Christmas!'

CLASS 2 made this decorative 'stained glass' window last week. It looks beautiful in the evening!

SWIMMING Years 1 & 2 swim ON THE FIRST DAY BACK! Please send them in with swimming kit. From experience we have learnt that if they don't properly dry themselves, tights are incredibly difficult to put back on. If you can, please have your child wear trousers on a Monday for swimming.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Thank you to all those who came, and to all those who contributed, especially the children. We raised the bar in a number of areas and I look forward to seeing what can be done in 2019! Your gifts at the end raised £230 for St. Martin's Church.



IT'S BEHIND YOU! The children were thrilled with their visit to the pantomime on Monday, especially if the noise they made is any measure of the fun they had! This trip – the tickets and coach fare - was fully paid by your fund raising through FONNS. Thank you! Don't be surprised if the singing of the 12 days of Christmas is never the same again!

DVDS Time has beaten me and I won't have the nativity DVDs available before the end of term. Please place an order in the school office at £3:00 each. I am after a large number of DVD cases I can re-use for this purpose, rather than buying new. Can anyone help (especially if you are having a sort-out over Christmas!). We have only one 2017 Nativity left, "Busy, Busy Bethlehem", and a handful of 2018 Summer Productions – "Rock Bottom". Please ask in the office.

POLICY UPDATE The following policies and documents can be found on our 'Policy Page', at the bottom, <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies-1/> in the section "DRAFT POLICIES FOR CONSULTATION":

- Home-School Expectations 2019)
- Collective Worship Nov 2018)- Your comments on all three are invited.
- Religious Education Nov 2018 DRAFT)

STAFFING NEWS Mrs S Shephard has informed us that she wishes to return to work around May. Cover arrangements are being arranged.

THE PUPILS SPEAK St Martin's Church, part of the Tyndale Benefice, will be looking for a new Vicar in a short while. We asked the children here what WE would be looking for. Their comments may well surprise you! You can read them here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/st-martins/> Those interested in applying will also be directed to this webpage.

SUPPORTING PRAYER At the Christmas Service we distributed our new 'prayer diary, We invite you to join with us in supporting the school in prayer on a regular basis. We have created 31 'daily' prayers for those who like to be methodical – but do feel free to dip in and out, extemporise and go deeper as you feel led. And may God bless you for supporting us in this way.

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:

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's newsletter, sent the week before last and accessible in our 'Virtual BookBag'.

PREMISES PLAN Governors would like to invite you to a meeting about our plans for the premises of the school, and specifically the planned 'breakout' building. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th January, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall.

FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS:

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work; If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

THURSDAY 20th 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.



DIARY DATES

Thursday 20 th	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. THERE IS NO AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY FOR PARENTS THIS YEAR, CHRISTMAS PARTIES INSTEAD!		
Monday 7 th JAN	FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS. FIRST SWIM FOR YEARS 1 & 2 (No after-school clubs this week)		
Tuesday 15 th	CLOSING DAY FOR RECEPTION PLACES, SEPTEMBER 2019 Governor meeting for Parents re school premises, 7:30 p.m. in the school hall.		
Thursday 17 th	Reading and Writing evening for parents of children in Reception AND Year 1 (plus other interested parents) Time to be confirmed.		
Monday 21 st	Village Hall Monday Lunch – Year 6 group to serve. Packed lunch required.		
Weds 30 th	Governor's Leadership and Management Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.		
SATURDAY 2 nd FEB	Cross Country – Race 4 at KLB. 9:30 a.m. for 10:00!		
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

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNORS & THE STAFF, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.