



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

Newsletter 250

21st January 2019 On this day in 19**, Miss Allen was born!

Plastic? Fantastic! Moved by the plight of creatures in the oceans, struggling to survive the plastic that ends up there, we have decided to start recycling our crisp packets. Initially we attempted only one day this first week, believing that we also had to wash and dry each packet (the workers are pictured – thank you, folks!) We have now learnt that the packets need only to be empty. This means we can make a collection EVERY DAY, and what's more the school will even get paid for doing this! We have applied to become a drop-off point, which means we can collect and recycle everyone's waste! We will let you know how in a little while, since we are also aware that storage is a big issue for our school. However, just because something is difficult doesn't mean it's not worth doing. Our vision calls us to work with the community. Our beliefs tell us



READING IN THE MORNINGS A quarter of the respondents thought that reading in school might help address some of the barriers they find at home. Teachers have kindly agreed to open up their classrooms at 8:40 on a Wednesday morning to create space for parents, who accompany their children, to read together. Please feel that you can drop in!

EMERGENCY CLOSURE: Gloucestershire has a NEW closure website - <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

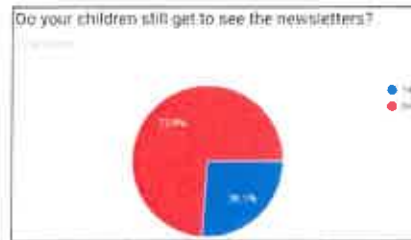
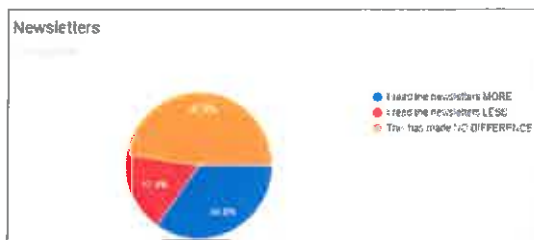
ADVANCED WARNING World Book Day is coming - Thursday, 7 March. The School Council will have news next time.

Proposed Breakout Space – latest Those unable to make the Governor evening on the proposed breakout space might be interested in this link to the Stroud District Council planning permission site. Please note the consultation period has closed.

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PIYM7LPNIEZ00&activeTab=summary>

PARENT SURVEY 2018 - The Head Teacher's Response

Many thanks to the 25 parents (one-third of our families) who completed the survey. It is my intention this year to comment on each section on a regular basis, rather than do as I have done in the past, responding to the whole lot in one go! Governors, of course, have access to everything and will be taking stock during their next meetings.



I do think the children are missing out, for example when they contribute their ideas and recounts, and I encourage you to share these more. I was also struck by the number of parents who say they visit the school website in order to read the newsletters (a massive 75% of those returning the survey), even though these are emailed directly to their devices! Perhaps emails are blocked, addresses have changed or the parents are confusing the two?

It has been suggested that we look to providing a different format of newsletter for mobile devices - and you could be reading one such experiment now! We need to retain control of your email addresses for GDPR purposes (you have not consented to us sharing them with an alternative email provider) and we want to retain an A4 'printed' version for use in the lobby and classroom. And as ever we are conscious of workload.

What do you think of this version? Please let Paula or myself know!

CLASSES 1 & 2 – 'BORN IN A BARN' NATIVITY. DVDs of this delightful performance are available from the office at £3.00 a copy. Please ask for details.

DIARY DATES

Friday 25 th JANUARY	Key Stage 1 Cricket World Cup 3:30 – 5:15 – details to follow
Monday 28 th	Welcome to our two students on Teacher Training placements
Weds 30 th	Governor's Leadership and Management Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Weds 30 th	FONNS Committee meeting - all welcome. 7:30 p.m.
Friday 1 st FEBRUARY	FONNS Disco – Classes 1 & 2, 5:45 – 6:30, Classes 3 & 4 6:45-7:45
SATURDAY 2 nd	Cross Country – Race 4 at KLB. 9:30 a.m. for 10.00!
Monday 4 th	Governors - Teaching and Learning Committee meeting, 6:30
Monday 11 th	Parent 'Drop-In' - Come and share refreshments and thoughts with the I lead Teacher. On the agenda - the results of the Parent Survey, or anything on your mind!
Tuesday 12 th	Piano Recital for the whole school.
Weds 13 th	African Drum Day for Classes 1 & 2

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 3	07/01/2019 to 15/02/2019
SPRING TERM 4	25/02/2019 to 05/04/2019
SUMMER TERM 5	23/04/2019 to 24/05/2019
SUMMER TERM 6	03/06/2019 to 19/07/2019
NEXT AUTUMN TERM 1	04/09/2019 to 25/10/2019
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NEXT SPRING TERM 3	06/01/2020 to 04/02/2020
NEXT SPRING TERM 4	24/02/2020 to 03/04/2020



Virtual Bookbag. The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated weekly.

In it this week -

- Class Letters and Topic Plans
- How to help with... Spellings



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