

North Nibley Head

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Please find below Newsletter 251 from North Nibley C of E Primary School.

Please be aware that there may be other attachments and flyers travelling home via traditional 'pupil' post.

We have a feature on our website, the 'virtual' book-bag, wherein you will find all the general letters sent home this week.

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Newsletter 251

28th January 2019

On this day in 1754 there was the first recorded use of the word 'serendipity'. Children, what does it mean? Can you find it below?

The chair of our School Pupil Council has recorded an answerphone message, which we turn on over lunchtime and out of school hours. We are very happy for a pupil to be the voice of the school!



READING IN THE MORNINGS In the Parent's Survey 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! This offer is open to ALL children.



UPDATE This will usually be held in Classroom 1, but please check 'on the door'.

FORGIVENESS IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

“A true apology has 3 parts:

- 1. I am sorry**
- 2. It is my fault.**
- 3. What can I do to make it right?”**

Nelson Mandela

CLASS LETTERS

We have added the recent class letters and topic plans to the school website.

This

page [www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-classes-and-topic-plans/)

[classes-and-topic-plans/](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-classes-and-topic-plans/) contains lots of

useful information regarding the learning

we have planned for your child.

SCHOOL YEAR	Teacher's Letters & Topic Overview	Long (Topic)
Reception	 Class 1 letter Spring 2019	Long (Class)
Year 1	 Class 1 letter Spring 2019	Long (Class)
	 Class 2 letter Spring 2019	

COUGHS AND SNEEZES If you would be so kind, we are hoping for some donations of tissues and kitchen roll to tied us over this time of 'damp noses' and colds!

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener school.

Many of you have responded positively to our intentions to promote a better understanding of environmentally friendly issues, and to take action as a school to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. So I'm adding a section to the newsletter of practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!



Every plastic toothbrush ever made (unless destroyed by fire) still exists... somewhere! Pictured is an environmentally friendly toothbrush! This one is made from bamboo, readily available (e.g. eBay) and when you have finished with it you can put it in your compost bin!

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

Researchers from Leeds are seeking your help!

Class 4 have been looking at rationing as part of their studies into World War Two, and comparing meals then with those eating habits we have today. As serendipity would have it, this request arrived today. "We are researchers from the University of Leeds, and we are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, we are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children.

We have developed an online questionnaire and are trying to get as many parents to fill this in. The questionnaire takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary.

Questionnaire link - <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018> *

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Student Researcher, Rosie Mark, BSc Food Science and Nutrition

student; Email: fs15rm@leeds.ac.uk

Research Supervisor: Dr. Hannah Ensaff; Tel: 0113 34 33418;

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ADVANCED WARNING Red Nose Day is coming - Friday 15th March. The School Council will have news next time.

VACANCY The school would be interested to hear from any parent with experience supporting learning in Primary Schools, who might be willing to work for a limited number of hours a week until we are able to put a more permanent solution in place. This opportunity is subject to all the regular safeguarding checks, including references. If you feel that this short-term opportunity is of interest, please arrange a meeting with Mr Batchelor.

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.

One of the characteristics of school life which we hold most dear is the rich and full curriculum which we are able to offer. This primary experience extends well beyond the statutory 'National Curriculum', and each year we find something different to do. This ensures we all keep learning and every year is fresh and different. Such experiences also maximise the chances of a child finding an area in which they have a natural talent or ability on which they can build.

We asked you to comment of which experiences over the preceding 12 months had had most impact on your youngsters. Since many of these were year-group specific, there were a large number of 'Not applicable' votes to discount, and so the results are based on very small samples, and statistically less significant. Even so, we definitely intend to book 'Young Voices' again next year. We have registered our commitment to take part in St. Mary's Church music evening this year. FONNS will be pleased to see the pantomime visit rated so highly.

Enrichment Activity	Votes	A big impact	Some impact	No impact
London Residential 2017	3	100%	0%	0%
Year 6 Water Sports (2017 or 2018)	4	100%	0%	0%
Whole School Pantomime	24	79%	21%	0%
Planetarium Dome visit	17	76%	18%	6%
Class 1 & 2 Nativity (last/this year)	21	76%	24%	0%
Cycle Safety lessons (Year 6)	4	75%	0%	25%
Black Country Living Museum	7	71%	29%	0%
Junior Summer Production	9	67%	22%	11%
National Space Centre	6	67%	17%	17%
Cheddar Caves	16	63%	38%	0%
Fairford Air Tattoo	10	60%	30%	10%
Class 4 cook their own lunch	7	57%	29%	14%
Country Dance at the Summer Fayre	9	56%	22%	22%
Viking Visitor (Class 3)	6	50%	50%	0%
Class 3 run the 'Nibbles' cafe	6	50%	50%	0%
Sports Relief & the Daily Mile	22	50%	41%	9%
Young Voices N.E.C Concert	4	50%	25%	25%
Pollination Project	14	43%	43%	14%
In The Net (e-Safety drama)	7	43%	43%	14%
Choir & Orchestra at St. Mary's Church	10	40%	50%	10%
Formula Goblin Go-Kart (Y6 & Y7)	3	33%	33%	33%
Leaver's Service - here - all children	16	31%	56%	13%
Cluster Reception / Y1 Forest School	7	29%	57%	14%
Book Fair	18	28%	56%	17%
Year 2 Badminton Tnp	11	27%	64%	9%
World Book Day	22	27%	45%	27%
Reading Challenge	19	26%	53%	21%
Macmillan Coffee Morning	17	24%	65%	12%
Children In Need	22	23%	77%	0%
Whole-class violins (Class 3, 2017-18)	6	17%	50%	33%
Puzzle-Maths challenge (Y5, 2017-18)	3	0%	33%	67%
Leaver's Service (Cathedral) (now Y7)	1	0%	0%	100%

NEWSLETTERS Last week I wrote about children not reading school newsletters. At least one parent has had the idea of forwarding the email to their (older) children's own email account. Perhaps you could do this too?

NEWSLETTERS The suggestion (from the Parent Survey) to move to an online platform for Newsletters has not been without difficulty! Thank you for baring with us. It is now apparent that emails being forwarded from our Admin account (which, with your consent, stores your email addressed) changes the format a little. Therefore we recommend choosing to view the Newsletter in your browser, by clicking the link at the very top. It is also clear that different email clients display the format slightly differently - I can

see it at 3 different 'default' sizes on the same phone. If you are really struggling, please let us know, preferably by bringing your device with you, and we'll try to understand the problem.

NEWSLETTERS and GDPR

We take your data privacy seriously, and for this reason we have not handed over your email addresses to MailChimp for distribution (though, with your consent, this is a possibility for the future). We are using our existing contact lists for circulation of the newsletter. You may, of course, choose to join the MailChimp list yourself, and supply your own contact details. Please read their Terms & Conditions carefully. There are implications for unsubscribing when the time comes to stop receiving these School Newsletters. If you have added yourself to MailChimp's lists, please follow *their link to unsubscribe*, otherwise, please follow the school's own link to contact our Administrator.

CLASSES 1 & 2 – 'BORN IN A BARN' NATIVITY. 20+ DVD copies of this delightful performance have been sold, at £3.00 each. We are now taking orders for a second production 'run' (over half-term) so please place orders at the office. The final date for orders is Feb 15th.

FONNS UPDATE

Your FUNdraising committee have come up with another idea which could raise a lot of money for the school - AmazonSmile.

AmazonSmile is an alternative logging in 'screen' for your regular online shopping. Once a charity is nominated (FONNS!) 0.5% of your purchases will be directed to the school's Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) to benefit the children. And you can ask your relatives, friends and neighbours to choose us too!

There are a few steps to go through. The link to the amazon smile web site is

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Log in details should be exactly the same as the regular web site, both user name and password.

Under the "Your Account" menu there is an option to "Change your Charity", although you should be prompted to select a charity

the first time you log into amazon smile.

FONNS is actually called "North Nibley School Pta". Select this as your chosen charity and FONNS will receive 0.5% of the value of each purchase excluding VAT and carriage.

On mobiles and tablets the amazon app will not work with amazon smile. Instead, please follow these instructions:

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / ios:

Although there is no AmazonSmile App, it's easy to create a shortcut to your phone home screen and it will feel just like using the Amazon App.

1. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it.
2. You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select North Nibley School Pta as your charity, if you haven't already, and this will come up as your screen:
3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to

the left to see this:

5. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone/ device:

1. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it.

2. You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk.

Select North Nibley Pta as your charity and this will come up as your screen:

3. Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'

4. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Thank you.

ADDITIONAL FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY

FONNS have been given the opportunity of a free pitch at Berkeley Show this year, Sunday 23rd June 2019.

We are wanting to get some ideas together of what we can do within the tent based around Children, possibly something crafty for children to come and enjoy and raise money for FONNS.

Please comment with any ideas and anyone able to come and help.

FONNS Committee meeting Weds 30th - all welcome. 7:30 p.m. at the school.

DIARY DATES

Monday 28th

Welcome to our two students on
Teacher Training placements

Weds 30th

Governor's Leadership and
Management Committee Meeting –
7:00 p.m.

Weds 30th

FONNS Committee meeting - all
welcome. 7:30 p.m.

Friday 1st

FONNS Disco – Classes 1 & 2, 5:45 –
6:30, Classes 3 & 4 6:45-7:45

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 2 nd	Cross Country – Race 4 at KLB. 9:30 a.m. for 10:00!
Monday 4th	Governors - Teaching and Learning Committee meeting, 6:30
Monday 11th	Parent 'Drop-In' - Come and share refreshments and thoughts with the Head Teacher. On the agenda - the results of the Parent Survey, or anything on your mind!
Tuesday 12th	Piano Recital for the whole school.
Weds 13th	African Drum Day for Classes 1 & 2
Weds 13th	NO SPORTS CLUB (Girl's Football Match)



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

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

NEXT AUTUMN TERM 2 - 05/11/2019 to 20/12/2019

NEXT SPRING TERM 3 - 06/01/2020 to 04/02/2020

NEXT SPRING TERM 4 - 24/02/2020 to 03/04/2020



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