

North Nibley Head

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Please find below Newsletter 252 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 252

4th February 2019

On this day in 2004 Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook from his Harvard dormitory room.

PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED!

Congratulations to the Governor team who have successfully crossed the next hurdle to providing additional teaching space at our school. This in turn opens up additional sources of funding which we will be very keen to investigate, so if you know of any as-yet untapped opportunities, please speak to Mrs Loveday or Ms Yarrow.

(Keep stockpiling those supermarket tokens!)



We have tried to stress how the provision of such a space will benefit all our children. If you have any questions about this, please come and see me.

SNOW DAY Thank you for bearing with us on Friday. Prior to closing I heard from two local governors. Staff sent photos of their driveways and local roads. I also considered the closure of other local schools, notably K.L.B., and looked at forecasts for the afternoon. I am grateful to those who used the FONNS Facebook group to share information about their own local conditions. The inability to access the new Gloucestershire site was frustrating (although everything worked well on a county-wide test day earlier in the term). I do hope you weren't put to too much inconvenience and were perhaps even able to enjoy the day with your children.

FONNS DISCO This had to be postponed on Friday.
NEW DATE : Friday 1st March - times will stay the same.
Get your dancing shoes ready for Friday 1st March.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS - FUNDING CRISIS

I am sending home a letter from the Gloucestershire Association of Primary Heads (GAPH) which details the difficulties schools in this county are facing. You can read online versions here...

Gloucester School's Funding Crisis

together with a 'template' letter which you may find useful if you wish to lobby MPs or the Department for Education. You may have heard the debate in Parliament on Wednesday last week -

David Drew MP secures urgent debate on school funding in Gloucestershire

You can watch the Stroud's Labour MP, David Drew, addressing the Minister for Education on video here - <https://www.daviddrewmp.org.uk/> as well as read local case studies on the impact of rising costs and increased needs. [You can read the whole debate here](#) , including contributions from local MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Conservative.

FORGIVENESS IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

The children explored an acrostic poem in assembly:

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Forgetting the hurts
Offering a new beginning
Restoring a friendship
Given and received
Identifying responsibility
Valuing the truth
Ending an argument
Not holding a grudge
Encouraging honesty
Starting again
Saying sorry

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Catshill Learning Partnerships have contacted the school about Safer Internet Use. They write:

We are often asked about specific apps and programs that are causing concern. Not so long ago **Misical.ly** was such an app. It allows users to create 15 second videos with a music clip that can be shared and commented on by followers. Users can follow their friends as well as celebrities and strangers.

More recently, a number of parents have been expressing concern about **Fortnite: Battle Royale**. This popular game which has an age rating of 12 contains cartoon violence including a variety of weapons used to kill others playing the game. A chat facility allows users to contact one another using text or voice. Players that have an account (with the game producers Epic) can add friends and it also allows potentially expensive in-app purchases. Of more general concern is the addictive nature of visually stunning games such as Fortnite. It is very easy for a young person to spend far too long playing online which in turn can lead to health issues such as obesity, tiredness and repetitive strain injury.

We have more information on our advice page for parents at [catshill.com/parent](https://www.catshill.com/parent) .

The NSPCC has issued the following 'TEAM' guidelines for parents who may be concerned.

- **T**alk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.

- **E**xplore your child's online activities with your child. Understand why they like using them and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.
- **A**gree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.
- **M**anage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

PAVEMENT PETITION Please keep your eyes open at the gate for Liz Miller, village resident, who has organised a petition for a pavement from The Black Horse down New Road to the lay by, in order to promote safer driving and walking. The petition will eventually be submitted to the Parish Council.



SCHOOL WEBSITE - 100+ PAGES AND STILL GROWING!

Sometimes we are asked for information which we have already published. This page -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/site-index/> - is a page-listing / site map showing you what is available online already. Do take a look.

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!

DoodleMaths

In the week I received the following email: "Dear Mr Batchelor, You are receiving this email because some users from your class or school are still using an old version of the DoodleMaths app. This may be at home or at school.

As you may know, v5 of DoodleMaths was superseded by v6 at the start of this academic year. From tomorrow, v5 will no longer be supported. Users will not be able to log in to the app, and if they are already logged in, their work will not be saved on our server.

We are making this change to ensure that the data displayed on the teacher dashboard is consistent and accurate across all users."

'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!



ADULTS: Carry a reusable coffee cup or flask. Around 2.5 billion coffee cups are thrown away every year in the UK alone – that's seven million a day! Less than 1% of these can be recycled, meaning

most spend up to 50 years in landfill, after lasting just minutes in your hand. Lots of coffee outlets offer a discount when you use your own cup and there are many eco-friendly options out there. Invest in a reusable cup.

CHILDREN: Avoid using single-use plastic bottles for your drinks. Ask at home for a reusable bottle.

WHAT ARE YOU READING? Four more great book reviews, by North Nibley children, have been added to our book review website - searchable by title and age-range. <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews> . Parents, have you seen this site - a great starting place on your hunt for the next great read - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February have been set aside as this term's Parent/Teacher meetings. Bookings will become available at some point next week. Facebook, newsletter and email will all be used to let you know that bookings

are 'open'. Please remember, you DON'T get an email confirming your appointment (unless we pay for an upgrade on the software. It's one of the many ways in which we try to save money, so that there is more to spend on your children!)

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

MR BATCHELOR'S NEW FAVOURITE JOKE - Richard III sets up a marquee with some funky music and flashing lights. He states "Now is the winter of my disco tent."



FONNS UPDATE

Last week we told you about another idea which could raise a lot of money for the school - AmazonSmile.

You can find all the information about using this FREE service reprinted on our website page here -



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

Music Festival Volunteers:

We would like to start getting some volunteers together for the Nibley Festival.

Nibley Festival is Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July.

If working on the bar this year (Friday Night only) we are asking for a 5 hour shift which then entitles you to a free weekend pass to the festival. For further details please see any members of the committee.

DIARY DATES

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)

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



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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OLD NEWS!

Repeats and reminders

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'.

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.

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.



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