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# NEWSLETTER 258

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On this day in 1977, Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" album goes #1 & stays #1 for 31 weeks.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

**CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY** The 'Showcase' Assembly on Friday was a real delight. The children had written the scripts themselves and gone on to learn their parts by heart. We all learnt something. What a joy it was to hear that our children were so well behaved on their research trip to the Wetlands Trust. They were a credit to all of us. Residents local to North Nibley should be able to read more about this trip in the May edition of 'On The Edge'. We will post the school's article somewhere on our website too.

## JUNIOR BAKEOFF!

This week I have received a letter inviting applications for the next round of the TV programme, Junior Bakeoff! "JUNIOR BAKE OFF is coming back for a 5th Series on Channel 4 and applications are now open.

We are looking for talented young bakers between 9-15 years old. Filming would take place from late July 2019, but our applications close on Monday 6th May 2019, so it would be very much appreciated if you could help us spread the word." Please ask at the office if you are interested.

**TESTING TIMES!** Years 2 and Year 6 both face SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) in Term 5. On Thursday 25th April, at 3:30, Ms Surrige and Miss Tyers will hold a short meeting for parents with all the information you might require to support your child.

**MAKE IT COUNT!** Mrs Lewis is preparing a morning of maths, open to parents, where children will be on hand to illustrate the ways in which teaching and learning takes place. This builds on the highly successful evening we ran last time. Tuesday 21st May, from 9:30. Put the date in your diary now!

## STAFF NEWS

Following the appearance of a recruitment advert online, there is some speculation regarding movement of staff at school. Whilst I had been waiting to present a fuller picture, the situation is still 'in flux'. Here is what we do know!

### CLASS 1

Mrs Harvey, who has been supporting Class 1, will be leaving at the end of this TERM 4. We will, of course, continue to enjoy working with her with her 'Superstars' hat on!

Mrs Breen is due to leave at the end of the summer term (Term 6)

From September Mrs Findlay will spend all her hours with Class 1.

This leaves a vacancy for a day and this will be part of forthcoming recruitment.

### CLASS 2

Mrs Chapman remains as a full time Teaching Assistant. Mrs Browning, after many year's service, will be retiring at the end of Term 5, and we are recruiting additional support, initially based in Classroom 2. More on this to follow.

### CLASS 3

Mrs S. Shephard has decided to seek new challenges and will be leaving at the end of Term 6. We are beginning to recruit for this position. In the meantime, Mrs Griffiths has been working with us on an informal basis.

### CLASS 4

No change! Mrs D. Shepherd will continue her work with the oldest children in the school.

As you can imagine, these changes mean that we will be particularly busy in the coming days.

**GOVERNOR NEWS** In this week the Finance and Premises Committee met to consider, amongst other items, staffing and the budget. Classroom visit reports have been received and commented upon. Governors were in attendance at Friday's Class 3 assembly, and were very impressed with the work the children had done.

**RAGS TO RICHES** Please save up your unwanted clothes and other items for a Clothes Recycling collection, which will happen on the 13th May. Please bring your items on FRIDAY 10th or MONDAY 13th (before 10 a.m.) School receives 50p per kilo for good quality clothing. Details of what can be recycled is on the front door window.

**READING IN CLASS** In the last Parent Survey a number expressed a willingness to read in school on a morning, before school started. To date uptake of this opportunity has been limited - often just 1 parent & child pair. If there are barriers to increasing the update, please let us know how we can help. This will usually be held in Classroom 1, but please check 'on the door'.

**FORGIVENESS IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

As we approach Good Friday -  
"For by the death of Christ we are set free, our sins are forgiven."  
The Bible - Ephesians 1:7

**SCHOOL KIT AMNESTY** Please can you have a hunt at home for any items of school sports kit which should have been returned to school. No questions asked, we will just be grateful to have it back!

**SCHOOL UNIFORM DELIVERY** Linela, our uniform suppliers, are offering free delivery on any uniform ordered before 12th April (to be delivered on the 25th in school time). Please place your orders on their website:  
[www.linelashop.co.uk](http://www.linelashop.co.uk)

**BOOKS WANTED** Our older readers (Classes 3 & 4) would very much appreciate any donation of good quality reading books they may have been read at home and/or out grown. Recommended titles are especially appreciated!

**WORK DAY** I am hoping that a good number of parents and friends can be found to help with a 'school site/work day'. I can't recall the last time I held one of these, but essentially there are a large number of small jobs, both inside and out, that require doing to maintain our school's attractiveness.

Can you weed a flower bed?

Can you paint a wall?

Can you drill a hole?

Can you flush a drain?

These and many other jobs are waiting and I thought it might be fun if we all worked together. We can offer soup and rolls, and the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthwhile cause.

And of course, every penny saved on contractors means more can be spent on teaching and learning for your children. Yes, the budget IS that tight!

Save the date, Saturday 8th June. More details to follow.

**'NIBLEY GREEN'** - Towards a greener school.

Another item in our regular series on the actions we are taking as a school to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!



Here's a rather nifty gadget - the Jumbo Coconut Hair Scouring / Cleaning Pad. Having used one in the kitchen for a good few months I can testify as to the pad's long lasting and effective use. 100% natural, when no longer fit for use it goes straight into the compost bin! No waste!

**IMPROVING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT**

Following our Parent Evening promotion, the classes can boast the following proportions of parents ready to receive photos of their children at work, as well as the latest team point information!

Class 1 - 76% (up 8%)

Class 2 - 89%

Class 3 - 97% (up 3%)

Class 4 - 41% (up 3%)



Which class will get to 100% first? If you haven't signed up yet, please do. The staff and School Council will be looking again at Team Points and how they might engender greater motivation in the very near future. Something a little more tangible might inspire the children of Class 4!

Meanwhile, we have plans to revitalise the 'Grand totals' achieved by each school team (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) from the beginning of next term, and these can be followed here -  
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/team-points/>



There is a FONNS meeting at 7:30 in the staffroom TOMORROW night. Please join us.

### DIARY DATES

Thurs 4th	Woodwind - a new block of lessons begin.
Friday 5th	Last day for our student teachers. Last day of Term 4.
Monday 8th	Award of a substantial Parish Council Grant towards our Breakout space.
Tuesday 16th	Reception Places (September 2019) Allocation Day. We hope to have a special website page available for access in the Easter holidays - <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reception2019/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reception2019/</a>
TUESDAY 23rd	FIRST DAY of Term 5. Violins continue.
Weds 24th	Tag Rugby Festival Y5&6
Thursday 25th	SATS meeting for parents of Y2 and Y6. See above.
Friday 26th	Mountain Biking competition.
Thurs 2nd MAY	Choir singing at St Mary's Church, Wotton-Under-Edge (6:30)

SPRING 2019 – Pupil days	SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days
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 3 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020
Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019	Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019	Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019	Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week - • Northing this week!

# FONNS

FUNraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School

## Spring Fair



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Jubilee Field**  
**(Next to the school)**  
**12noon-3pm**

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**Volunteers required helping**  
**On stalls – Please speak to**  
**Mel Holland or Beck Price.**  
**As little as a few hours on**  
**One of the stands will make**  
**The event happen.**  
**Many thanks for your**  
**Support**