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NEWSLETTER 259

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On this day in 1722 Dutch navigator Jacob Roggeveen discovers Easter Island.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

**Beaten by the clock! So, NEXT TIME...
COUNTY CHAMPIONS in NETBALL!
COUNTY CHAMPIONS in HOCKEY!**

Allocation Day

Parents of children who have applied for a place at North Nibley should hear the results on Allocation Day, 16th April 2019. We will address all questions and enquiries on the morning of the first day back, Tuesday 23rd April.

Facebook Page

We are launching our own Facebook Page. Please read the letter coming home carefully, since it sets out our expectations and safeguarding concerns regarding the use of this platform going forward. See <https://www.facebook.com/northnibley/>

STAFF NEWS UPDATE

Following some sifting, rethinking and negotiation, we have been able to retain the services of Deb Harvey to the end of the school year. I am grateful to the staff who have worked flexibly to provide a well-distributed plan of support from the start of Term 5 onwards. Applications for our two vacancies are downloadable from <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

CONGRATULATIONS go to Miss Breen, who is expecting a baby towards the end of the year.

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!

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.

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!

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!

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

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.

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.

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 uptake, 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

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 - 93% (up 4%)
- Class 3 - 100% (up 3%) Mrs Lewis is very pleased!
- Class 4 - 50% (up 9%)



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/>

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 - http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/reception2019/
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)

SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days
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 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020
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!

Supporting the school:

Here's an 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>

FONNS
FUNraising for North Molesey C of E Primary School

Spring Fair



Sunday 19th May
Jubilee Field
(Next to the school)
12noon-3pm

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